

SECTION 5

CITY DEPARTMENTS

5.1 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

City Departments and agencies control a significant amount of the material generated within City limits. Forty-seven departments, Bureaus, and semi-independent agencies controlled approximately 40% of the total disposed wastestream in the base year 1995 for the City of Los Angeles, and about 34.5% of the disposed wastestream in 2000. Programs such as grasscycling at our City parks and golf courses, providing curbside recycling to our residents and in-house diversion of construction and demolition materials, have resulted in an increase of total diversion that is almost four times the diversion recorded in 1990, as shown below:

City Departments	1990	1995	2000
Waste Diversion	332,688	813,323	1,216,035
Disposal	1,686,497	1,275,096	1,176,721

While all City Departments are essential contributors to the waste diversion oriented culture of the entire City, there are nine Departments/Bureaus that contribute the majority of both the waste diversion and disposal data (Big 9). The Big 9 are as follows:

- Bureau of Sanitation.
- Bureau of Street Services.
- Department of Recreation and Parks.
- Harbor Department.
- Los Angeles World Airports.
- Department of Water and Power.
- General Services Department.
- Los Angeles Zoo.
- Los Angeles Convention Center.

Each of the Big 9 profiles include a description of the Department/Bureau, charts showing total disposal and diversion data, and a description of major programs.

For purposes of this report, a profile on the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is included with City Departments. Total diversion from LAUSD programs was calculated at 57,500 tons in 2000 for a total diversion rate of 50%.