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TO: Programs & Administration Committee
Planning & Organization Committee/Recycling Board

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SUBJECT: Presentation of Projects: Grants & Loans, Household Hazardous Waste, Reusable Bag Ordinance

BACKGROUND

As a follow-up to the Agency overview presented to the joint Board meeting on January 28 and as a prelude to the FY 15/16 Budget presentation and adoption, staff is continuing to highlight key Agency projects for the P&O/RB and P&A Committees. Key projects from the Discards Management arena and Energy Council were presented in February, from the Product Decisions Targets in March and from projects that span both areas in April.

DISCUSSION

The Agency Strategic Workplan 2020 recognizes that the Agency's long-term goal of achieving maximum feasible waste reduction will require widespread change in Product Decisions and Discards Management.

Product Decisions Targets focus on decisions that occur before discards management, but that have significant implications for the quantity and costs and environmental impacts of discards management. Discards Management projects involved the disposition of products, packaging and materials at the end of their useful life. There are several projects that span across and support both Product Decisions and Discards Management areas, as they include messages on both waste prevention and proper disposal.

At the April 9 Committee meetings, several project managers will present an overview of those projects, which include:

- Grants and Loans
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
- Reusable Bag Ordinance – It's important to note that the presentation will be on the current status of the project. Discussion on expansion of the reusable bag ordinance is scheduled for a later meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item.