

# Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Direction from Council

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# Summary

- Question
  - Direction to Staff - Consider solutions for removal of public & private Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
- Options
  1. Partner with San Antonio River Authority
  2. Wait for possible grant from Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)
  3. Advertise Requests for Proposals (RFP's) from HHW disposal companies
  4. Other

# Background

- Citizens have been asking for a place to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW)
- Bexar County used to offer a free service to suburban cities through a grant they received
  - Waste Management's "At Your Door" program
- County no longer accepts HHW from suburban cities
  - only from unincorporated areas in county
- To further our environmental stewardship goals, we should strive to provide this service

# Possible Solutions

- San Antonio River Authority (SARA) has offered to assist in holding one day event
  - They pay \$15,000 or 1/3 of cost of event, whichever is lower
  - Last event they sponsored was in Wilson County and it cost over \$40,000 total, but they accepted e-waste and other nondisposables, along with HHW – event had approximately 429 vehicles
  - They contract with Heritage Waste Solutions for disposal
  - We provide the space & advertisement, & contractor takes care of the rest
  - Contractors must notify TCEQ 45 days prior to the event
  - We could ask Tiger Sanitation to also sponsor event
- Would require a budget adjustment from the General Fund

# Possible Solutions

- Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) does have a grant program that includes HHW
  - Comes up in fall time frame – no guarantee we'd get it, but we've obtained grants from them before (\$30,000 woodchipper) – no match required, but more points for matching
- Long term solution is to advertise RFP's from HHW companies & pay each year until we find a solid waste company that will provide HHW disposal along with garbage service
  - Will increase costs to solid waste customers
- SARA is sending a Request for Proposal template for these services for our future use

# Fiscal Impact

- Unknown at this time
- Should plan on \$20,000 to \$30,000
- Hold one event, then evaluate

# Recommendation

- None – at Council discretion

# S.E.E. Statement

Social Equity: Removing HHW from our environment protects the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens.

Economic Development: Removing HHW responsibly may reduce the need for expensive environmental studies in creeks and on vacant land

Environmental Stewardship: Protecting our creeks and other waterways from contamination protects people and wildlife from potential water contamination hazards