



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No.** _____

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Recognition of Businesses for Wastewater Discharge Compliance

MEETING DATE: September 6, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Mayor to send congratulatory letter and certificates of commendation to the 22 qualifying businesses in Commerce in compliance with the County of Los Angeles Sanitation Districts' waste discharge requirements and also recognized by the Sanitation District as "Good Corporate Citizen."

ANALYSIS:

The County of Los Angeles Sanitation District requires any business who needs to discharge industrial wastewater to their sewerage system obtain an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Industrial wastewater is all wastewater from any manufacturing, processing, institutional, commercial or agricultural operation or any operation where the wastewater discharged includes significant quantities of waste of non-human origin. In order to obtain a permit, the business may be required to monitor its wastewater and provide chemical analysis reports to the Sanitation Districts on a regular basis. Further, some types of businesses may require pre-treatment prior to discharge under State and Federal regulations such as those working with or manufacturing metals, glass, chemicals, fertilizer, leather tanning, petroleum refining, roofing materials, paint, and soap and detergent.

The County of Los Angeles Sanitation Districts' Industry Advisory Council created an annual Certificate of Recognition Program twenty years ago for businesses with wastewater permits assigned by the Districts who complied with their permit regulations. The Industrial Advisory Council consists of 21 representatives from different industrial sectors. The program applies to significant industrial users of the Sanitation Districts' wastewater management system, those discharging over one million gallons during a fiscal year, who promote protect public health and the environment with Best Management Practices and permit compliance.

There are a total of 108 permitted waste discharges in Commerce. 22 of those businesses qualify for recognition as "Good Corporate Citizens" for the 2015 calendar year. They are:

- American Renolit Corporation LA

- Amvac Chemical Corporation
- Apex Drum Company, Inc.
- Ashland, Inc.
- ATK Space Systems, Inc.
- Atlas Carpet Mills
- BNSF Railroad Company
- Bridge Publications, Inc.
- Engineered Polymer Solutions
- Fleming Metal Fabricators
- Huhtamaki, Inc.
- iWorks US, Inc.
- Oxy USA, Inc.
- Prudential Overall Supply
- Ramcar Batteries, Inc.
- Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County – Commerce
- Soft Gel Technologies, Inc.
- Refuse-to-Energy Authority
- Ultimate Metal Finishing Corp.
- Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Univar USA, Inc.
- Valley Plating Works, Inc.

These businesses met their limits for wastewater discharge for at least a year, maintained their environmental equipment and fulfilled all permit requirements. Further, these businesses foster good working relationships of cooperation with local governments and share a concern for the environment and responsible business practices.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2012 Strategic Goal to “develop a tangible environmental mitigation plan.”

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ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

