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City of Bakersfield

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grants*

Background

The City of Bakersfield (city) was faced with the challenge of safely diverting and/or managing thousands of waste tires each year that had been illegally dumped throughout the city. These waste tires, if not picked up and disposed of properly, posed a potential threat to the public health, safety, and the environment. The city was awarded \$87,943 in order to pick up and properly dispose of waste tires that had been illegally dumped.



Grant Project Goals

With funding received from Local Government Waster Tire Cleanup Grant funds, the city estimated the pick up of approximately 30,000 waste tires that had been illegally dumped within the public right of way and/or private property. The city's goals were to remove the tires as quickly as possible in order to alleviate the illegal tire piles from growing larger.

Outcome and Accomplishments

- The city spent \$84,641 of the \$87,943 that was awarded.
- The city collected 25,559 of the 30,000 estimated waste tires.
- All collected tires were transported to a permitted recycling facility.



* Previously offered as Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grant Program.

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Challenges

Challenges included:

- The ability to quickly collect and remove waste tires on public right of way and/or private property.
- Accomplishing the cleanup project within the \$8.00 per tire cap set forth in the grant agreement .

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

Once waste tires have been dumped along the public right of way and/or private property, others tend to illegally dump at the same site. By removing illegally dumped waste tires in a timely manner, the city was able to reduce potential health and fire risks and prevent additional tires from accumulating into larger piles. The city recommends that similar projects respond to citizen complaints of illegal dumping and pick up the tires immediately.

Snapshot

Grant Program: Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grants

Grant Program Website:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/Cleanup/>

Grant Number: TCA8-10-10

Grant Type: Waste Tire Cleanup

Year Awarded: 2010

Funding: Awarded \$87,943, spent \$84,641

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