



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Community Cleanup and Compost Giveaway Event Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This is informational only; receive and file report.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Banning has partnered with Waste Management as part of the solid waste franchise agreement to provide three free bulky item collection events for residential accounts per calendar year. The first of three bulky item collection events for this year was held on January 18, 2025, at Dysart Park offering residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items including, but not limited to, appliances, mattresses, green waste, e-waste and so forth. This event also offers residents paper shredding and the collection of household batteries.

This latest event welcomed a breaking record of 560 vehicles. An accumulation of 39.38 tons of municipal solid waste, 9.38 tons of green waste, 11.55 tons of white goods/metal, 3.53 tons of paper shredding, 3.49 tons of E-waste, and 4.43 tons of mattresses were collected over the duration of 5 hours. Waste Management collected a grand total of 71.76 tons of waste of which 32.38 tons were successfully diverted from the landfill. Furthermore, five barrels of household batteries were collected during the event.

According to Waste Management's calculations, these recycling efforts resulted in the following benefits:

- Saved 155,813 kWh of electricity. Enough electricity to power 12 households for one year.
- Reduced GHG emissions by 5 metric tons. Equivalent to taking 4 passenger cars off the road for one year.
- Kept 6,984 lbs of solid Waste out of the landfill. The amount of trash generated by 4 households in one year.
- Kept 1,712 lbs of hazardous materials out of the environment.

In addition to the collection of bulky waste at Dysart Park, the city included a compost station, giving away free compost to the community. Forty-eight (48) residents obtained compost on the day of the event. Any unused compost that was not given away will be disbursed and utilized on City properties throughout the community. Incorporating the free compost giveaway supports the City's compliance goals in achieving targets identified by the State and SB 1383 requirements to purchase and utilize organic waste materials. In all, Waste Management provided 18 tons of compost for the giveaway.

JUSTIFICATION:

The City's Bulky Item Collection and Compost Giveaway events continue to be a success and provide a

great service to our community. The events aid in keeping the community clean through reducing the amount of waste that may otherwise be illegally dumped throughout the City and its rights-of-ways. In celebration of Earth Day, our next event is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2025, followed by October 18, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Event staff and material costs were funded by the Refuse fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [ATTACHMENT 1 Event Pictures 1.18.25.pdf](#)