



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Procurement and Contract Division, recommending the Board adopt revised Board Policy C-13, the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy, formerly called the Recycle Paper Products Procurement Policy.

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

In April, 1991, the Board adopted the Recycle Paper Products Procurement policy to show the County's interest, support, and compliance with the State's mandate for local government support toward the development of recycled paper product market, to meet the requirements of AB 939 and AB4, and to help establish a viable economic market for recycled materials.

Since 1991, the County has adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and additional legislation has passed such as AB 341, the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Regulation Bill. In order to implement the strategies of the County's SWMP to meet requirements of AB 939 and AB 341 source reduction and recycling mandates related to the procurement of environmentally preferable products and waste reduction measures, Policy C-13 was updated and is being re-titled, the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EPPP).

The new EPPP expands the policy to more than just recycled paper products. The new policy includes items such as eco-friendly cleaners and solvents, refined lubricants, carpet, tiles, insulation, cement, asphalt, tires, compost and paint. The new policy also encourages consideration of how supplies, materials and equipment are used and disposed of throughout the County; encouraging re-use and recycling where possible.

The policy does provide for a 2.5% vendor preference for environmentally preferable products.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose to not adopt the policy and the County would not be eligible for certain grant funds as an adopted EPPP is a requirement to receive certain funds for Environmental Management.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Environmental Management

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact with the adoption of this policy.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Clerk of the Board will post this policy to the approved Board of Supervisors' policies.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Good Governance

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