



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 8/01/2006
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Phillip M. Demery,
Public Works Department 568-3010
Contact Info: Mark Schleich: Deputy Director
Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division 882-3603
SUBJECT: Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station, Electrical Distribution Line California
Environmental Quality Act Addendum, Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form/legality: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept the Addendum (dated June 21, 2006) to Environmental Impact Report 90-EIR-14 and Supplemental Environmental Report 97-SD-02 pursuant to the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act for approval of the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station electrical distribution line.

Summary:

Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division is proposing to extend electrical service to the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station. The electrical service would replace the use of existing on-site diesel generators. Electricity would be provided for the operation of the scale house, well water pump, transfer station operations, groundwater/landfill gas remediation system and office use. The extension involves the installation of approximately 5,100 feet of new 12 kV distribution lines to serve the site. The lines would be located above ground within the right-of-way of Foxen Canyon Road. The lines would be supported on wooden poles. The maximum height of the poles would be 39 feet above the existing ground surface (approximately 6 feet of the pole would be buried below ground). A total of 16 new poles would be installed and two poles would be installed to replace two existing Verizon poles at the entrance to the facility. Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) would install the new line.

An Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for the Foxen Canyon Landfill EIR (90-EIR-14) and to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (97-SD-02) for the Santa Ynez Valley Waste Management has been prepared to address the environmental impacts of extending electrical service to the site. No new environmental impacts were identified.

Background:

The Santa Ynez Valley Recycling Transfer Station, which is located on the same site as the Foxen Canyon Landfill , is a County-operated solid waste management facility located at 4004 Foxen Canyon Road in Los Olivos, California. The Foxen Canyon Landfill operated as a Class III landfill from November 11, 1970 until landfilling operations were discontinued in July 2003. The site began operation as the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station in July 2003. Waste received at the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station is sorted to remove recyclable material and then transferred to the County operated Tajiguas Landfill along the Gaviota coast. Final closure of the Foxen Canyon Landfill is in progress. The Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station will continue to operate after closure of the Foxen Canyon Landfill to serve the solid waste disposal needs of the Santa Ynez Valley. The Foxen Canyon Landfill and Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station occupy a lease area of ~37.50 acres. An additional easement area of ~23 acres adjacent to the lease area is used for closure cover material for the landfill closure. The impacts associated with continued use of and expansion of the landfill were addressed in 90-EIR-14 (October 1992), changes to the landfill lease area were addressed in a October 24, 1996 Addendum to 90-EIR-14, and modifications to the operation of the landfill, operation of the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station and closure of the Foxen Canyon Landfill were addressed in a final Supplemental EIR (97-SD-02) to 90-EIR-14. Several other addenda (dated October 7, 1997 and December 3, 2001) have been prepared to address other modifications (addition of gas collection and disposal systems, relocation of the collection systems, scale and scale house relocation, and changes in operating hours).

The Supplemental EIR (97-SD-02) noted that several minor facilities were to be installed as a part of the construction of the proposed transfer station. 97-SD-02 noted that electrical service was to be extended to the site via available nearby electrical transmission lines. The Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division now proposes to extend electrical service to the site to replace the use of the on-site generators. The closest point of connection to the existing electrical distribution system is located approximately one mile south of the facility.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no additional fiscal or facility impacts associated with the Board’s action to accept the CEQA addendum.

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: N/A

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Minute Order Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division,
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Attachments: (list all)

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