



**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: May 21, 2013
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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 2 Partial Final Closure Construction, County Project No. 129913, Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- A. That the Board of Supervisors reject all bids for the construction of The Tajiguas Landfill Phase 2 Partial Final Closure Construction Project, County Project No. 129913.
- B. Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(5), in that it is a governmental administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This construction contract was bid in accordance with the California Public Contract Code. The Special Provisions for this project state; "All bids may be rejected if the lowest responsive bid received exceeds the Engineer's Estimate by more than 7%". The lowest responsive bid was 32% higher than the Engineer's Estimate. The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) recommends that all bids for this project be rejected. The RRWMD will reevaluate this project for cost saving opportunities and will move forward with phased closure construction at a later date.

Background:

The RRWMD prepared and submitted for approval the Partial Final Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance Plan (PFCPMP) for Phase 2 in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 27 (27 CCR). The California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) have approved the PFCPMP. These regulatory agencies have been notified of the RRWMD's intent to postpone this construction project.

The PFCPMP covers proposed grading design, final grading, final cover types, construction quality assurance, landfill gas control/monitoring system, settlement monitoring system and site security at the Tajiguas Landfill. The Tajiguas Landfill Phase 2 Partial Final Closure Construction Project was intended to implement the second of three closure phases. The first phase was completed in 2007. The final phase will occur after the landfill has reached permitted capacity.

Landfill construction, operation and closure activities were analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (01-EIR-05) for the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2002. EIR (01-EIR-05) was modified by an Addendum prepared on November 8, 2006 and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006, and by the Subsequent EIR (08-EIR-00000-00007) for Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project which was certified on May 5, 2009. Rejecting the closure construction bids is an administrative action that does not represent a project under CEQA and will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment.

The RRWMD received approval to advertise for the construction of The Tajiguas Landfill Phase 2 Partial Final Closure Construction Project from the Board of Supervisors on October 9, 2012. The project bid documents were prepared, the project was advertised and the bids were opened on March 7, 2013.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

This will reduce the FY 2012/13 Estimated Expenditures by \$2,650,000 and FY 2013/14 Recommended Budget by \$5,200,000 to reflect the postponement of this project.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

None

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