



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:** June 4, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s) Scott D. McGolpin, P.E. Director (805) 568-3010  
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**SUBJECT:** **Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (BC18128) with Ecological Conservation and Management, Inc. (ECM) for the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project - Baron Ranch Restoration Maintenance, Monitoring and Reporting (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 and authorize the chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the current Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Ecological Conservation and Management, Inc. BC18128 for the Baron Ranch Restoration Project to authorize additional maintenance and monitoring services, increase the contract amount by \$117,655 for an amount not to exceed \$535,675, and extend the term through June 30, 2020 for a revised full term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve changes or additions in the services to be performed under the Professional Services Agreement with Ecological Conversation and Management, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$53,567, for a total project authorization of \$589,242; and
- c) Find that, after considering the September 25, 2014 Addendum together with the previously certified Tajiguas Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (08EIR-00000-00007, State Clearinghouse No. 20080210520) and the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project (01-EIR-05, State Clearinghouse No. 98041003), no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required for the

work authorized by the Ecological Conservation and Management, Inc. contract pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to consider approval of an amendment to the attached Professional Services Agreement with Ecological Conservation and Management, Inc. (ECM) to authorize additional services, increase the contract amount and extend the contract term for the Baron Ranch Restoration Project. The restoration is a part of the required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and regulatory permit mitigation program for the Tajiguas Landfill. The additional services and costs would be for continued maintenance, monitoring and reporting of Phases A and B (16.7 acres) for the period from July 2019 to June 2020 to allow continued compliance with the mitigation program at a cost of \$117,655. The current contract included a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2017 and expiring on June 30, 2019. ECM's original contract proposal included a cost estimate for an additional year of maintenance, monitoring, and reporting services from July 2019 to June 2020 but was not approved at the time the contract was originally approved (Task 4 of Exhibit A, Attachment A-1 of contract BC18128). With the amendment, the total project authorization would be \$589,242, which includes an up to 10 percent contingency cost not to exceed \$53,567 for approved changes or additions in the services.

**Background:**

The Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) has CEQA mitigation and regulatory permit compliance responsibilities for biological impacts (native habitats and California red-legged frogs) associated with the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project and the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration Project. To satisfy these requirements, RRWMD is restoring native habitats on the County-owned Baron Ranch. To date, approximately 50 acres of freshwater marsh, riparian forest, willow scrub, coastal sage scrub, coast live oak woodland and chaparral habitats have been restored in seven phases (Attachment A). Following installation, each phase goes through an approximate five-year period of maintenance and monitoring. Five of the seven phases have met the required performance standards and are complete. The last two phases were installed beginning January 2016 and are expected to require maintenance, monitoring, and reporting until 2020 in order to meet performance standards in 2021. In 2017, the Board approved an agreement with ECM to provide maintenance, monitoring and reporting for a two-year period. Contract Amendment No. 1 authorizes funding for maintenance, monitoring and reporting for the last two phases for an additional year. ECM was selected through a competitive qualifications based RFP process in 2017.

The Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project was analyzed in 01-EIR-05 certified by the Board on August 13, 2002. The Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project was analyzed in Subsequent EIR 08EIR-00000-00007 certified by the Board on May 5, 2009 and a CEQA addendum dated September 25, 2014 was prepared to address minor changes to the restoration project (all available for review at <http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/environment.sbc>). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required for this project.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Enterprise Fund	\$ 129,420.00		\$ 589,242.00
Total	\$ 129,420.00	\$ -	\$ 589,242.00

Narrative: Funding is available in the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Enterprise Fund. Expenditures will occur over three fiscal years. In fiscal year 2019/2020 expenditures will be \$129,420, which includes \$11,765 for approved changes or additions in the services. Funds are budgeted in Professional Services LI account 7460.

**Key Contract Risks:**

Based on the County’s Contract Risk Assessment Worksheet, the original contract was identified as having a medium risk. With Amendment No. 1 the contract would continue to have a medium risk. Staff believes the requested amendment should be authorized because of the consultant’s successful performance of the same services for the previous years. Contract monitoring and document management will continue to be conducted by staff in accordance with the County’s Service Contract and Grant Compliance Management Policy (121-111).

**Special Instructions:**

Please send certified stamped copies of the minute order and the signed contract amendment to Joddi Leipner in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Baron Ranch Restoration Information and Figures
- Attachment B: Amendment 1 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor
- Attachment C: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

**Authored by:**

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