



## Staff Report

### June 9, 2020

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Brit Snipes, Town Engineer/Public Works Director  
**DATE:** June 9, 2020  
**RE:** Town of Loomis Trial Food Scraps Program

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#### **Recommendation**

Receive and file the presentation form the Del Oro High School Environmental Club. Approve a grant of \$1,200 for the Del Oro High School's Environmental Clubs Trial Residential Food Scrap program from the Solid Waste Fund.

#### **Issue Statement and Discussion**

The State of California is requiring local jurisdictions to reduce greenhouse gases created by organics placed in landfills.

Del Oro High School's Environmental Club desires to improve the environment and find solutions to the causes of greenhouse gasses

Del Oro High School' Environmental Group developed a concept and assembled a team with representatives from California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, Placer County, Loomis Residents, Recology, Western Placer Waste Management Authority and the Town of Loomis to develop a trial residential food scraps program.

Their efforts will benefit Loomis in several ways. They will educate and help people understand that removing food scraps from the waste stream is not only is it good for the planet, it is a requirement from the state. The trial program will help us define a process and the procedures needed to collect food scraps on residential neighborhoods. It will also help inform how food scraps can be turned into beneficial products like compost.

The Del Oro High School Environmental Club has hosted several fund raisers including a Climate Reality presentation in March of this year. They have received commitments from several of the group's participants. Recology has agreed to provide an additional driver and truck to pick up and deliver the food scraps to the Solid Waste Facility. Western Placer Waste Management Authority has agreed to incorporate the processing of the food scraps into a pilot program. The community volunteers have offered research, advice and guidance.

The Environmental Club plans to distribute the container and explain to the program to the residents that opt into the trial program. At the end of the trial program the Club will conduct a survey of participants and a study of the possible products produced by the processing of the food scraps.

The Loomis Trial Food Scraps program requires additional funding to purchase containers, bags and flyers.

**CEQA Requirements**

Western Placer Waste Management Authority will be processing the food scraps under their current CEQA clearance that includes a provision for small trial programs.

**Financial and/or Policy Implications**

Funding will come from Fund 560 - AB 939 Solid Waste Diversion Fund

**Attachments**

- A. Resolution

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - \_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS  
APPROVING A RATE INCREASE TO THE SOLID WASTE REFUSE COLLECTION AND HAULING  
CONTRACT FOR RECOLOGY AUBURN PLACER

WHEREAS, the State of California is requiring local jurisdictions to reduce greenhouse gases created by organics placed in landfills; and

WHEREAS, Del Oro High School's Environmental Club desires to improve the environment and find solutions to the causes of greenhouse gasses; and

WHEREAS, Del Oro High School' Environmental Group developed a concept and assembled a team with representatives from California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, Placer County, Loomis Residents, Recology, Western Placer Waste Management Authority and the Town of Loomis to develop a residential food scraps trail program; and

WHEREAS, the Loomis Residential Food Scraps trial program requires additional funding to purchase containers, bags and flyers;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Loomis Town Council approves the grant of \$1,200 to purchase containers, bags and fliers for the Del Oro High School's Environmental Club's Trial Residential Food Scraps program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Loomis this 9th day of June 2020 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAINED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk