

Assembly Bill No. 1179

CHAPTER 589

An act to add Section 42872.6 to the Public Resources Code, relating to recycling.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1179, Bocanegra. Recycling: waste tires: public works projects.

The existing California Tire Recycling Act requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to administer a tire recycling program, and imposes a California tire fee on a new tire purchased in the state. The revenue generated from the fee is deposited in the California Tire Recycling Management Fund for expenditure, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes of programs related to waste tires.

This bill would additionally authorize the department, when awarding grants pursuant to the tire recycling program, to award grants for public works projects to create parklets, greenways, or both, that use tire-derived products and would require the department, if it awards those grants, to give priority for funding to those projects in disadvantaged communities, as defined.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 42872.6 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

42872.6. (a) (1) When awarding grants pursuant to Section 42872 to cities, counties, and other local government agencies for public works projects that use tire-derived products, the department may, in addition to any other authorized use of those funds, award grants for public works projects that use tire-derived products, including recycled tire lumber, to create parklets, greenways, or both.

(2) If the department awards grants pursuant to this section, the department shall give priority to public works projects that use tire-derived products to create parklets, greenways, or both, in disadvantaged communities.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Disadvantaged community" means a community, as determined by the department, with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide median household income.

(2) “Greenway” means a travel corridor for pedestrians, bicycles, nonmotorized vehicle transportation, recreation, or a combination thereof, located along natural landscape features, such as an urban watercourse.

(3) “Parklet” means a small urban park intended for people and that provides amenities, including, but not limited to, seating, tables, bicycle racks, and landscaping.