

RESOLUTON NO. 90-449
PURCHASING POLICY RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, the volume of material disposed of at the county landfill has been increasing annually, and
- WHEREAS, sanitary landfill space is at a premium and it is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to site and develop new landfills, and
- WHEREAS, much of the material that enters the waste stream can be recycled, reused or incorporated in the manufacture of new products, and
- WHEREAS, county participation in and promotion of source reduction and recycling programs can significantly reduce the volume of material entering the waste stream thereby extending county landfill life expectancy, reducing expenses, reduce primary resource depletion, and help alleviate a wide array of serious environmental problems, from the County to the global level, and
- WHEREAS, the State Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 mandates counties to reduce their waste stream to sanitary landfills by 25% by 1995 and 50% by the year 2000, and
- WHEREAS, for recycling programs to be effective, markets must be developed for products that incorporate postconsumer materials in their manufacture, are reuseable, or are designed to be recycled, and
- WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of local government to take a leadership role, and to set an example for its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa as follows:

A. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that the County of Mariposa take a leadership role not only in recycling its waste products but also in the purchase of recycled products for use in the delivery of County services. It is the purpose of this section to provide direction to the County Administrative Officer, Purchasing Agent, and Department Heads in the procurement and use of recycled products.

B. POLICY

1. It is the policy of the County of Mariposa to purchase and use products incorporating recycled materials, and products designed to be reused or recycled whenever possible and to the extent that such use does not negatively impact health, safety, or operational efficiency.

2. Specifications shall be added to all County bid announcements requiring that contractors incorporate products and materials complying with paragraph 1 above, and, where appropriate, the details or percentages of product post-consumer and secondary content shall be spelled out in these announcements, based on maximum industry availability.

3. Purchase of products which cannot be recycled or reused is strongly discouraged.

4. All drinking cups, for both hot and cold liquids, bought for use in County departments or offices shall be made from paper stock meeting the requirements of paragraph 1 above.

5. Recycled paper shall be purchased and used in all copy machines which will accept it and shall also be used for as many printing purposes as possible. When purchasing new copy machines, one criterion of choice shall be their ability to accept xerography stock with recycled, post-consumer content.

6. County departments and divisions shall use for their masthead stationery, envelopes, and business cards recycled paper with secondary and post-consumer recycled content. To the maximum extent possible, post-consumer recycled content paper shall be used for all other county paper needs. A recycled paper designation shall be printed on all County stationery using recycled paper.

7. Within six months subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, all County departments shall examine their purchasing specifications and, where feasible, restructure them to require the use of products which incorporate recycled materials in their manufacture. These materials shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. all paper products
- b. plastic, glass & metal materials
- c. oil based products
- d. containers
- e. construction and commercial goods

8. A [10% or greater] price preference may be given to recycled products, reuseable products offered as alternatives to disposable products, and products designed to be recycled where they are offered as alternatives to non-recyclable products. The preference percentage shall be based on the lowest bid or price quoted by the suppliers offering non-recycled products.

9. All County departments and agencies shall work cooperatively to futher the purposes of this resolution. The County's economic development process shall incorporate the goal of stimulating the market for recycled material, and the development of local business and industries using or manufacturing recycled products, especially from materials diverted from the local waste stream.

10. The County will cooperate to the greatest extent feasible with neighboring city and county governments, districts, and associations, in an effort to develop a comprehensive, consistent and effective procurement effort intended to stimulate the market for recycled products, reuseuable products, and products designed to be recycled.

Adopted:
September 18, 1990 - Approved *mm*
Ayes: Unanimous