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Informational Item:

Update of Unincorporated Source Reduction Recycling Element
and Household Hazardous Waste Element

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RE: Document Updates

BACKGROUND

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, AB 939 became law on January 1, 1990. AB 939 shifted the statewide planning focus from development of *landfill capacity* to development and implementation of *alternatives to landfill disposal*. Under AB 939, cities and counties were required to develop Source Reduction and Recycling Elements (SRRE's) describing specific programs they will implement to reduce waste by 25% by 1995 and 50% by the year 2000. The law provides for the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to assess penalties of up to \$10,000 per day for a jurisdiction's failure to develop or implement a plan. The plan for unincorporated Santa Clara County was completed in 1994. Demographic, economic and other information that affects waste generation has been updated annually.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

As was discussed at the December RWRC meeting, IWM is in the process of issuing an RFQ for a contractor to update the SRRE. This will be an update of the original 1994 document. The Request for Quotes (RFQ) will be issued once approved by the Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation Committee and the Board of Supervisors. The exact cost is not yet known, but it is expected that it will be approximately \$80,000 based on the cost of preparation of the original document. These funds will come from the Integrated Waste Management unincorporated revenue.

CONCLUSION

The process of updating the document is expected to take between one and two years. Once the updated document is completed it will be submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee for comments and then to the Recycling and Waste Reduction for comments and finally the Board of Supervisors will forward the completed document to the California Integrated Waste Management Board to be filed as the updated County Plan for unincorporated Santa Clara County.