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Transportation and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: PILOT RECYCLING PROGRAM

SUMMARY

This report requests the Transportation and Community Development Committee's approval of the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Pilot Recycling Program contract with the Sacramento Local Conservation Corps.

BACKGROUND

The City's present recycling programs consist of a residential newspaper recycling program and a compost program. The City-wide implementation of the 90 gallon container program precludes the possibility of newspaper recycling without a separate recycling program since the automated sideloader vehicles cannot store newspapers separately from the other collected household refuse and the cost effectiveness of the 90 gallon program is based upon the driver remaining in the vehicle. Because of this situation, the Solid Waste Division would like to obtain empirical data on other potential household waste recycling options.

The Sacramento Local Conservation Corps (SLCC), which currently operates several non-profit, drop-off recycling centers, has expressed an interest in contracting with the City of Sacramento to operate a pilot household recycling program. The proposed program would consist of two components. One group of approximately 2400 contiguous homes would set out newsprint for recovery. Another group of 2400 contiguous homes would separate aluminum, cardboard, glass, and newsprint for curbside recycling. The areas selected for the pilot program will be determined jointly by the City and SLCC; however, the areas selected shall be in the vicinity of SLCC's current Cosumnes River College recycling operation.

The pilot program will provide the City with data that reveals the percentage of citizens voluntarily participating in the program, the tonnage of material recovered per thousand citizens in the areas and the tonnage of specific materials (e.g., glass vs. aluminum) recycled. Revenue and expenditures for the recycling options will also be tracked.

FINANCIAL

The funds for this program are available in the current Solid Waste Budget, Landfill Operations Section. The budget contains \$275,000 for the purchase of soil for the landfill. Due to the cost savings achieved by purchasing soil from the Marina Expansion Project, the full amount budgeted will not be needed for soil purchases.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Transportation and Community Development Committee recommend that the City Council approve the attached resolution which authorizes the City Manager to execute a pilot recycling program contract with the Sacramento Local Conservation Corps in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Respectfully submitted,

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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

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Deputy City Manager

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*L.M. Johnson*  
FOR MELVIN H. JOHNSON  
Director of Public Works

JANUARY 5, 1988  
ALL DISTRICTS

# RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTIVE  
A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
THE SACRAMENTO LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS  
TO PROVIDE A PILOT CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the Sacramento Local Conservation Corps to provide a pilot curbside and newspaper recycling program in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK