

CURBSIDE RECYCLING
FUND NO. 558
ACCOUNT NO. 1135

DESCRIPTION

The Recycling Division is responsible for collection of all recyclable material within City limits. At this time, this includes scheduled and unscheduled service for residential customers.

MISSION

To provide the citizens of Merced excellent recycling services, which help meet State mandates, preserve quality of life, and enhance the City's general appearance.

GOALS

- ◇ Provide regular collection of residential, co-mingled, single stream recyclables in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

OBJECTIVES

***PERFORMANCE
MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS***

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| 1. Continue to monitor and adjust right sizing of recycling service routes to accommodate growth, as well as improve productivity. | All routes will be continually audited during fiscal year, and adjustments implemented as necessary. |
| 2. Track diversion of material from the landfill, as mandated by the State of California. | Track tonnage of recyclables collected and compare to original estimates of diversion. |
| 3. Conduct pilot recycling program of commercial, industrial, and multi-family accounts to explore the feasibility of creating a city-wide program | To be completed by June 2006. |

2005-2006 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Residential Recycling Program began operations in FY 2003. The recycling rate approval included the ability to automatically adjust rates, based on CPI factors each January 1, beginning in 2004, and concluding in 2006. Based on increases in the CPI, an adjustment to the recycling rate was made in January 2005.

A rate study will be undertaken in 2006, to determine appropriate rates to be charged beginning January 1, 2007, for all refuse fund services.