



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20131006 005C

Date: October 16, 2013

Subject: Briefing and request for recommendation on staff report regarding use of aggregate in landscaping, Council Resolution No. 20130523-

Motioned By: Robert Deegan

Seconded By: James Schissler

**Rationale:**

Whereas the use of aggregate mulch may be appropriate in the Austin landscape under certain conditions

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends approval of the memo with the following board conditions:

1. Edit memo to clearly list benefits of aggregate mulch
2. Recommend revisions to the Environmental Criteria Manual with clear direction as to conditions under which aggregate mulch should be allowed without Alternative Equivalent Compliance (AEC)
3. Allow aggregate mulch in any condition irrigated by storm water runoff
4. Minimize disincentive to creating attractive, water efficient landscapes that can replace managed turf
5. Involve stakeholders in the process of developing specific recommendations and Criteria Manual revisions
6. Develop clear AEC pathway for the interim period

Vote 6-0-0-1

For: Deegan, Gary, Maxwell, Perales, Schissler and Walker

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mary Ann Neely

Approved By:

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Chair