

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works Department

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Torres Labor Contractor of Santa Paula to Provide On-Call Casual Labor for Litter Abatement, Construction and Demolition Sorting, Recycled Electronics Packaging and for Spreading Mulch
Second and Third Supervisorial Districts

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and execute the attached Agreement with Torres Labor Services of Santa Paula for services to provide on-call casual labor for litter abatement, construction and demolition sorting, recycled electronics packaging and for spreading mulch, at County operated Resource Recovery and Waste Management facilities for an amount not to exceed \$482,680 for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of Public Works Department recently completed a bid process for labor services in which 13 vendors were requested to submit proposals. Staff with the assistance of the Purchasing Division of the General Services Department conducted the vendor selection process and concluded that Torres Labor Contractor (TLC) should be the recommended vendor. TLC's proposal is \$30,000 less than the next proposal. TLC previously provided satisfactory service to the County

for similar service from 1997 to 1999. While TLC is from Santa Paula (not a local vendor), they rely upon the local labor market for staff.

The requirements for casual labor at the various Resource Recovery and Waste Management sites are estimated at approximately 24,000 labor-hours for litter abatement, construction and demolition sorting, and for packaging recyclable electronics, and approximately 1,000 labor-hours for spreading of mulch. In addition, approximately 8,000 labor-hours for supervisory roles are needed.

For approximately eight years the Tajiguas Landfill and Foxen Canyon Landfill/Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station have used contracted labor to aid in the abatement of litter. Contracted labor is used on an on-call basis, and the labor force is increased when weather conditions warrant.

In 1999 the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station implemented an intensive construction and demolition sorting program in which hundreds of tons of material are diverted from the landfill each month. In 2000 a similar process was implemented at the Foxen Canyon Landfill and has continued at the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station. Thousands of tons of material are being diverted from our landfill by our own personnel with the aid of an on-call labor force. Additional personnel can be called in on short notice when large amounts of waste containing recyclable material are delivered to any one of our facilities or when there is a special event such as an electronics collection day. At these collection days, personnel are required to palletize all of the computers, monitors and other electronics to get them ready for shipment via truck.

Green waste diversion continues to increase. The material is ground and a mulch product is produced. Much of the mulch is distributed to orchards and other agricultural endeavors, but some of the material is delivered to our own Resource Recovery and Waste Management facilities for landscaping purposes. An extra labor force is needed in this case to spread the mulch.

The availability and use of an on-call labor force has extended the life of the Tajiguas Landfill significantly and is providing beneficial recycling.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Litter abatement is mandated through the California Integrated Waste Management Board, and the reduction in the tons of landfilled material by way of recycling is mandated through AB939.

The Agreement with Torres Labor Contractor for casual labor services will maintain the current level of service for litter abatement and will maintain or increase the amount of material diverted from the landfill.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funds for services of this contractor to furnish casual labor for an amount not to exceed \$482,680 have been appropriated in the recommended 2005/2006 budget and are derived from revenues collected from the Tajiguas Landfill waste shed. Funding will be made available through Budget Unit 8810, Fund 1930, Account 7460, Programs 1133, 1200, and 1301.

There are no fiscal impacts to other County departments.

Special Instructions:

Please forward one signed copy of the Agreement and Minute Order to both Georgia Navarro and Mark Tautrim in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller

County Counsel

Risk Manager