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City of Alameda to Consider Mandatory Recycling Regulation

In October 2010, the City Council approved a Zero Waste Implementation Plan that extends mandatory recycling to all commercial and multi-family properties. The Plan proposed to implement mandatory recycling for the commercial and multi-family sectors in 2014; however, the City Council indicated a strong preference to make the requirement effective in 2012. The City Council requested staff to elicit input from these sectors regarding a 2012 implementation date, and understand the potential impacts this requirement would have on commercial and multi-family property owners. The Public Works Department will hold two public meetings during May to discuss the proposal and provide a forum for business owners to address the potential impacts of complying with a 2012 implementation date. Currently, the State is also developing a mandatory recycling regulation for commercial and multi-family properties. If this regulation is approved, the City will be required to implement its provisions.

Jurisdictions statewide are considering mandatory recycling ordinances as a result of the State of California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill 32). Mandatory commercial and multi-family recycling is an essential component of the State's legislation because these sectors comprise 75% of the waste stream. Several Bay Area jurisdictions, including San Francisco, San Carlos, and Napa have

implemented mandatory recycling ordinances for the commercial and multi-family sectors.

The community meeting for business and multi-family property owners are as follows:

- Thursday, May 26, 2011, at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Third Floor, Council Chambers from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at the Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, Meeting Room A, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For more information regarding meeting details, please call the Public Works Department at (510) 747-7930, or visit the City's websites: CityOfAlamedaCA.gov or PlanetAlameda.com.

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