



CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 07/17/07
AGENDA ITEM 10
WORK SESSION ITEM _____

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Collection of Garbage, Recyclables, and Yard Trimmings: Status Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council review and comment on the report.

DISCUSSION:

This item has been placed on the agenda to permit public discussion regarding the most recent performance of Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) in providing services to the City. On July 2, WMAC implemented a lock-out of its Local 70 Teamster drivers and operators after the parties reached an impasse in their efforts to negotiate a new contract that would have taken effect July 1, 2007. WMAC deployed other drivers to provide garbage collection to residents and businesses. However, service levels were diminished, since there have not been enough drivers to provide the requisite services. As a result of other union workers honoring the Teamsters' picket lines, WMAC is also using replacement workers to accomplish operations at both its Davis Street Transfer facility and Altamont Landfill. In Hayward, residential recyclables continued to be picked up by TriCED without incident.

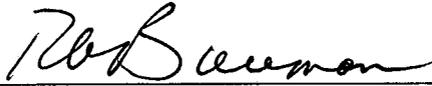
Staff continues to monitor WMAC's performance in Hayward on a daily basis and provides WMAC with a daily list of all missed setouts, as well as other customers for which staff has confirmed service is required. There continues to be some missed pick-ups, particularly for multi-family dwellings and businesses, including restaurants; however, service is improving daily. Extended collection hours have been approved in order to ensure removal of accumulated garbage as quickly as possible. WMAC advised that residential green waste collection was to have resumed July 12, but staff has noted that green waste collection has not been consistently provided. WMAC has removed some bulky item setouts from eligible residential addresses when reported by staff; other bulky item setouts not eligible for collection by WMAC have been removed by Streets Division staff. WMAC has advised that it will return to a regular collection schedule throughout the City beginning July 16 to include all required services. Staff will provide an update on the latest performance levels as of the Council meeting.

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