



**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** March 17, 2009

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)						
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CONTACT PERSON: Al Guzman    PHONE: (559) 636-5245						

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of 6 month paper recycling program

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review findings of 6 month trial program, and
2. Approve an expansion of Going Green Recycling Program to include all county departments.

**SUMMARY:**

On the July 28<sup>th</sup> Agenda, the Board of Supervisors approved a trial recycled paper program (Going Green Recycling Program) for 180 days, and upon completion of the trial participating departments were to report back to the Board with their findings. Based on the report, it is recommended that the County expand the Going Green Recycling Program to all County departments. It is also recommended that the county retain the current paper shredding contract. Attached for your review is the report.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Little or none

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to promote natural resource management strategies that ensure environmental preservation, and economic development. This paper recycling program will give the employees

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the opportunity to be more involved in the process of Tulare County's Going Green Recycling Program to help clean up the environment.

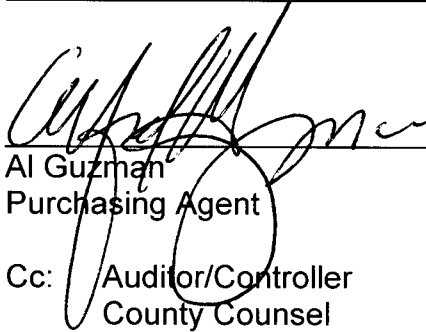
**ALTERNATIVES:**

Continue program with only involved departments  
Discontinue program

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:**

All County Departments

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Al Guzman  
Purchasing Agent

Cc: Auditor/Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (3)

Attachment(s) – Report of Findings from 180 day trial recycle paper program (Going Green Recycling Program)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF EVALUATION OF)  
6 MONTH PAPER RECYCLING)  
PROGRAM)**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
AGREEMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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2. Approved an expansion of Going Green Recycling Program to include all county departments



# County of Tulare Purchasing Department

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## **Report of Findings from 180 day Trial Recycle Paper Program (Going Green Recycling Program)**

For the basis of this program, the County Courthouse, Board of Supervisors, County Counsel and the County Administrative offices were used to monitor the amount of recyclable paper collected. During the 180 day trial, a total of 11.7 tons of recyclable paper was collected and recycled from the participating departments. This total does not include the amount of paper that was shredded, which is also recyclable, during this same time frame. That additional total was 36.15 tons. The County is currently paying for documents to be shredded at a cost of \$50,000 per year. During the trial period, a demo shredder was evaluated and found to be useful in replacing shredding services at a cost of \$2,104.95 per unit. At the beginning of the trial, the County was offered \$75 a ton for loose paper, and \$100 a ton for shredded and baled paper. The market for recyclables, like all other markets, has dried up. While there is currently no monetary value for recycled paper, there is still a great demand for the environmental value of maintaining recycling programs. Based on the information received, the market is expected to take two to three years to recover, and the county can reasonably expect to receive compensation for recyclable materials at that time.

A committee consisting of staff from Purchasing, Resource Management Agency, Workforce Investment and the Board has been overseeing this project and recommends that the County expand the participation to all county departments, as this will keep us in line with our 'going green' effort. The committee also recommends that the county retains the current contract for shredding until the market changes and it becomes profitable to shred the paper internally.