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DATE: October 3, 2019

TO: Environmental Services Commission

FROM: Stephanie Schwenger, Solid Waste Program Administrator

SUBJECT: Solid Waste and Recycling Program Overview

Action Required at this Time

No action by the Commission is required at this time. This is an informational briefing.

Background

The Solid Waste and Recycling Program provides the following services to Bellevue residential and commercial customers:

- Oversight of contractor-provided garbage, recyclables, and organics collection and customer service; and
- Outreach, education, and technical assistance for the residential sector (including single-family and multifamily customers), business or commercial customers, and school children on the topics of waste prevention, recycling, and the proper disposal of household and moderate risk hazardous waste.

The 2019 program budget is approximately \$1.2 million, including approximately \$282,000 in grants from the King County Solid Waste Division, Department of Ecology, and the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program.

Program Approach

Consistent with the State Department of Ecology's Solid Waste Management Program and the 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, Bellevue's Solid Waste and Recycling Program is shifting toward a sustainable materials management approach.

Sustainable materials management means using and reusing materials in the most sustainable way across their entire life cycle—from design, manufacturing and use, to end-of-life when the material is either disposed of or recycled. As such, Bellevue's Program will emphasize waste reduction, or not producing waste in the first place, as more impactful than recycling alone.

Staff will provide a presentation outlining program elements and highlighting key projects and activities from the past year.