



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: March 5, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Set Hearing
Estimated Time: 1 hr 15 min on
March 19, 2024
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Set Hearing to Consider Approval of the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project
Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a public hearing for March 19, 2024 to consider the following:

- a) Certify that the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), 23EIR-00001, for the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- b) Certify that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final SEIR, 23EIR-00001, as well as information presented during the public hearing prior to the approval of the project, and make and adopt the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations;
- c) Approve the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project, which provides an additional capacity of 6.1 million cubic yards, increasing the permitted total design capacity of the Tajiguas Landfill from 23.3 million cubic yards to 29.4 million cubic yards;
- d) Adopt the mitigation measures, with their corresponding monitoring requirements, as the Mitigation Monitoring Program for this project;

- e) Direct the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division to acquire local, State and Federal permits and approvals to the extent required by law for implementation of the project; and
- f) Authorize Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division to advertise/solicit for bids/proposals for construction of project and for other contracts that may be required to implement the project.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to set a hearing for March 19, 2024 to consider the above listed recommendations regarding a limited increase in Landfill disposal capacity. The analysis and all necessary attachments related to this agenda item will be docketed with a separate Board Agenda Letter for the hearing on March 19, 2024.

Background:

The Tajiguas Landfill is operated by the County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD). The Tajiguas Landfill has been in continuous operation since 1967 for disposal of the community's municipal solid waste. The original landfill predates adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act (1970) and the Coastal Act, which designated Coastal Zones in California in 1976. The Landfill was approved for expansion in 2002, reconfiguration in 2009, and the ReSource Center was approved for construction in 2016. The ReSource Center, a state-of -the-art waste management facility also operates on the Tajiguas Landfill property for the purpose of processing municipal solid waste, recyclables, and source separated organic waste into marketable commodities and renewable energy. Municipal solid waste currently delivered to the Tajiguas Landfill is generated by the City of Santa Barbara, City of Goleta, City of Solvang, City of Buellton, the unincorporated areas of southern Santa Barbara County, and the Santa Ynez and Cuyama Valleys. Due to a number of factors and based on updated calculations of remaining disposal capacity, the Tajiguas Landfill is currently expected to reach its permitted capacity in March 2026.

RRWMD has prepared a Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) (23EIR-00001) for a proposed limited capacity increase of the permitted waste footprint and final grading plan within the existing permitted operational area and within the Comprehensive Plan designated Waste Disposal Facility Overlay area at the Tajiguas Landfill. The capacity increase project has been designed to provide sufficient capacity to extend the life of the Tajiguas Landfill to approximately December 2038 in order to coincide with the retirement of debt service for the ReSource Center, reduce the rate-payer burden associated with concurrently paying for off-site transport and disposal of residual and bypass waste and to be consistent with Resolution 24-12 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 23, 2024 to cease use of the Tajiguas Landfill for disposal of municipal solid waste as of January 1, 2039.

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