

# **STREET SWEEPING**

**FUND NO. 558**

**ACCOUNT NO. 1113**

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## ***DESCRIPTION***

The Street Sweeping Division is responsible for the removal of dirt and debris from City streets. This includes the annual leaf pickup program.

## ***MISSION***

To preserve the quality of life in Merced by providing street sweeping services that meet the Clean Air Act mandates.

## ***GOALS***

- ◇ Meet the scheduled systematic street sweeping in residential (twice per month) and business districts (weekly) to the greatest degree possible and in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible.
- ◇ Provide removal of leaves from City streets during leaf season.

## ***OBJECTIVES***

## ***PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS***

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| 1. Continue to identify disposal sites that will accept leaves at no charge, with all weather disposal capabilities. | By October 2003, recommit to previously identified sites or identify other strategically located sites, that will accept leaves at no charge.  |
| 2. Seek methods to improve the quality of street sweeping and right sizing of routes to improve productivity.        | Maintain contact with sweeper manufacturers to remain familiar with current technology, as well as machine capability, and arrange for local demonstrations of such machines when appropriate.<br><br>All routes to be continually audited and optimized as necessary during FY 03/04. |

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### ***2003-2004 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS***

Rates for street sweeping services were increased effective January 1, 2002. The rate approval included an automatic rate adjustment, based on CPI factors, each January 1, beginning in 2003, and concluding in 2006. As a result of the low inflation rate and careful spending, no increase was required in January 2003, however recent increases in many costs, particularly fuel, make an inflationary adjustment in January 2004 likely.