



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

Joanne Sturges, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

All Department/District Heads

At its meeting held August 25, 1998, the Board took the following action:

6

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"It is estimated that more than a million gallons of used oil are disposed of improperly in Los Angeles County, through pouring it into the ground or down storm drains, or into trash containers. This poses serious health and safety problems, pollutes the environment, and causes significant costs to residents for cleanup activities. To address this problem and comply with requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, the County operates 10 used oil collection centers and implemented the multimillion dollar Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Management Program.

"Under the program, the County collects used oil from residents, through household hazardous waste collection events, works closely with autoparts stores and gas stations to increase their collection of used oil from residents, and has implemented an aggressive public education campaign informing residents on how to properly recycle their used oil. The used oil collected through these activities is subsequently reused or re-refined. Modern re-refining processes restore used oil to a like new condition by removing dirt and contaminants and replacing additives necessary to protect engines. All major automotive manufacturers have approved the use of re-refined oil that have earned the appropriate American Petroleum Institute service classification.

(Continued on Page 2)

Syn. 6 (Continued)

"To ensure the continued success of the County's recycling efforts, while protecting our natural resources, it is critical that we take the lead in developing and maintaining markets for used oil in Los Angeles County. As one of the largest fleet operators in this region, we can substantially enhance the used oil market by purchasing re-refined motor oil, while setting an example to encourage other jurisdictions and the private sector to implement similar policies. Currently, numerous governmental and private sector agencies, such as the United States Postal Service, the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, the Counties of Kern, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, and Ventura, the City of San Francisco, Southern California Gas Company, and Coca-Cola Company, have adopted policies to purchase re-refined motor oil for use in their vehicles."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

- a. Instructed all County Department/District Heads to purchase re-refined motor oil for use in all County vehicles, including, but not limited to all fleet cars, trucks, buses and applicable motorized equipment, provided the availability, fitness, and quality of the re-refined motor oil are equal to, or better than, virgin motor oil, and the overall cost is not more than 5% above the lowest responsive bid for virgin motor oil;
- b. Instructed all applicable County Department/District Heads that contract with primary service providers to specify the use of re-refined motor oil in all County operated vehicles and applicable motorized equipment; and
- c. Instructed the Interim Director of Internal Services to provide quarterly status reports to the Board, for one year, regarding the amount of re-refined motor oil purchased.

9082598.6

Copies distributed:  
Each Supervisor