

Environmental Sustainability Board

FINAL RECOMMENDATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL

July 21, 2016

Recommendation 1:

Collect brush only utilizing a “third-bin” and offer a paid schedule collection for bulk items. This program would be similar to the automated recycle collection program.

This is the most cost effective option after the initial financial investment to implement the program. It is the best option for reducing curb-side unsightliness and it will also increase diversion rates. A third-bin brush collection program aligns with long-term plans for sustainability, more so than the alternative 1 or 2.

Alternative 1:

Collect brush only on a quarterly basis and offer a paid scheduled collection of bulk items at a reduced cost of \$25 per collection.

Alternative 1 further reduced the cost of the program, reduces unsightliness of bulk items, does not address unsightliness of brush items, and may not further improve diversion.

Alternative 2:

Collect brush and bulk items separately in alternate quarters and offer a paid scheduled collection of brush or bulk items at a reduced cost of \$25 per collection.

This recommendation will reduce the cost of the program, may not address unsightliness, and increases the diversion.

For example:

Winter – Collect bulk items

Spring – Collect brush

Summer – Collect bulk items

Fall – Collect brush