AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001504

MEETING DATE:	11/03/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:	Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):	District 3, District 4 and District 5
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:	OC Waste & Recycling
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):	Tom Koutroulis 714-834-4122 Julian Sabri 714-834-7080

SUBJECT: Approve Retroactive Grant Applications and Accept Awards for Charging Infrastructure

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION 3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A	**Current Year Cost:** N/A	**Annual Cost:** N/A
Staffing Impact: No		**Sole Source:** N/A
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: See Financial Impact Section	**Funding Source: N/A**	**County Audit in Last 3 years:** No
Levine Act Review Completed? N/A		
Prior Board Action: N/A		

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Find that the subject activity is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to review under CEQA.

2. Retroactively approve Orange County Waste and Recycling's submittal of three Utility rebate grant applications for refunds of up to 80 percent of owner's construction costs to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including two Southern California Edison Charge Ready Transport Program rebates and one San Diego Gas & Electric Power Your Drive for Fleets Program rebate.

3. Retroactively grant permission for Orange County Waste and Recycling to accept three Utility rebate grant awards offers from June 2026, for refunds of up to 80 percent of owner's construction costs to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including two Southern California Edison Charge Ready Transport Program rebates totaling $455,326 and one San Diego Gas & Electric Power Your Drive for Fleets Program rebate of $146,600 for a grand total of $601,926.

4. Authorize the Orange County Waste & Recycling Director or designee to negotiate and execute two Program Participation Agreements with Southern California Edison under the Charge Ready Transport

Program and one Program Participation Agreement with San Diego Gas & Electric under the Power Your Drive for Fleets Program with substantially the same terms and conditions as Attachments A, B and C, and approve amendments and modifications to such agreements, with the approval of County Counsel, for minor, non-material changes that do not result in any additional cost or liability to the County of Orange.

5. Authorize the Chief Real Estate Officer or designee to execute Easement Deeds granting temporary construction and/or permanent rights, as necessary, to Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric for the construction, installation and/or provision of permanent electrical service to the Charge Ready Transport and Power Your Drive for Fleets Programs electrical vehicle chargers and to approve and execute minor, non-material changes to the Easement Deeds, with the approval of County Counsel, that do not result in any additional cost or liability to the County of Orange.

SUMMARY:

Retroactive approval of the applications and acceptance of the corresponding Utility rebates from Southern California Edison Charge Ready Transport and San Diego Gas & Electric Power Your Drive for Fleets Programs will reduce the County of Orange's cost to install electrical infrastructure to charge zero emission vehicles to comply with California Air Resources Board's fleet conversion mandates.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Orange County Waste & Recycling (OCWR) department is electrifying its fleet to comply with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) zero-emission vehicle mandate for state and local agencies. While installing the necessary electrical make-ready infrastructure carries a significant upfront cost, participating in Southern California Edison's (SCE) Charge Ready Transport (CRT) and San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) Power Your Drive for Fleets (PYDFF) programs will allow the department to substantially reduce these expenses.

CRT and PYDFF programs provide incentives to public agencies for fleet electrification by either allowing utility companies to design and construct make-ready electrical infrastructure on participant property or providing rebates of up to 80 percent for customer-constructed make-ready infrastructure. OCWR has elected the customer constructed option due to flexibility for potential future expansion. Additional program information can be found in the CRT Handbook, SCE CRT Quick Reference Guide and SDG&E PYDFF Charging Guidebook which are included as Attachments E, F and G. Participation in CRT and PYDFF programs is critical to reduce OCWR's expenditures associated with fleet electrification.

OCWR conducted a planning effort for its three primary solid waste disposal facilities: the Frank R. Bowerman, Olinda Alpha and Prima Deshecha landfills. This initiative involved reviewing anticipated fleet vehicle replacement schedules under the CARB Advanced Clean Fleets regulations and evaluating existing electrical capacity. Additionally, preliminary electrical assessments and conceptual designs were prepared to support CRT and PYDFF program applications and rebate reservations.

OCWR has submitted two CRT and one PYDFF program applications. All three applications were approved with rebate offering allocated contingent upon execution of the program agreements. The application and rebate offer for each identified solid waste disposal facility are shown on Attachment A, B,

C and D. Both programs are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2026, and all participating sites must be under agreement by that date. Accordingly, timely Board of Supervisors (Board) approval and authorization is required to allow OCWR to execute program agreements with SCE and SDG&E to secure available rebates before program expiration.

At the time the applications were submitted, the SCE CRT and SDG&E PYDFF Programs were understood to be utility rebate programs rather than grant programs and, therefore, were not included in the Grants Reports previously presented to the Board. Upon further review, it was determined that the applications are subject to the County's grant approval process. Retroactive Board approval of the application submissions is therefore requested.

The Recommended Actions retroactively approve the submission of two SCE CRT Program funding applications and one SDG&E PYDFF Program funding application; retroactively authorize acceptance of the associated rebate offers; and authorize the OCWR Director or designee to execute the applicable Program Participation Agreements and required easement deeds.

The Recommended Actions also allow approval of minor, non-material amendments to these documents, with County Counsel approval, provided there is no additional cost or liability to the County and no material change to the agreements. Delegating this authority will enable efficient program implementation while preserving Board oversight of material change. Approval of agreements will require the County to indemnify SCE and SDG&E for liability associated with the projects.

Compliance with CEQA: This action is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA, since it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The approval of this
agenda item does not commit the County to a definite course of action in regard to a project since the action authorized herein may lead to the negotiation of an agreement. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any future action connected to this approval that constitutes a project will be reviewed for compliance with CEQA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The SCE CRT and SDG&E PYDFF Programs will provide OCWR $601,926 rebates to OC Waste & Recycling Enterprise Fund 299 to offset theZEV electrical infrastructure costs anticipated in FY 2027-28, at three landfills as follows:

SCE Application Number: CRT-2026-0002 at Olinda Alpha Landfill – SCE approval for maximum rebate of $111,761.

SCE Application Number: CRT-2026-0003 at Frank R. Bowerman Landfill – SCE approval for maximum rebate of $343,565.

SDG&E Application Number: MD210149 at Prima Deshecha Landfill – SDG&E approval for maximum rebate of $146,600.

STAFFING IMPACT:
N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A - Southern California Edison CRT Program Participation Agreement at Olinda Alpha Landfill
Attachment B – Southern California Edison CRT Program Participation Agreement at FRB Landfill
Attachment C - San Diego Gas & Electric Power Your Drive for Fleets Program Participation Agreement at Prima Deshecha Landfill.p
Attachment D – SDG&E PYDFF Addendum 1 Customer-Owned Infrastructure for Prima Deshecha Landfill
Attachment E - Charge Ready Transport Handbook
Attachment F - SCE CRT Quick Reference Guide
Attachment G – SDGE. PYDFF EV Charging Guidebook