

## **City Of Piedmont Council Agenda Report**

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SUBJECT: **Informational Report on City of Piedmont Waste Diversion Rate, Construction and Demolition Ordinance, and Food Scrap Recycling.**

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### **Diversion Rate**

The City of Piedmont has achieved the greatest diversion rate among Alameda County cities and sanitary districts. The City's diversion rate for 2003 was 64% or 14% above the current 50% goal as established by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The Alameda County Waste Management Authority has established a goal of a 75% diversion rate by 2010.

### **Construction And Demolition Ordinance**

In order to reach the next goal of 75% staff is preparing a construction and demolition debris ordinance based, on programs implemented in other jurisdictions. Key issues include type of material to be recycled, enforcement, certification and penalties. The target date for this project is spring/summer 2005.

### **Kitchen (Food) Scrap Composting Program**

Several jurisdictions in Alameda County including the City of Oakland, have implemented programs to recycle (compost) food scraps. Generally, scraps from the kitchen are collected in a small pail that residents keep in their house, and then are added to the curbside yard (green) waste container for collection. Such a program, because of the liquid weight inherent to kitchen scraps, could very well increase the City's diversion rate by significant amounts. Attached is "*Recycle Food Scraps*", a brochure from the City of San Leandro regarding a food scrap recycling program.

Currently, Republic Services is unable to process food scraps in the recycling waste stream. Any implementation of new programs must be negotiated when the existing contract for processing of recyclable material and green waste expires July 5, 2006.