



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 16, 2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Director x 3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director x 3605  
**SUBJECT:** **Tajiguas Landfill Phase IIB Groundwater Protection System, County Project No.828724, Third Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

For the award of the construction contract:

- A. Approve plans and specifications for construction of the Tajiguas Landfill Phase IIB Groundwater Protection System, County Project No.828724; and
- B. Award the construction contract in the amount of \$622,192.50 to the lowest responsible bidder, Whitaker Construction, Inc., subject to the provisions of documents and certification, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project, as required under California Law; and
- C. Authorize the Chair to execute the construction contract upon return of the Contractor's executed contract documents and the approval of the County Counsel, Auditor Controller and Risk Manager or their authorized representatives; and
- D. Approve a contingency in the amount of \$43,609.63 for construction of the Tajiguas Landfill Phase IIB Groundwater Protection System, County Project No.828724.

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Summary Text:**

This project involves placement of 2.2 acres of an impervious liner at the Tajiguas Landfill. As the Tajiguas Landfill air space is consumed it is necessary to provide additional lined area for acceptance of new waste. This project will provide an additional 900,000 cubic yards of landfill air space within the permitted capacity.

**Whitaker Construction, Inc**

This construction contract was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to the lowest responsible bidder. The low bid submitted by Whitaker Construction, Inc. was considerably lower than the engineer’s estimate. Whitaker Construction, Inc. was the contractor for a similar construction project completed in 2007; Tajiguas Landfill Phase 1B Liner, County Project No. 828345. Prior to approving the Phase 1B contract the Department performed an analysis of Whitaker Contractors, Inc.’s capabilities to perform the work, checked references and work experience and found them to be responsible. Due to their good performance during Phase 1B Liner construction, staff recommends the award of this contract to the low bidder; Whitaker Construction, Inc.

**Background:**

This project is part of a multi-phased expansion at the Tajiguas Landfill. Each phase includes the construction of an impervious liner and the installation of a liquid collection system above the liner as the permitted capacity is utilized. The liners and liquid collection systems are required by State Regulations to protect groundwater.

This project is included in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division’s Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit issued in May of 2003. The first of eight phases of the expansion project was completed in 2004 and the final phase is projected to be completed in fiscal year 2013/14. A description of the next four phases is included in the approved County of Santa Barbara 2008-2013 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan on pages B-185 through B-188.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Enterprise Fund	\$ -	\$ 665,802.13	\$ 665,802.13
Total	\$ -	\$ 665,802.13	\$ 665,802.13

Narrative: Expenditures for this contract are included the Resource Recovery & Waste Mgt. Enterprise Fund’s 2009/10 budget in Capital Line Item Account 8200. Each portion of the Tajiguas Landfill Phased Expansion Project has been incorporated into the Division’s 15 year financial forecast and will be supported by Tajiguas Landfill tipping fees.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send certified stamped copies of the minute order to Mark Schleich, John Haines, Travis Spier and Colleen Hankins in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department.

**Attachments:**

1. Proposal and Contract (Draft copy) Whitaker Construction, Inc.

**Authored by:**

John Haines, Public Works Department x3627

**cc:** Project file