



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

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Director  
Contact: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director  
**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Agreements with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for regulatory compliance consulting services at County-owned and operated solid waste facilities; First and Third Supervisorial Districts

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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 an agreement for groundwater and landfill gas compliance consulting services with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (a local vendor) for the amount not to exceed \$209,400 for a term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement for stormwater compliance consulting services with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for the amount not to exceed \$284,100 for a term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and
- c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), finding that the actions consist of administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

### **Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the attached professional services Agreements with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (a local vendor) to provide regulatory compliance consulting services as directed by the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department. The scope of regulatory compliance and consulting services is for four monitoring and reporting periods each pertaining to groundwater at the Ballard Canyon Closed Landfill, Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill, New Cuyama Closed Landfill, Santa Ynez Airport Closed Landfill, and Tajiguas Landfill; for four monitoring periods pertaining to landfill gas surface emissions monitoring at the Tajiguas Landfill; and for stormwater-related technical consulting at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS), Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station (SYVRTS), Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill (FCCL), the ReSource Center and Tajiguas Landfill. County facilities are subject to compliance with federal and state regulations and approval of the Agreements will assist the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) in continued compliance with these regulations.

### **Discussion:**

On August 23, 2024, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R3-2024-0036. This General Order requires owners and operators of specified closed landfills to comply with updated and consistent waste discharge requirements within the Central Coast Water Board's jurisdiction. The Central Coast Water Board determined that the Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill meets the eligibility criteria for coverage under the General Order and listed it for enrollment by May 1, 2025.

Approval of the professional services Agreements with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) will support the RRWMD in maintaining compliance with the General Order and with the site-specific monitoring and reporting program that will be issued following enrollment. In addition, approval of the Agreements will assist RRWMD in continued compliance with stormwater-related regulatory requirements at SCRTS, SYVRTS, FCCL, ReSource Center and Tajiguas Landfill.

### **Background:**

The RRWMD is responsible for the management and operation of solid waste facilities and the ReSource Center in Santa Barbara County. The waste management facilities are subject to compliance with state and federal regulations to ensure their safe operation.

The approval of the Agreement for compliance consulting services is an administrative activity that would not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Each of the sites where the services will be provided are all permitted and/or closed solid waste management facilities that were subject to prior CEQA review.

Geosyntec is listed on the Public Works Department's Prequalified Consultant Listing for 2025-2027, approved by your Board at the December 10, 2024 hearing. Geosyntec has historically provided consulting services to the RRWMD for over 15 years. Geosyntec has expertise in groundwater, solid waste management regulations, and a detailed knowledge of geological, hydrogeological, and stormwater conditions at the County's waste management facilities. Staff is requesting that the professional services Agreements with Geosyntec be authorized for continued regulatory groundwater compliance services in the amount of \$209,400, and for regulatory stormwater compliance services in the amount of \$284,100, both with an end date of June 30, 2026.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Costs are budgeted in the RRWMD Enterprise Fund. Costs estimated for this service are to be incurred in fiscal year 2025/2026.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 2025/26 Cost</b>	<b>Annualized On-going Cost:</b>	<b>Total One-Time Project Cost</b>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SWEF	\$ 493,500	\$ -	\$ 493,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 493,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 493,500</b>

**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:

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

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement for Services with Geosyntec GW

Attachment B: Agreement for Services with Geosyntec SW

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