DATE: July 26, 2017

TO: Waste Management Authority Board

FROM: Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

BY: Cassie Bartholomew, Program Manager

SUBJECT: CalRecycle Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program - Resolution to submit cooperative grant application as lead agency

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SUMMARY

Staff has submitted a cooperative grant application to the CalRecycle Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program as the lead agency partnering with ALL IN, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and Oakland Unified School District. The grant program intends to fund projects that lower greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing or establishing new food waste prevention and/or rescue projects in California to reduce the amount of food being disposed in landfills. Staff is requesting authorization from the board to act on behalf of itself as the lead agency and the named participating entities for this cooperative grant application. Board authorization of the grant submittal is a CalRecycle requirement.

DISCUSSION

In Alameda County, food remains the largest single category of waste (by weight) going to landfill based on our benchmark and waste characterization studies and yet 15% of residents are food insecure. Staff is submitting a CalRecycle grant application requesting $500,000 in funding for the K-12 Schools *Smart Cafeteria Initiative* on behalf of three cooperating partners: ALL IN Alameda County (ALL IN), Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) and Oakland Unified School District (OUSD). ALL IN is a collaborative that serves as an innovation incubator to end poverty in Alameda County by helping people meet their basic needs for shelter, food, and safety; earn income that allows for self-sufficiency and asset building; and obtain a quality education that positions them for economic success.

Alameda County's K-12 Schools *Smart Cafeteria Initiative* is a comprehensive school wide challenge that includes plate waste studies, waste audits, classroom curriculum, and outreach into student households to reduce the disposal of edible food to landfill through prevention, donation and composting residuals. *Smart Cafeteria Initiative* will utilize and expand upon food share tables in

every school cafeteria across two school districts to capture and sort unwanted food from lunch that's generated during or after meal service. Surplus food will be available for hungry students to consume at school, then families from the school community. Any remaining food from cafeterias and/or kitchens will be tracked using Copia food donation software and donated to residents through ALL IN's food recovery program. ALL IN will recruit, hire and train Food Recovery Specialists through Civicorps and transport food from school sites to food recovery organizations.

LVJUSD and OUSD are currently implementing food share tables and have made a commitment on a district level to institutionalize this program. A selected number of school sites with onsite staff or volunteer support will re-distribute food directly to families from the school community.

Grant funding from CalRecycle will reduce county GHG emissions, divert edible food from landfill and provide dedicated staff and food rescue supplies to expand upon food saving efforts district-wide, further reducing wasted food through prevention and donation while creating a replicable model for other Alameda County School Districts to follow. CalRecycle is expected to make a decision in October/November 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That the WMA authorize the Executive Director to submit a Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (Grant ID: 20347) cooperative application on behalf of itself as Lead Agency and the participating entities as shown by the resolution attached.

ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION #WMA 2017 –
MOVED:
SECONDED:

AT THE MEETING HELD JULY 26, 2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A REGIONAL APPLICATION FOR WHICH ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY IS ELIGIBLE

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code sections 48000 et seq. authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to administer various grant programs (grants) in furtherance of the State of California's (state) efforts to reduce, recycle, and reuse solid waste generated in the state thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, **Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (GrantID: 20347)** allows regional grant projects; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle grant application procedures require, among other things, a regional applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of CalRecycle grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Alameda County Waste Management Authority Board** authorizes the **Alameda County Waste Management Authority staff** to submit a **Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (GrantID: 20347)** regional application on behalf of itself as Lead Agency and the participating jurisdictions as shown by the documentation attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Executive Director** as the Board President's designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of **Alameda County Waste Management Authority** all grant-related documents, including, but not limited to, applications, payment requests, agreements, and amendments necessary to secure grant funds and to implement the approved grant project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorizations are effective for five (5) years from the date of adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED this 26th day of July 2017, by the following votes:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

I certify that under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution # 2017-.

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WENDY SOMMER
Executive Director

List of Participating Entities

1. ALL IN
2. Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
3. Oakland Unified School District