

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

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Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future



Department Spotlight: **Beaches and Harbors**

Among her many hats, Maral Tashjian of Beaches and Harbors (DBH), has been the Department's Sustainability Officer/Recycling Coordinator since 2016. With her enthusiasm in recycling, she has successfully diverted beverage containers, mixed recycling, paper, ink jet cartridges, and batteries from going into landfills.

In February 2017, DBH augmented their office recycling program with beverage container recycling and mixed recycling. To keep costs low, the department purchased a durable metal frame bin with clear liners which makes employees aware of what they're throwing in the bins. Through agreements, LA Conservation Corps picks up the beverage containers and Universal Waste Systems collects the mixed recyclables. As part of the agreement with LA Conservation Corps, a percentage of the CRV value collected is donated to the DBH's W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program.

The Department of Public Works helped DBH get started by providing recycling bins. Now DBH purchases bins through the departmental supply order process.

Maral recommends that Recycling Coordinators



familiarize themselves with their department's purchasing liaison and operations staff/building manager to assist in setting up recycling services. Below are helpful tips in developing a recycling plan:

- Know what recycling services your department currently has and if these can be improved.
- Determine additional recycling services that would help reduce your department's landfill footprint.
- Research type and number of recycling bins needed.
- Research office bin locations.
- Waste hauler contracts for each recycling service.
- Waste hauler pick-up locations.

Now that DBH's internal office recycling program is established, the Department is now tackling public recycling. DBH manages and maintains 24 miles of coastline in Los Angeles County, as well as Marina del Rey harbor, its parks, and public spaces. It hosts over 30 public events that draw thousands of people each year. Recently DBH contracted with LA Sanitation for special events recycling services, and is working on setting up permanent recycling bins at beaches. Public Works helped jump start the beach recycling pilot program by providing a scavenger resistant bin in 2017. Let's watch out for more good things to come from DBH.

Feel free to contact Maral for questions about starting your department's recycling program at MTashjian@bh.lacounty.gov or you can contact Arlene Morales at amorales@dpw.lacounty.gov for assistance.

Purchase of Environmentally Preferable Products (Green Purchasing)

On January 16, 2007, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Countywide Policy instructing County departments to implement the Energy and Environmental Policy for energy conservation and environmental stewardship.

County departments are responsible to ensure that their respective employees, contractors, and vendors are fully aware and supportive of the County's initiative to purchase environmentally preferable goods and services. Green purchasing:

- Conserve natural resources;
- Reduce Pollution;
- Improve public health and safety;
- Reduce reliance on landfills and much more.

For information on the Green Purchasing Policy go to http://cmsstage.co.la.ca.us/energy_environmental/env_preferable_purch.asp. To find a vendor visit <http://camispnc.co.la.ca.us/bulletins/>. To learn more on preferred green products go to <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/drp/paper.cfm>.

Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)

The Recycling Market Development Zone program provides financial, technical, and marketing assistance to businesses that manufacture products from reused or recycled materials.

The goal of the RMDZ program is to grow California's markets for recycled materials, keep usable materials out of the landfills, and create green jobs.

Low fixed-interest loans are available to businesses and nonprofits that qualify. If you work with or know a business that would benefit from this program refer them to www.RMDZLA.com.



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