



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works RRWMD
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: January 24, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 805-568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Leslie Wells, Deputy Director, 805-882-3611

SUBJECT: **Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Padre Associates Inc. for environmental services and Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants Inc. for geotechnical evaluations at the Tajiguas Landfill, Third Supervisorial District**

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 and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Padre Associates Inc. (a local vendor) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$63,923 for the period of January 24, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for environmental services pertaining to the potential Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project;
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to approve Agreement amendments within the scope of work in an amount of not to exceed \$15,981 for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$79,904;
- c) Approve and authorize Amendment No. 2 to Agreement BC22054 with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (a local vendor) for geotechnical evaluations pertaining to the potential Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project, and increase the Agreement amount by \$148,900 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$581,260; and

- c) Determine that the recommended actions to award a contract for environmental services and amend an existing agreement for geotechnical services, are fiscal and administrative activity not constituting a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, as set forth in 14CCR 15378(b)(4) and (5).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the agreement with Padre Associates Inc. (Padre) (a local vendor) to prepare a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and to amend County Board Contract BC22054 with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (a local vendor) to prepare geotechnical evaluations in support of the CEQA review required for the potential Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project. For the Padre agreement, a Request for Proposal was sent to three consultants on the Public Works Department’s Prequalified Consultant List for Professional Services for environment document preparation and permitting. Two proposals were received and one consulting firm declined the opportunity to submit a proposal. Padre was selected for this project based on their professional qualifications and demonstrated competence with other Public Works CEQA documents including prior EIRs for the Tajiguas Landfill and ReSource Center. Because Padre’s overall cumulative work with the County would exceed \$200,000 within the current fiscal year, a Board contract is required.

Geosyntec Consultants is listed on the Public Works Department’s Prequalified Consultant Listing for 2022-2024, approved by your Board at the December 14, 2021 hearing. Geosyntec Consultants has historically provided consulting services to the RRWMD for over 15 years. Geosyntec Consultants has expertise in solid waste management regulations, and a detailed knowledge of geological and hydrogeological conditions at the County’s waste management facilities. Because Geosyntec’s overall cumulative work with the County exceeds \$200,000 within the current fiscal year, Board approval for Amendment No. 2 to Board Contract BC22054 is required.

Background:

The Tajiguas Landfill opened in 1967 and is owned and operated by the Public Works Department Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD). The landfill property comprises 497 acres, a permitted operational area of 357 acres, a permitted waste disposal footprint of 118 acres, a permitted disposal capacity of 23.3 million cubic yards, permitted maximum elevation of 620 feet above mean sea level, permitted maximum tonnage of 1,500 tons per day (tpd). The Tajiguas Landfill serves 55% of the County population including the cities of Buellton, Goleta, Santa Barbara, Solvang and the unincorporated areas of Montecito/Summerland, Mission Canyon, Eastern Goleta Valley, Isla Vista and the Santa Ynez and Cuyama Valleys.

Expansions at the Tajiguas Landfill were approved in 1987 and 2002, and reconfiguration of the landfill waste footprint was approved in 2009. In 2017, a modification to landfill operations was approved to include the construction and operation of the ReSource Center to further recover recyclable material from the waste stream, provide an alternative to burying organic waste as required by state law, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and generate green energy. The ReSource Center is currently operating in a start-up and commissioning phase. The ReSource Center was originally intended to extend the landfill life until approximately 2036. However, based on current projections, landfill capacity may be reached

sooner due to delays in construction of the ReSource Center that resulted from permitting, litigation and COVID-19 related supply chain issues. In addition, an increased amount of waste was received while the ReSource Center was under construction, and an increased amount of bypass waste (waste that cannot be processed and is sent directly for disposal) has been received post-construction. To regain capacity, and reduce ratepayer burden of paying for debt service simultaneously with the costs for transportation and disposal of residual trash at an alternative landfill, a limited capacity increase project is proposed. The potential capacity increase would primarily be constructed in areas previously disturbed by existing permitted landfill operations. The project requires review under the California Environmental Quality Act. Approving a contract for environmental review does not constitute approval of the potential project by the Board.

Overall, Public Resources Code Division 30 Part 2, Chapter 4, Section 41701 requires the County to plan for 15 years of disposal capacity and based on the 2021 annual report to CalRecycle, the County is in compliance with this requirement.

Performance Measure: The potential project would allow RRWMD to continue to meet state and federal waste management and disposal requirements, and avoid substantial ratepayer increases that could result if debt service for the ReSource Center occurs simultaneously with cost for transportation and disposal of residual trash off-site.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Budgeted

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: Costs are budgeted in the RRWMD Enterprise Fund. Costs estimated for this service are to be incurred in fiscal year 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY2023/24 Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
RRWMD Enterprise Fund	\$ 212,823.00	\$ 15,981.00	228,804.00
Total	\$ 212,823.00	\$ 15,981.00	\$ 228,804.00

Key Contract Risks: Key risk factors for this new agreement and the amendment to the existing agreement that contribute to an overall low to moderate contract risk rating include: contract size, performance period, project sensitivity, contract management, and fiscal responsibility of the contractor.

These risk factors have been considered and staff believes the contract and contract amendment should be authorized, because the contractors have significant experience performing similar services successfully for the County with no significant issues during their performance over the past years.

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Additionally, contract monitoring and document management will be conducted by staff in accordance with the County's Service Contract and Grant Compliance Management Policy (121-111).

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to retain one (1) original executed Agreement and send two (2) originals of the executed Agreement and the minute order of these actions to:

Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division: Attn: Joddi Leipner,
130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Padre Associates, Inc
(3 originals)

Attachment B: Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (BC22054)
(3 originals)

Authored by:

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