

## RESOLUTION NO. 03-67

### A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING RENEWAL OF THE RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE No. 26 PROGRAM (YEAR 2004 TO 2014)

**WHEREAS**, the California Public Resources Code Section 42010 provides for the establishment of the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Program throughout the State to provide incentives to stimulate development of post-consumer and secondary materials markets for recyclables; and

**WHEREAS**, the RMDZ No. 26 Program includes Kern County, City of Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, California City, Maricopa, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi, Wasco and City of Lancaster in Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, cities and counties must meet a 50 percent reduction in landfill waste disposal as mandated in the California Integrated Waste Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the RMDZ No. 26 Program is dedicated to establishing, sustaining and expanding recycling-based manufacturing businesses, which is essential for market development and to assist local jurisdictions to meeting the established landfill reduction goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the RMDZ No. 26 Program designation will expire on March 30, 2004 unless re-designated by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB); and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Kern, the 11 incorporated cities in Kern County and the City of Lancaster still desire existing and new recycling-based manufacturing businesses locating within the region to be eligible for the technical and financial incentives associated with the RMDZ Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the renewal of the RMDZ No. 26 Program is still necessary to facilitate local and regional planning, coordination, support of existing recycling-based manufacturing businesses, as well as attract private sector recycling business investments to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the current and proposed waste management practices and conditions are favorable to the development of post-consumer and secondary waste materials markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature has defined environmental justice as "the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies" [ Code section 65040.12(e)], and has directed the California Environmental Protection Agency to conduct its programs, policies, and activities that substantially affect human health or the environment in a manner that ensures the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income levels, including minority populations and low-income populations of the state [ Resources Code section 71110(a)]; and

**WHEREAS**, the CIWMB, in its Strategic Plan, has adopted a goal to continuously integrate environmental justice concerns into all of the Board's programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Kern has prepared or caused to be prepared a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and on the basis of the whole record before it finds that the zone renewal program will not have a significant effect on the environmental and further finds that the Negative Declaration reflects its independent judgment and analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the record of the proceedings on which County of Kern bases its decisions to adopt the Negative Declaration available from the Kern County Waste Management Department (KCWMD) located 2700 "M" Street, Suite 500, Bakersfield, California.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ridgecrest has reviewed and considered the information in the Negative Declaration prepared by KCWMD and certified by the Kern County Board of Supervisors that concurs that the zone renewal program will not have a significant impact on the environment.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Ridgecrest City Council does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1: Consider the Negative Declaration for the project to renew the RMDZ No. 26 Program.

Section 2: Approves the submittal of RMDZ Program renewal application to include the City of Ridgecrest

Section 3: Agrees to administer the RMDZ No. 26 Program in a manner that seeks to ensure the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and incomes, including but not limited to soliciting public participation in all communities within the RMDZ No. 26 Program.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of November 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Carter, Council Members Holloway, Martin, Morgan, and Clark

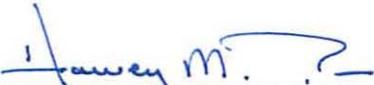
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
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Ronald H. Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Harvey M. Rose  
City Clerk