



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

February 5, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Receive annual report from Sustainable Fairfax regarding its recycling, green waste, and public education/outreach services to implement the mandates of the Town's Zero Waste grant

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report.

DISCUSSION

For the past several years, the Town has had an annual agreement with Sustainable Fairfax to provide services to implement the requirements of the Zero Waste Grant the Town receives from the Marin County Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA), and to provide public education and outreach services for the Mandatory Commercial Recycling and the Construction Debris ordinances, among other things.

Sustainable Fairfax provides the following services to the Town:

- Outreach and education to shift from disposables to reusables
- Outreach & education for mandatory commercial recycling and commercial composting, including the Food to Energy program (F2E)
- Support to improve the use of recycling systems in Town-owned buildings
- Education & outreach services for residential landfill waste reduction programs, including proper use of curbside green bins
- Education and outreach services and support at DEA-sponsored prescription drug take back events
- Host a "Take-Back" day with Marin Sanitary Service
- Conduct a workshop on backyard composting
- Work to ensure diversion of materials from landfill at the Fairfax Festival and other Town events.

Staff is satisfied with the services provided by Sustainable Fairfax. We intend to enter into a new agreement for 2020 for similar services with the additional task of Sustainable Fairfax working with businesses to comply with the new single-use foodware ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY19-20 budget includes funding for Sustainable Fairfax's services. The sources of funding are the JPA Zero Waste grant, the CalRecycle grant, and unused funds from the previous contract year. The contract with Sustainable Fairfax in 2019 was for \$20,575. The 2020 contract will be for \$20,550.

ATTACHMENT: Sustainable Fairfax Zero Waste Progress Report: 2019