

**Proposed Revisions to the
Los Angeles County
Construction & Demolition
Debris Recycling Ordinance**



Ordinance Background



- In 1989, California Assembly Bill 939 required jurisdictions to divert 50% of debris generated
- Los Angeles County adopted the C&D ordinance effective April 1, 2005
- Required 50% debris diversion for residential, commercial, and grading projects
- No deposit required of the applicant
- Result – debris is diverted
- Unintended consequence – County staff must be proactive in attempting to gain compliance from applicants

Developments since 2005



- Los Angeles County Green Building Standards Code required 65% diversion for certain construction projects
- California Green Building Standards Code established a 65% diversion for many construction projects
- California Assembly Bill 341 established a Statewide goal of 75% diversion by 2020
- On October 2014, Board of Supervisors adopted the Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future

Proposed Revisions



- Categorize projects using Building & Safety standards and also square footage.
- Increase minimum diversion rate from 50% to:
 - 70% for mixed debris (wood, drywall, roofing materials, etc.)
 - 100% for inert debris (asphalt, concrete, tile, etc.)
 - 100% for grading projects, if soil is exported

Proposed Revisions



- Establish a “Refundable Project Deposit”
 - Deposit of \$60 per ton of estimated debris for the first one hundred tons and \$30 per ton thereafter
 - Flat deposit of \$300 for grading projects.
- Deposit is less expensive than existing penalties **(the current penalty is \$100 per ton)**
- Remove the option of placing a lien on the property
- Expected result – greater compliance with the ordinance
- Intended consequence – the applicant is proactive in seeking the return of his/her deposit

QUESTIONS?



Mr. David Coscia
Los Angeles County Public Works
Environmental Programs Division
Phone: (626) 458-3523