



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** September 9, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director  
Contact: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2025 Access Road Repair & Site Improvements, County Project No. 828993; Third Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve plans and specifications for the construction of the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2025 Access Road Repair & Site Improvements, County Project No. 828993; Third Supervisorial District, on file in the Public Works Department office;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Construction Contract with Toro Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, to construct the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2025 Access Road Repair & Site Improvements, County Project 828993, for the period of September 9, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$486,552.50;
- c) Authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to approve change orders for a contingency amount up to \$36,827.63, for the construction of County Project No. 828993 for a total amount not to exceed \$523,380.13;
- d) Determine that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, no substantial changes in circumstances have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures have occurred,

and therefore the construction of the project is within the scope of the prior environmental review documents for the Tajiguas Landfill including the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project EIR (01-EIR-05) certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2002, the Addendum to 01-EIR-05 dated November 8, 2006 and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006, the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project Subsequent EIR (08-EIR-00000-00007) certified by the Board of Supervisors on May 5, 2009 and the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project EIR (23EIR-00001) certified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2024 and no new environmental document shall be prepared for this action.

### **Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to award a construction contract with Toro Enterprises, Inc. for construction of the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2025 Access Road Repair & Site Improvements, County Project No. 828993. The project includes pavement improvements within the existing green waste pad area, along with the rehabilitation and repaving of critical segments of the Tajiguas Landfill (landfill) main access road serving the permitted waste disposal area.

Staff recommends the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$486,552.50 and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve change orders in an amount of \$36,827.63 as authorized under Public Contract Code Section 20142, for a total amount not to exceed \$523,380.13, and for the period of September 9, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

### **Discussion:**

The access road repairs and site improvements are essential to ensure continued safe, all-weather access for heavy equipment, hauling vehicles, and staff to key operational areas of the landfill. The project was advertised on PlanetBids, and on Friday, June 20, 2025, five (5) bids were opened. Toro Enterprises, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$486,552.50 for base bid excluding contingency.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code section 20128, which requires the award go to the lowest responsible bidder. The Public Works Department analyzed the bids and determined the low bid is responsive and responsible. Analysis of the bids included confirmation by the low bidder of the correctness of the bid proposal information and review of the bids by the County Project Manager. Public Works staff recommend awarding this contract to Toro Enterprises, Inc.

### **Background:**

The Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2025 Access Road Repair and Site Improvements, County Project 828993 is part of ongoing operation of the Tajiguas Landfill and is included in the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division's Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR Order No. R3-2010-0006) issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board on February 4, 2010 and the Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit as issued by CalRecycle on May 21, 2025. The authority to advertise for this project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 1, 2025.

Construction, operation and maintenance of the Tajiguas Landfill is analyzed in several environmental documents including Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (01-EIR-05) for the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project (Front Canyon Expansion), an Addendum to 01-EIR-05 dated November 8, 2006, a subsequent EIR (08EIR-00000-00007) for the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project, and a Subsequent EIR for the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project EIR (23EIR-00001) (available for review at [Environmental Documents | Santa Barbara County, CA - Official Website](#)). The proposed project includes improving the existing pavement within the green waste pad area and rehabilitating and repaving portions of the of the main access road to the permitted waste disposal area which are components of the Landfill infrastructure that were included in the prior CEQA documents. No substantial changes are proposed or have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project, or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill Main Access Road Extension and Site Improvements Fiscal Year 2025-26 Project, is within the scope of the prior environmental documents and no new environmental document is required.

**Performance Measure:**

Performance will be tracked through a combination of construction observations and inspections, submittals, and milestone tracking to ensure that all project deliverables are met within scope, schedule, and budget. Key performance outcomes include:

1. Access Road Rehabilitation
2. Green Waste Pad Improvements
3. Compliance with Plans and Specifications
4. Adherence to Schedule
5. Project Management
6. Traffic Safety and Environmental Protection

**Contract Renewals:**

Toro Enterprises, Inc. completed the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill Main Access Road Extension & Site Improvements Project for the County in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Toro Enterprises, Inc. performed to a high standard, delivering the project on time and in accordance with all traffic control requirements, construction documents, and County provisions.

Given Toro Enterprises, Inc.'s performance and success on similar work at the landfill, staff recommends awarding the project to Toro Enterprises, Inc. following a competitive bid process in which they submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Engineering costs are budgeted for in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division's Enterprise Fund 1930, Program 1200, Line-Item Account 8200 for planning and permitting support,

regulatory compliance, landfill operations support, and design and construction support of capital improvement projects. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Funding Source	FY [25/26]	Total
<i>Enterprise Fund</i>	523,380.13	523,380.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>523,380.13</b>	<b>523,380.13</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this action to Yanette Luna at Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD): 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, [yluna@countyofsb.org](mailto:yluna@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A - Contract

Attachment B – Project Plans Title Sheet

Attachment C – Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions Signatory Page

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