VALLEJO SELECTED TO RECEIVE TWO GRANTS TOTALING \$290,000 Total grant writing effort tops the \$3.4 million mark

VALLEJO – Two state organizations have awarded the City of Vallejo two grants totaling over \$290,000 to assist the City in its cleanup efforts.

The California Waste Management Board on Tuesday unanimously approved a \$255,000 illegal dumping grant for the City, while the California Department of Conservation approved a \$36,000 grant to set up a beverage container recycling program at Six Flags Marine World.

"The illegal dumping funds will be utilized to clean up several hot spots identified by the city as places where illegal dumping takes place on a regular basis," City Grant Writer Dan Armenta said. "Those funds would be used to clean up the identified dump sites, then add measures to prevent further dumping at the sites. The City will also receive funding to do a public outreach campaign on the dangers of illegal dumping."

The other grant - \$36,000 from the California Department of Conservation – would be utilized to create a recycling program for beverage containers at Six Flags Marine World and to provide containers for beverage container recycling at special events held in the City, such as Unity Day, the Whaleboat Regatta, the Jazz Festival and other events.

"I want to thank Dan Armenta for his efforts in securing these grant monies for the City," Assistant City Manager Mary Hill said. "In these difficult fiscal times we're going to need resourceful people and efforts like this."

The two grants bring the total amount of grants procured for the City by Armenta Management Consulting to \$3.4 million, with another \$778,000 in grant applications pending.