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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 8, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Panos Kokkas, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Update the Nevada County Green Procurement and Sustainable Practices Policy

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund or other budgets.

BACKGROUND: In 2016 Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 1383 in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). SB 1383 requires all public agencies to adopt or amend their purchasing policies to include and reference provisions, standards and goals set forth in SB 1383 and to procure recycled organic material such as renewable energy, compost, and mulch. Regulated entities, including the County, are also required to maintain records that demonstrate how they are complying with the law. If the County does not comply with the regulations it may face penalties and enforcement action imposed by CalRecycle.

On April 23rd, 2002, per Resolution 02-194, the Board of Supervisors Adopted the Green Procurement and Sustainable Practices Policy (Policy). This Resolution proposes to update our current Policy in order to comply with State procurement requirements as contained in SB1383.

Below is a summary of the new practices that will help ensure the County's compliance:

- Making every reasonable effort to purchase and use recycled-content office products, whenever practicable.

- The County shall procure paper products including printing and writing paper consistent with the requirements of Sections 22150-22154 of the Public Contract Code, including paper products, and printing and writing paper that contain a minimum of 30 percent by fiber weight, postconsumer content;
- Recordkeeping requirements for recycled content paper procurement: The County shall include all documents supporting its compliance with the recycled content paper procurement requirements;
- The County shall include Policy requirements in janitorial contracts, and direct County custodians to purchase and use environmentally preferable products, including janitorial paper products;
- The County shall use recycled mulch and compost in County landscaping projects whenever practicable and will include the same requirements in County contracts involving landscaping; and

Additionally, Per SB 1383 CalRecycle provides an annual procurement target of 0.08 tons of organic waste per California resident, per jurisdiction. County population is determined by the most recent annual data reported by the California Department of Finance (65,414). The County's established goal for 2022 is 5,233 tons (14 tons/day). The County shall comply with this requirement through one or both of the following methods:

1. Directly procuring recovered organic waste products for use or giveaway.
2. Requiring, through a written contract or agreement, that a Direct Service Provider procures recovered organic waste products and provide written documentation of such procurement to the County.

The following conversion factors are utilized to convert tonnage in the annual recovered organic waste product procurement target to equivalent amounts of recovered organic waste products. The County may use one or more of the following products to meet their SB 1383 procurement targets.

- One ton of organic waste in a recovered organic waste product procurement target shall equal:
 - 21 diesel gallon equivalents (DGE) or renewable gas in the form of transportation fuel.
 - 242 kilowatt-hours of electricity derived from renewable gas.
 - 22 therms for heating derived from renewable gas.
 - 650 kilowatt-hours of electricity derived from biomass conversion.
 - 0.58 tons of compost or 1.45 cubic yards of compost
 - One (1.0) ton of mulch.

The Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP): Organic Waste Reductions, Final Regulation Text, is available at: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp.

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