



- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 7, 1999, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"As mandated by State law, Assembly Bill 939 (1989), all cities and counties are required to reduce the amount of solid waste disposed at landfills by 50% by the year 2000. To help achieve this waste reduction mandate, the County has implemented a comprehensive integrated solid waste management program. However, without sustained market demand for recycled products, our recycling programs will not succeed and, in the end, the collected recyclables will end up in landfills.

"On October 21, 1993, I introduced a motion to review our purchasing policies with respect to recycled materials. In response to this motion, in March 1994, this Board adopted a recycling procurement policy requiring purchase of recycled products whenever they meet the County's requirements and the overall costs are less than or equal to those of non-recycled products. However, the purchase of recycled products has not flourished mainly due to higher costs of these products compared to their virgin counterparts.

"The Department of Public Works, as a part of its responsibility to ensure County compliance with AB 939 and in concert with the UCLA Solid Waste Policy Committee, has been evaluating the effectiveness of establishing a cooperative purchasing effort between governmental entities for the purpose of purchasing recycled bond paper. The goal is to stimulate the market for recycled bond paper while benefiting from the advantage of a collective purchasing power. To date, the City of Los Angeles has tentatively agreed to join the cooperative effort, and numerous other cities in Los Angeles County have shown an interest in the program.

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"It is critical for us to lead the way in purchasing recycled bond paper because, (a) paper comprises approximately one-third of our solid waste stream, (b) market development is the key to 'closing the recycling loop,' and (c) the County uses nearly two million sheets of bond paper every day and, therefore, we can substantially enhance the recycled paper product market through our purchasing power."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

- a. Reaffirmed and amended the Board's adopted policy of March 15, 1994 (copy attached) for the procurement of recycled products and materials;
- b. Requested Department/District Heads and Commissions to pursue the procurement of 20% or higher post-consumer, recycled-content bond paper, whenever the overall cost is not more than 10% above the lowest responsible bid for virgin bond paper;
- c. Instructed the Interim Director of Internal Services to provide agreement(s) for County departments, commissions and districts to acquire recycled-content paper products which will include provisions for use by other governmental entities;
- d. Requested Department/District Heads and Commissions to require all contractors and grantees to agree to utilize recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible;
- e. Instructed the Director of Public Works, in concert with the Interim Director of Internal Services, to provide semi-annual status reports for three years to the Board regarding the amount of recycled-content bond paper purchased by each department, commission and district and an analysis of the expenditures, with first report due within 90 days; and

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- f. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board, in concert with the Interim Director of Internal Services and the Director of Public Works, to prepare a letter on behalf of the Board to the City of Los Angeles expressing the County's appreciation for the City's willingness to participate in this joint venture and to formally request their participation in cooperative purchasing efforts; and send a letter to all cities in the County informing them of the Board's action, the availability of the cooperative agreements and to encourage their participation in the purchase of recycled-content bond paper.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:  
Each Supervisor

Letters sent to:  
All Mayors, Los Angeles County

Memo sent to:  
Each Department/District Head