

City of Hesperia

STAFF REPORT



DATE: June 17, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Go2Zero Strategies to conduct a Waste Characterization Study

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Go2Zero Strategies in an amount not-to-exceed \$131,685, funded by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program, to conduct a Waste Characterization Study in the City of Hesperia.

BACKGROUND

On February 18, 2025, representatives from Advance Disposal presented an update on SB 1383 compliance. During the presentation, Advance Disposal discussed working with the city to conduct a Waste Characterization Study to determine the percentage of organics and other materials in the City's waste stream. This study will allow the city to make an informed decision on whether to implement a second cart at the curb for the collection of organics or an alternative program enhancement.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

On April 6, 2025, the City of Hesperia released a Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-25-007 to solicit proposals for a Waste Characterization Study. The RFP included a Scope of Work that explained that the contractor will sample representative portions of residential, commercial, and self-haul solid waste generated in the City of Hesperia; sort disposed waste by type; compile collected data; and report the results to the City of Hesperia. In addition, the contractor will conduct a study to determine a local per capita procurement target. The main deliverable is a final report summarizing the sample analysis, which will be used by Advance Disposal to develop and enhance recycling and waste diversion programs for the next several years. The deadline for submitting proposals was April 30, 2025.

A total of two proposals were received in response to the RFP. Each proposal was reviewed by an evaluation committee and evaluated based on the understanding of the RFP, approach to the scope of work and experience. Proposals were received by ReCREATE Waste Collaborative and Go2Zero Strategies. The final rating resulted in a higher score for Go2Zero Strategies.

If the contract is approved, City staff and Advance Disposal will work with Go2Zero to begin coordinating the study at the Advance Disposal facility within the next 60 days. Upon completion of the study, Advance Disposal will share the results with the City to prepare a program

enhancement plan for the City's diversion of organics which may include an additional cart at the curb.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Public Safety - Ensure public safety resources adequately protect our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of the recommended action. The study has been reviewed and approved by CalRecycle. Funds received from CalRecycle's SB 1383 grant will fund the study.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None.