



## **CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**Item No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Exide Drop-in Hours by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control – Receive and File

**MEETING DATE:** February 7, 2017

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council to receive and file a report regarding Exide scheduled drop-in hours at Commerce City Hall.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:**

This item is related to a specific 2016 Strategic Goal “Fiscal Sustainability” and guiding principle - “create and pursue opportunities for collaboration and regional partnerships to maximize resources and address regional issues.”

### **ANALYSIS:**

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) is working with City staff on improving its outreach efforts and availability to affected residents and businesses. As part of this effort, DTSC assigned a new representative to this area which includes the City of Commerce. Her name is Michelle Banks-Ordone. Ms. Banks-Ordone held two public information sessions for residents who received their soil sampling results to help explain their results. City staff attended these sessions. However, only a few residents participated. The sessions were held as follows:

Bristow Park – November 30, 2016, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Bandini Park – December 7, 2016, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

On January 17, 2017, DTSC also presented information to the City Council regarding results of soils testing and plans for clean-up, public information meetings held in Commerce, and the release of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and their public comment period schedule.

At this time, the following “Exide Drop-in Hours” have been scheduled at Commerce City Hall in the Community Services Conference Room as follows:

Tuesday / February 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Tuesday / February 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Residents are encouraged to stop by and visit with DTSC Representative Ms. Banks-Ordone who will answer questions, clarify soil sampling results, explain steps of the clean-up process, and assist with any other resident concerns regarding Exide. Both DTSC and the City are advertising the Drop-in Hours with hardcopy flyers, the City's website and social media.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

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