

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet **Pala Band of Mission Indians**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Pala Band of Mission Indians

Project Location: Pala Reservation, San Diego County, CA

Project Title: Pala Curbside Recycling Improvement Project

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 9

Grant Funding: \$395,410

The Pala Band of Mission Indians will improve recycling infrastructure and data collection efforts to track progress of the recycling program. The project will conduct public outreach and education to encourage community participation and measure curbside recycling weights to assess the program's effectiveness. Project funds will also be used to upgrade curbside recycling bins, purchase a larger collection bin for the recycling truck, and install a bin-lift to promote safer, more efficient collection for the workers. This program aims to save money, improve safety, and reduce water and air pollution in the San Luis Rey River watershed.

Highlights

- Develops a Recycling Strategic Plan for long-term growth.
- Decreases landfill-bound waste by up to 20%, saving money on tipping fees.
- Increases curbside recycling rates and reduces contamination of the recycling stream.

SWIFR Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act provides investments in recycling to support the implementation of the National Recycling Strategy and build a circular economy for all. This funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing for more efficient resource use and less environmental impact from waste materials. The SWIFR grant funding can be used to develop or update post-consumer materials management plans; establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate, and quality of materials collected.

