

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Public Works – Status update on the pilot green waste collection program.
Expenditure: Not applicable.**

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that City Council receive and file a status report on the pilot green waste collection program.

Funding

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In November 2006, Your Honorable Body approved the concept of a curbside green waste collection pilot program and, in February 2007, authorized the appropriation of funds for the purchase of a vehicle and automated green waste containers. The pilot green waste program has been in operation since June 18, 2007.

Staff will provide a presentation of the results of the pilot program so far, including:

- Statistical data
- Areas of concern
- Participation rates
- Recommendations for program expansion

With Council's approval, Staff will return at a later date with more specific information on program expansion and funding requests.

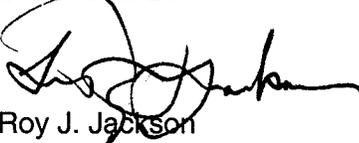
Respectfully submitted,

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Public Works Director


By Matthew Knapp
Sanitation Services Manager

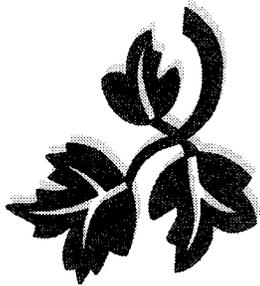
CONCUR:


Robert J. Beste
Public Works Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: A. Program Presentation

Green Waste

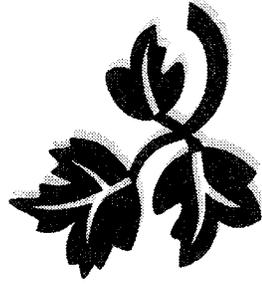


Update on Pilot Program for Residential Curbside Collection



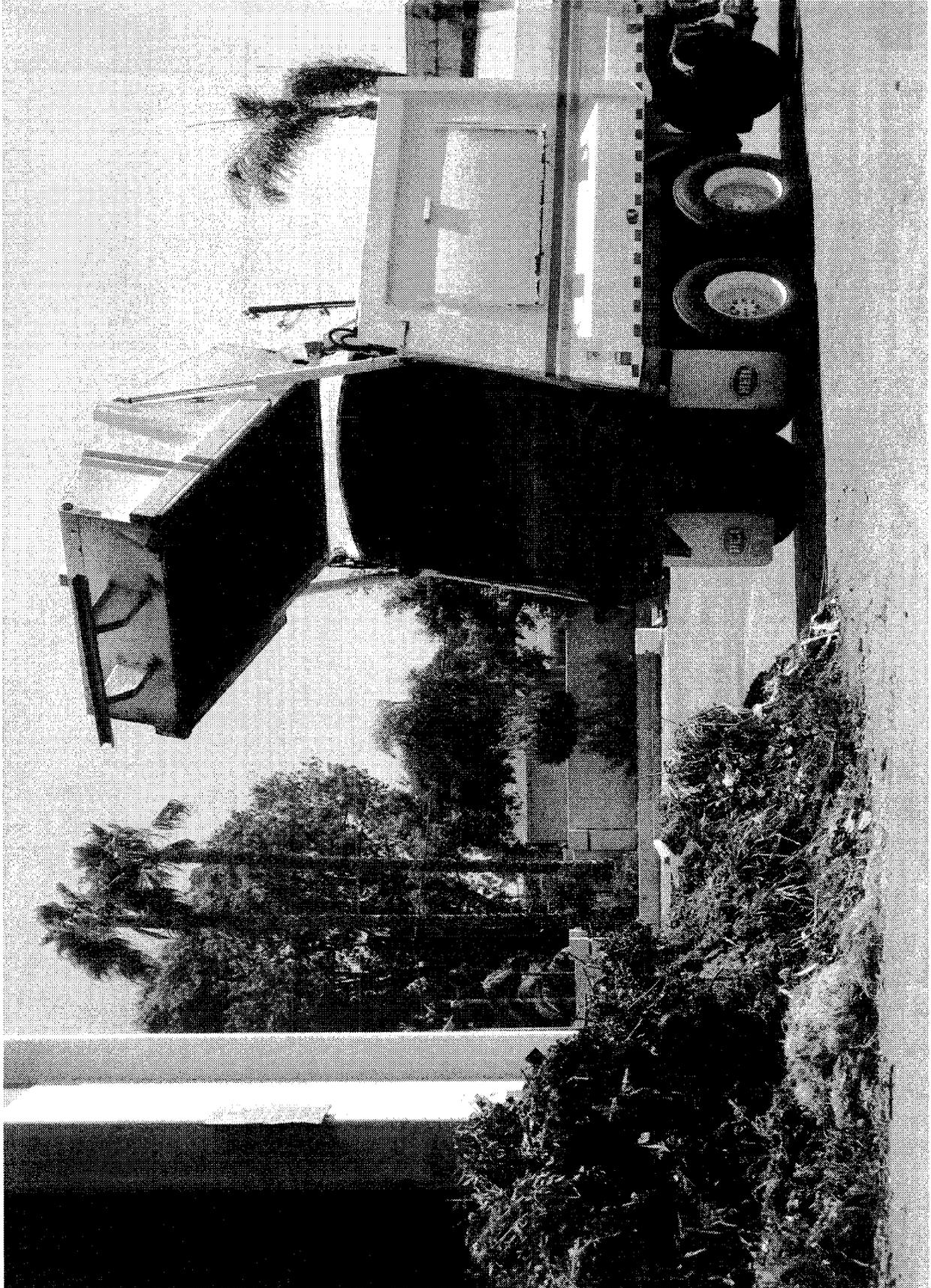


After first 6 weeks:



- Trash volume has decreased by 28% in the northern area and 38% in the southern area from prior year.
- An average of 20 tons is collected each week or 42 pounds per home.
- Participation rate is 63% per week.
- New CNG truck performing well.
- Plastic bag use diminished.





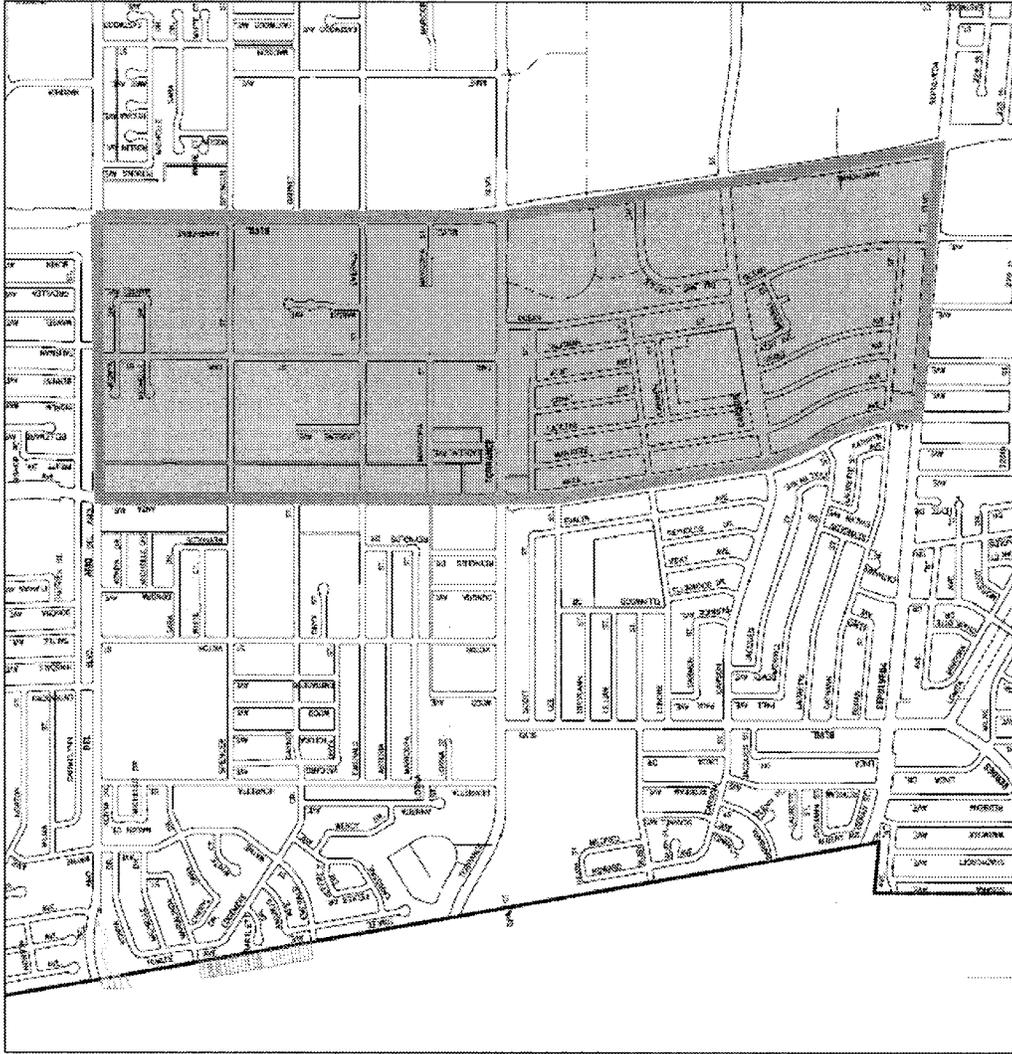


Program Expansion:

- Begin expansion in Fall of 2007.
- Increase existing routes by 100 homes each.
- Adding one route each on Tuesday and Thursday covering approximately 1800 additional homes.

Green Waste: program expansion areas

TUESDAY GREENWASTE
Approx. 910 Stops
Southwood H.O.A.



NOT TO SCALE

Green Waste: program expansion areas

THURSDAY GREENWASTE
Approx. 935 Stops
Southeast H.O.A.

