



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: July 1, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Chris Sneddon, P.E., Director
Contact: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director
SUBJECT: Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for Commissioning and Optimization of the Active Treatment System at the Tajiguas ReSource Center; 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 with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (a local vendor) to provide technical support for the commissioning and optimization of the Active Treatment System at the Tajiguas ReSource Center for an amount not to exceed \$124,500; and
- b) 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 Compost Management Unit (CMU) Active Treatment System (ATS) project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures have occurred, and therefore the recommended action is within the scope of the prior environmental review documents for the ReSource Center CMU ATS project, including the Addendum prepared for the ATS dated August 12, 2024 considered by the board on September 10, 2024 to the prior environmental review documents (Addendum dated August 15, 2023 considered on October 3, 2023, Revised Addendum to the Subsequent EIR, considered on November 14, 2017, Subsequent

EIR No. 12EIR-00000- 00002, SCH #2012041068 certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016 and Subsequent EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016) and therefore no new environmental document shall be prepared for this action.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to consider approval of an agreement with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) to provide technical support for the commissioning and optimization of the Active Treatment System (ATS) at the Tajiguas ReSource Center. Under the proposed scope of work, Geosyntec will support the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) by advising on chemical dosing, operational setpoints, jar testing, system performance monitoring, and regulatory reporting related to wastewater discharges treated by the ATS through June 30, 2026, for a total not to exceed amount of \$124,500.

Discussion:

Approval of this agreement will provide technical consulting support needed to maintain compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations Order WQ 2020-0012-DWQ ("Compost Order") and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges with Limited Threat to Water Quality (Order No. R3-2022-0035, NPDES No. CAG993004).

Background:

The recently constructed ATS at the Tajiguas ReSource Center is a key stormwater management infrastructure that supports compliance with water quality regulations. The ATS treats liquids that have come into contact with compost at the ReSource Center's Compost Management Unit (CMU) prior to discharge under the NPDES General Permit for Discharges with Limited Threat to Water Quality. Since project conception, the County has worked with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to support ATS design, installation, and regulatory compliance.

The approval of the Agreement for ATS commissioning consulting services is within the scope of the construction and operation of the ATS which was analyzed in a CEQA Addendum (dated August 12, 2024 and considered by the Board on September 10, 2024) to the prior environmental review documents for the ReSource Center and available for review at [Environmental Documents | Santa Barbara County, CA - Official Website](#) and [County of Santa Barbara - File #: 24-00922](#)

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Agreement with Geosyntec for ATS commissioning and optimization support for a total not to exceed amount of \$124,500, and an end date of June 30, 2026.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The costs will be incurred in fiscal year 2025/26 and are budgeted in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division Enterprise Fund 1930, Program 1860 and line item account 8200. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Funding Source	FY 2025/26 Cost	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SWEF	\$ 124,500	\$ -	\$ 124,500
Total	\$ 124,500	\$ -	\$ 124,500

Special Instructions:

Following Board approval, Clerk of the Board to please forward a stamped, certified copy of the Minute Order approving this action, and signed copies of the Agreements to:

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

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement for Services with Geosyntec ATS Commissioning

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