



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Update to the City of Grass Valley Environmental Purchasing Policy to ensure compliance with Senate Bill 1383 mandates.

Recommendation: That Council approve the amendments to the Environmental Purchasing Policy.

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Council Meeting Date: 1/11/2022

Date Prepared: 1/04/2022

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: On November 3, 2020, the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) received approval of the regulations that implement SB 1383. This requires all public agencies to adopt or amend their purchasing policies to include and reference provisions, standards, and goals set forth in SB 1383 to procure recycled organic material such as renewable energy, compost, and mulch. Attached is the draft redline version of the City's Environmental Purchasing Policy.

The enforcement and regulatory provisions in SB 1383 are intended to assist the State in meeting its climate goals and the 75 percent organic waste diversion goal by 2025 and into the future. Regulated entities, including the City, are required to maintain purchasing records that demonstrate how they are complying with the law.

The City must update its current Environmental Purchasing Policy (Policy) in order to comply with State requirements as contained in 14 CCR Division 7, Chapter 12, Article 12 (SB 1383 procurement regulations). The regulations mandate that the City procure a specified amount of Recovered Organic Waste Products to support Organic Waste disposal reduction targets.

Below is a summary of the new practices that will help ensure the City's participation in environmentally preferable purchasing:

- The City shall make every reasonable effort to purchase and use recycled-content office products, whenever practicable;
- The City 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;

- The City shall include all documents and records supporting its compliance with the recycled content paper procurement requirements;
- The City shall include Policy requirements in janitorial contracts, and direct City custodians to purchase and use environmentally preferable products, including janitorial paper products;
- The City shall use recycled mulch and compost in City landscaping projects whenever practicable and will include the same requirements in City landscaping contracts; and
- The City shall use recycled-content playground equipment and surfacing whenever practicable.

Council Goals/Objectives: This action implements a state unfunded mandate that does not implement any specific goal or project in the City's Strategic Plan.

Fiscal Impact: These amendments modify what types of products and the amounts the City purchases to operate on daily basis, and therefore is expected to result in additional costs if recycled products cost more than traditional supplies and materials. The costs for tracking and reporting requirements are also unfunded state mandates and the City will need to pay for this through the General Fund or other designated fund.

Funds Available: Not budgeted, but City must comply **Account #:** TBD

Reviewed by: ___ City Manager

Attachments: Redlined Version of Environmental Purchasing Policy