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SINGLE USE BAG REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOOD CONTAINERS - QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT NO. 5

On January 22, 2008, your Board adopted the County of Los Angeles' Single Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program (Program), and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to implement the Program in partnership with the Directors of Public Works, Internal Services, Public Health, the Sanitation Districts, and key stakeholders including large supermarkets and retail stores, the plastic bag industry, environmental organizations, and recyclers. Your Board further directed staff to provide quarterly progress reports to the Board and to interested stakeholders (Attachment I).

On May 22, 2007, your Board also approved a number of actions related to the use of expanded polystyrene (EPS) food containers at County facilities, and at food service establishments and retail stores in the unincorporated County areas. This quarterly report also provides an update of our efforts to implement the EPS program.

Single Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program

Working Group and Subcommittees

During this reporting period the Working Group and three subcommittees convened on an alternating monthly basis. Meetings were attended by representatives from the California Grocers Association (CGA), Albertsons, plastic bag industry groups, an environmental organization, a magazine publication, Department of Internal Services

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(ISD), the Sanitation Districts, Department of Public Works (DPW), and the Chief Executive Office (CEO). The Working Group further implemented Program components by creating and disseminating outreach materials, attending community events, working with cities, visiting stores, and analyzing single use bag consumption and recycling data.

Program Activities and City Participation

- Partner cities have implemented public education and outreach incentives to encourage community participation. On February 11, 2009, the City of Azusa distributed reusable bags at the opening of a Fresh & Easy market and at various other venues during the City's "Clean & Green Month" in April. Azusa also displayed bus shelter panel ads promoting reusable bags. The City of Glendale is developing public service announcements to air on the city's cable TV channel and a DVD to be distributed to local stores on the topic of single use bags. In the City of Pomona, reusable bag giveaways were conducted on Earth Day, and the City also plans to visit stores to inform managers about the Program and encourage participation. The City of Hermosa Beach is establishing a committee comprised of residents in an effort to reach out to their community and implement Program components.
- During the month of April, Albertsons launched an environmental promotional campaign that included distributing 100,000 copies of the Program brochure at all 70 Albertsons stores Countywide. Albertsons also displayed various types of reusable bags for sale and held contests and promotions to showcase their commitment to environmental stewardship.
- In cooperation with CGA, staff continued to visit unincorporated County area stores; the visits have been beneficial in facilitating discussions with store managers to encourage Program participation and provide resource information. Field verifications have also enabled staff to confirm and update store listings, as many of the store facilities have changed businesses, ceased operations, or do not meet the Program definition of retail stores. Staff also discovered additional qualifying stores that were not originally identified. Of the 141 stores listed to date, only 65 actually qualify as Category 1 stores; 42 qualify as Category 2 or 3 stores; and 34 are either no longer in business or are located in an incorporated city that has not adopted the Program. See Attachment II for definitions of store categories. The collective findings are being utilized to enhance program objectives and identify assistance most beneficial to stores.

Community Outreach

Public involvement is essential to the success of the Program. As such, outreach during this reporting period was particularly extensive around Earth Day in April, and included the following:

- In February 2009, DPW's Brag About Your Bag® crew joined Supervisor Gloria Molina, Heal the Bay, and Fox Sports en Español, in visiting four elementary schools in the unincorporated Florence-Firestone area to educate students about the environmental impacts of single use bag litter. Heal the Bay and the "Bag Monster" touched upon the harmful effects of plastic bag litter on the marine environment and the "Brag About Your Bag®" crew presented an animated skit about the four "R's" – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink. To motivate students and their families, Supervisor Molina announced that students would receive stickers each time they use their reusable bags at participating stores. Students accumulating the most stickers were to receive prizes, such as Disney items, a bicycle, Dodgers tickets, or an opportunity to meet the Dodgers. The first phase of this campaign concluded on Earth Day, April 22, 2009.
- Staff distributed educational and promotional materials, including the Brag About Your Bag® reusable bags, at 17 community and environmentally-focused events (Attachment III) during the past quarter.

Draft Ordinance to Ban Plastic Carryout Bags at Large Supermarkets and Retail Stores

County Counsel is drafting an ordinance to ban plastic bags, for your Board's consideration, in the event that Program benchmarks are not achieved. On February 20, 2009, a Superior Court judge ruled that the City of Manhattan Beach needed to complete an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prior to adopting their ordinance to ban plastic bags. This is similar to an August 2008 ruling requiring the City of Oakland to complete an EIR prior to adopting a similar ordinance. Accordingly, we are working with County Counsel and DPW to prepare a Countywide EIR to accompany the County's ordinance. A consultant is being retained by DPW to prepare the EIR, which will be submitted to your Board along with the draft ordinance for your review and consideration in April 2010.

On April 23, 2009, the California Ocean Protection Council approved preparation of a Master Environmental Assessment (MEA) on single-use plastic and paper bags. While the MEA cannot serve as an EIR, it will be a technical resource that could be incorporated into EIRs prepared by municipalities, potentially reducing EIR preparation costs.

Category 2 and 3 Stores in the Unincorporated County Areas

Upon fully implementing the Program objectives in the Category 1 large supermarkets within the unincorporated County areas, the effectiveness of the Program will be evaluated by the Working Group. The evaluation will assist in determining the viability of expanding the Program to include Category 2 convenience and franchise stores, and Category 3 small stores in the unincorporated County.

Expanded Polystyrene Food Containers

Consultant Study

On December 2, 2008, ISD retained a consultant, Responsible Purchasing Network, to conduct a study entitled, "EPS Food Containers Alternative Products Analysis and Life-Cycle Assessment." The study entails identifying current EPS usage with respect to safety, functionality, cost, and environmental compatibility, and identifying effective alternatives for use by County departments. The tasks and status of the study are as follows:

- Task 1: A Consumption Baseline Study was completed for County departments in March 2009. Current EPS usage data was compiled for County operations.
- Task 2: The Product Function Analysis was completed in March 2009. Function types for current EPS food containers were identified and prioritized based on quantities consumed and projected environmental impacts.
- Task 3: An Alternative Products Listing for County departments, which will include wholesale vendors and pricing, is expected to be completed during May 2009. The County's product preference hierarchy will be used as a guide in developing the list of feasible alternatives.
- Task 4: Life-Cycle Environmental Assessment (LCA) of baseline products is being conducted using current consumption data. Additional LCAs will be conducted on proposed alternative products and results will be compared to baseline LCA findings. Expected completion is in June 2009.
- Task 5: A Final Report summarizing study findings will be completed by July 2009.

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Feasibility of Phasing Out EPS Food Containers at County Facilities

Upon completion of the consultant study, findings will be discussed among the Working Group in July 2009 and presented to your Board. The anticipated effective date for phasing out EPS food containers at County facilities is October 1, 2009. Departments would begin procurement of alternative products based on recommendations of the study.

Feasibility of Phasing Out EPS Food Containers at Food Service Establishments and Retail Stores in the Unincorporated County Areas

In collaboration with the Working Group, the effectiveness of alternatives to EPS food containers will be evaluated upon having fully implemented alternatives at County facilities. Findings from the LCAs of baseline and alternative products will also be considered. The feasibility of expanding the EPS restriction to unincorporated County retail stores and food service establishments will be determined based on this evaluation.

EPS Recycling

Concurrent with efforts to develop alternatives to EPS food container products, the viability of recycling EPS food containers generated from County facilities is being investigated. We have continued to coordinate with the Sheriff's Department, ISD, County Counsel, and DPW to develop a pilot program for recycling EPS materials from Sheriff facilities. ISD is expected to begin soliciting bids during May 2009 with targeted contract execution in June 2009 for this pilot program.

Summary

The next quarterly report will be submitted to your Board by August 1, 2009. If you have any questions regarding this progress report, please contact me, or your staff may contact Burt Kumagawa at (213) 893-9742, or via e-mail at bkumagawa@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments (3)

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Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

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SINGLE USE CARRYOUT BAGS		
PROGRAM ELEMENT	DUE DATE	STATUS
Store Related Efforts		
Define which large supermarkets and retail stores are subject to the Program and develop a database of stores that may participate.	July 1, 2008; ongoing	Category 1 stores are defined as large supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$2 million or more, and retail stores greater than 10,000 square feet with a licensed pharmacy. A database of Category 1 stores has been compiled. The store listing has been updated as information is received from the State Waste Board and further refined by store visits.
Establish the measurement methodology to evaluate program success.	July 1, 2008; ongoing	The measurement methodology has been established. Staff is coordinating with industry representatives to obtain recycling and reuse data, and working with stores and the CIWMB to analyze at-store plastic bag recycling.
Establish a menu of store-specific programs for implementation.	July 1, 2008; ongoing	Completed the menu of store-specific program components. Staff has conducted store visits and found that most of the large stores had reusable bags for sale and placed recycling bins for plastic bags. Smaller stores had not yet implemented these features. The majority of the stores, both large and small, did not display any prominent anti-litter messages or other environmental outreach.
Develop minimum store participation levels.	July 1, 2008; ongoing	Completed development of minimum store participation levels. Participation levels will be considered in the selection criteria for recognizing and awarding stores.
Develop an environmental awareness message to be printed on each plastic bag.	July 1, 2008; ongoing	A list of environmental awareness messages were developed in consultation with stakeholders and were included in the Resource Packet. While state legislation requiring environmental awareness messages on plastic bags was not approved during the 2007-08 Legislative Session, the Working Group developed other outlets for the messages. Environmental messages are currently displayed on the Program website, reusable bags,

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Additional Program Components - Develop a public education campaign to promote reusable bags and at-store recycling. - Develop a Store Recognition Program. - Identify litter hot spots and develop a focused anti-litter campaign.	July 1, 2008; ongoing	brochures, and other outreach materials distributed at community events, as well as shared with partner cities. Completed strategies for a public education campaign. The Working Group created a Program brochure that was distributed at 70 Albertsons stores Countywide, and at 17 community events during this reporting period. Additional outreach materials are being developed in collaboration with stakeholders. Rather than relying solely on consultant services, stakeholders are sharing resources more extensively in order to maximize efficiency in reaching out to the public. The American Chemistry Council is providing their outreach materials and their recycling bins for plastic bags, free of charge, to assist smaller independent stores in implementing recycling. The County and partner cities are also sharing information to minimize costs.
	July 1, 2008; ongoing	Completed and incorporated the Store Recognition Program. With the completion of the preliminary store visits during this quarter, store evaluation sheets will be reviewed to determine any prospective award candidates.
	July 1, 2008; ongoing	Identified litter hot spots and draft anti-litter campaign. Based on staff research and discussions among stakeholders, the viability of conducting outreach through bus shelter panels and radio is being considered. Past programs and partner cities are also being consulted to facilitate selection of effective and economical media outlets.

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Additional Program Components (continued)		
Maximize recycled content and promote recycling markets for all single use bags.	July 1, 2008; ongoing	Completed strategies for maximizing recycled content and promoting recycling markets for all single use bags. Based on initial research and discussions with paper bag manufacturers, much of the single use paper bags distributed at stores in this region consist of at least 40% recycled content. Staff will continue to research and coordinate with manufacturers to ascertain information and to maximize the recycled content of single use bags.
Ban plastic carryout bags at County facilities.	To Be Determined	An initial survey of County departments revealed that overall use of plastic carryout bags by departments is minimal. Departments indicating higher use were Sheriff, Parks and Recreation, and Community and Senior Services. Staff will continue to investigate feasibility of environmentally preferred alternatives with these departments.
Continue to encourage cities to join Program.	Ongoing	As of April 30, 2009, the cities of Azusa, Bell, Glendale, Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Pico Rivera, Pomona, Redondo Beach, Santa Fe Springs, and Signal Hill have adopted resolutions to join the Program.
Expand Program to Category 2 / Category 3 stores (see Attachment II for definitions).	July 2009	These stores are not currently subject to the State's recycling and reporting requirements, and it would be challenging to require them to comply with the disposal reduction benchmarks. Staff will develop incentives to encourage voluntary Program participation at these stores. Preliminary findings indicate many small stores do not offer reusable bags nor recycle plastic bags.

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PROGRAM ELEMENT	DUE DATE	STATUS
County Ordinance: Enforcement of Benchmarks Affected stores in the unincorporated County must meet the following benchmarks to reduce plastic bag use and increase at-store recycling, otherwise actions to establish a ban will be triggered: 1. 30 percent reduction by July 1, 2010 2. 65 percent reduction by July 1, 2013 A one-year extension may apply if the actual observed reduction is within 3 percent of a benchmark goal and "good faith" efforts have been demonstrated.	April 2010	County Counsel has begun preparing a draft ordinance to ban plastic bags, as defined in the ordinance, in the unincorporated County areas. An EIR for Los Angeles County will be prepared to accompany the County's ordinance. A consultant is being retained to prepare the EIR, which will be submitted for Board review and consideration along with the draft ordinance in April 2010. On April 23, 2009, the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) approved preparation of a Master Environmental Assessment (MEA) on single use bags. While the MEA cannot serve as an EIR, it will be a technical resource that could be incorporated into EIRs prepared by municipalities. On July 17, 2008, the "Save the Plastic Bag Coalition" filed a lawsuit challenging the Board's January 22, 2008, action adopting the voluntary program. On January 27, 2009, the Court granted the County's demurrer to the CEQA writ cause of action with leave to amend on the basis that the Coalition had not alleged sufficient facts to show it has CEQA standing. The Coalition thereafter amended its petition for writ to allege citizen standing, and the County thereafter filed its answer on March 5, 2009. The Court has set October 24, 2009, as the writ hearing date. On April 29, 2009, the County and Coalition participated in mediation to discuss issues and determine if agreement might be reached on particular points of contention. While no specific agreement was reached, discussions are ongoing; your Board will be briefed of any change in status.

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County Ordinance: Environmental Awareness Message Require that each plastic carryout bag distributed by affected stores in the unincorporated County be imprinted with an environmental awareness message.	No due date specified	Since an ordinance banning plastic bags would eliminate the need for environmental messaging, other mechanisms are being evaluated, such as voluntary store efforts and outreach materials.
Board adopted State Legislative Position to Reduce Plastic Bag Litter - Repeal State law that prevents local government from imposing a fee on plastic carryout bags. - Implement a Statewide fee on plastic carryout bags, with revenue directed to local governments on a per-capita basis, or establish Statewide benchmarks to reduce consumption and increase at-store recycling of plastic carryout bags. - Require an environmental awareness message on plastic carryout bags describing the negative impacts of littered plastic carryout bags on the environment and wildlife, and the need to use reusable bags.	2009 Legislative Year	The County is sponsoring AB 87 (Davis), which passed out of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 13, 2009, and includes the following key provisions: - A per bag fee - Percentage of fee revenue returned to individual stores - Percentage of fee revenue distributed to local governments on per capita basis - Fee exemptions for participants in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and food stamp programs
City Actions and Related Litigation On July 17, 2007, the City of Oakland adopted an ordinance banning the distribution of plastic carryout bags, allowing only paper or compostable single use bags. On August 3, 2007, the plastic bag industry filed suit in Alameda Superior Court to block implementation of the ordinance, arguing that the City failed to analyze the potential environmental impact of the ordinance as required by the CEQA.	Not Applicable	On April 17, 2008, the Superior Court ruled that the City's ordinance did not comply with CEQA, thus voiding the ordinance. The City has not pursued additional review under CEQA, or pursued a new ordinance banning plastic bags. On July 22, 2008, the Los Angeles City Council voted to ban plastic bags throughout the City by July 1, 2010, if a statewide fee on plastic bags is not implemented by that time. The same

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Since early 2008, the following cities have taken action to ban the use of plastic bags, and in some cases, paper bags as well: • Gardena • Los Angeles • Palo Alto • Manhattan Beach • Santa Monica	Not Applicable	action also included recommendations to phase-out EPS food containers throughout City of Los Angeles operations over the next two years as follows: • By July 1, 2008 for City departments • By July 1, 2009 for City-permitted events • By July 1, 2010 for lease and concession agreements The City of Manhattan Beach passed an ordinance banning plastic bags. The Save the Plastic Bag coalition filed a lawsuit challenging actions by the city, contesting whether the city complied with all necessary CEQA environmental documentation. On February 20, 2009, a Superior Court judge ruled that the city needed to first complete an Environmental Impact Report. Manhattan Beach is appealing this decision. The Coalition may take similar actions with the Cities of Gardena, Palo Alto, and Santa Monica.

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PROGRAM ELEMENT	DUE DATE	STATUS
Phasing Out EPS Food Containers at County Operations An April 2008 staff report prepared by DPW included research on the environmental impacts of EPS food containers, alternatives to EPS, and case studies from other jurisdictions. The report, which was reviewed by stakeholders, interest groups, and County departments, made the following findings and recommendations: 1. Replacing EPS food containers with reusable and durable goods, where feasible, would have the highest positive impact on the environment. 2. Prohibiting the purchase and use of EPS food containers at County operations would be feasible for the majority of departments since EPS use is moderate and several departments already use alternative products. 3. Alternative products may be significantly more expensive depending on material used, manufacturing process, and durability of the product. This may be especially critical for departments in which health, safety, and/or security is an operational issue since viable alternative products are much more limited.	May 2008 (prior target date; revised dates indicated below by Program Element)	An October 15, 2008 status report to your Board, which included the DPW staff report, provided an update on each of the Board actions concerning EPS food containers. The Status Report recommended the following: • Retention of a consultant by the Internal Services Department (ISD) to supplement the findings of the DPW report by further studying EPS usage and specifying preferred alternative products based on the following alternative product hierarchy: 1. Reusable and durable goods 2. Biodegradable single-use products 3. Recyclable single-use products 4. Other non-EPS products 5. EPS products (cases where waiver is approved) • Revision of the Countywide Purchasing Policy by ISD to incorporate the alternative product hierarchy. • Completion of a life cycle analysis by a consultant to examine the comparative environmental impacts of EPS and alternative products. In order to allow sufficient time for departments to procure alternative products, amend existing contracts, and allow for full consideration of the consultant's findings, an

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PROGRAM ELEMENT	DUE DATE	STATUS
Specific Program Components (EPS)		
• ISD to revise Countywide Purchasing Policy to incorporate the alternative product hierarchy.	October 2008	• ISD incorporated the alternative product hierarchy into the County's "Green Purchasing" Policy on October 28, 2008. Findings from the consultant's study will be incorporated into this policy as applicable.
• ISD to retain a consultant to study product alternatives, establish departmental purchasing guidelines, and complete a life cycle analysis.	November 2008; Ongoing	• The consultant contract was executed on December 2, 2008. Consultant has completed product survey and is currently working on life-cycle environmental assessments.
• Energy & Environment Policy Team (EET) to develop EPS outreach program and inform departments.	March 2009	• The EET notified departmental recycling coordinators in March 2009, and provided a status update on efforts to identify alternatives to EPS food container products. Departments were also reminded that EPS constitutes a substantial portion of marine litter; departments were, therefore, encouraged to implement environmentally conscientious procurement and management practices.
• Consultant to complete study and life cycle analysis. - Task 1: Establish consumption baseline - Task 2: Analyze products by function - Task 3: Develop alternative products listing, pricing - Task 4: Life-cycle assessment of baseline products and proposed alternative products - Task 5: Final Report	May 2009	• Tasks 1 and 2 were completed in March 2009; Task 3 will be completed by May 2009; Task 4 is expected to be completed in June 2009; and Task 5 to be completed by July 2009.

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PROGRAM ELEMENT	DUE DATE	STATUS
- EET to provide semi-annual progress reports for three years on implementing the restriction at County operations. - Working Group to explore opportunities to enhance education/outreach on alternatives to EPS products. - DPW to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a pilot effort aimed at recycling EPS food containers from the Sheriff and/or Health Services.	Every six months for three years No date specified June 2009	- Upon implementing the alternative food container products at County operations, progress reports will also include any impacts to departmental operations. - Materials to enhance public awareness and receptiveness to reducing EPS food container litter will be developed. - Sheriff has developed a scope of work for a pilot EPS food container recycling program. ISD is packaging the contracting documents for bidding and DPW is coordinating with EPS recycling facilities that have indicated interest.
Phasing Out EPS Food Containers in Unincorporated County Areas	No date specified	Upon fully implementing the alternative products at County operations (Phase I), the effectiveness of the EPS restriction will be evaluated in collaboration with the Working Group. Based on the evaluation, the feasibility of expanding the EPS restriction to unincorporated County area retail stores and food service establishments (Phase II) will be determined in collaboration with key stakeholders. The consultant's analyses will be completed by July 2009.
- DPW to evaluate the restriction on County departments, conduct outreach effort, and develop Board recommendations on feasibility of expanding the restriction to unincorporated County areas. - Working Group to solicit input from stakeholders and affected food service establishments/retail stores regarding unincorporated County areas program. - Working Group to complete evaluation, taking into account the consultant's findings on environmentally friendly alternatives and life cycle analysis examining comparative environmental impacts of EPS and alternative products. - Working Group to report recommendations to the Board, including County Code changes as required.	January 2010 Spring 2010	

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PROGRAM ELEMENT	DUE DATE	STATUS
Board adopted State Legislative Position to Reduce EPS Food Container Litter • The CEO and DPW will continue to monitor legislation introduced in future years related to EPS. • Require State agencies and contractors to utilize alternatives to EPS food container products.	No date specified 2009 Legislative Year	We will continue to advocate for the policies as directed by the Board during the upcoming legislative session. Assembly Members Hill and Nava introduced AB 1358, which would prohibit a food vendor from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a disposable EPS food container. The bill would also prohibit a State facility from using an EPS foam food service container, and would prohibit a State department or State agency from purchasing or acquiring EPS foam disposable food service ware for use at State facilities.

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STORES SUBJECT TO THE PROGRAM

The County Working Group identified the supermarkets and retail stores that would be subject to the program or phased into the program at a later date. In particular, the Working Group has prepared the following three discrete categories of definitions for stores that will be incorporated into the Program now or in the future:

Category 1

Under AB 2449, "large supermarkets and retail stores" are defined as stores that fall under either of the following two categories:

- Large Supermarket -- a full-line, self-service, retail store with gross annual sales of \$2 million or more and which sells a line of dry groceries, canned goods, or nonfood items and some perishable goods.
- Retail store -- has over 10,000 square feet of retail space that generates sales tax and has a licensed pharmacy.

These stores are subject to the Program, including disposal reduction benchmarks.

Category 2

This category is defined as "convenience stores and other appropriate franchise stores whose cumulative square footage exceeds 10,000 square feet." While these stores are not currently subject to the disposal reduction benchmarks, staff is developing incentives, in consultation with the Working Group, to encourage participation.

Category 3

This category includes all stores not included in Categories 1 or 2 that provide single use carryout plastic bags to the public, including small family-owned neighborhood stores. While these stores are not currently subject to the disposal reduction benchmarks, staff is developing incentives, in consultation with the Working Group, to encourage participation.

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EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EVENTS ATTENDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>City or Community</u>
2/07/09	LAUSD Academic Decathlon	Los Angeles (USC)
2/26/09	Supervisor Yaroslavsky's Budget Summit Meeting	Venice
2/28/09	E-waste/Clothing Collection Event	Azusa
3/14/09	Environmental Education Fair	Arcadia
3/28/09	Community Visioning Workshop	Florence-Firestone
4/03/09	Environmental Awareness and Career Day	Canyon Country
4/04/09	Health and Resource Fair	La Puente
4/18/09	Sanitation Districts' Earth Day Celebration	Whittier
4/18/09	Earth Day Celebration	Topanga
4/18/09	Get Hip - Go Green Fest '09	Florence-Firestone
4/19/09	K-Earth 101 Earth Day Celebration	Los Angeles Zoo
4/19/09	Universal Studios Eco-Fair	Universal City (Citywalk)
4/21/09	Sony Pictures Earth Day Celebration	Culver City
4/22/09	Climate Conversation	Los Angeles
4/25/09-4/26/09	Aquarium of the Pacific Earth Day Celebration	Long Beach
4/26/09	Star Eco Station Children's Earth Day	Culver City
4/29/09	Department of Public Works' Earth Day Celebration	Alhambra