



## Interoffice Memorandum

August 14, 2017

**TO:** Mayor Teresa Jacobs  
and Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Raymond E. Hanson, P. E., Director  
Utilities Department

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**SUBJECT: BCC AGENDA ITEM – Discussion**  
**August 29, 2017 BCC Meeting**  
**Orange County Bear Resistant Cart Program**  
**Contact Person: James W. Becker, Manager**  
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Chapter 32 of the Orange County Code was amended on November 1, 2016, to address solid waste collection practices targeted toward reducing the rising concern of black bear/human interactions in Central Florida. One of the practices identified in the code revision was the option for using bear resistant solid waste containers as part of the County's residential solid waste collection program. In order to assist customers desiring to acquire these containers, Orange County pursued and obtained a grant from the Florida Wildlife Commission to offset a portion of the bear resistant cart costs. Orange County is also taking additional actions, including developing informational material about reducing bear attractants and creating a web page that customers can use to order bear resistant carts and learn safe practices for living in a bear management area.

Staff will provide a presentation on the program and how Orange County residential solid waste collection customers can obtain a bear resistant cart at a reduced cost.

Board action is not required.