



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: 5/18/2010  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District

**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, P.E., x3010  
Director(s) Public Works Director

Contact Info: Mark Schleich, P.E., x3600  
Deputy Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Award of Contract to Cushman Contracting Corporation for Replacement of the  
Primary Digester Dome at the Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater  
Reclamation Plant – Fourth Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- A. Approve plans and specifications for the Laguna County Sanitation District Primary Digester Dome Replacement project. Plans and specifications are on file with the Laguna County Sanitation District;
- B. Adopt a resolution pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22034(f) authorizing the Laguna County Sanitation District Board of Directors to award the attached contract;
- C. Award the construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Cushman Contracting Corporation (a local vendor), to replace the primary digester dome at the Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation plant in the amount of \$126,320;
- D. Approve a contingency of \$11,180 (total contract not to exceed \$137,500) for the project and authorize the public works director or designee to approve change orders up to this amount.

**Summary Text:**

This action requests authorization to execute the construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder, Cushman Contracting Corporation (a local vendor), to replace the existing primary digester dome at the Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation plant.

**Background:**

The existing primary digester was originally installed between 1974 and 1976 with a steel dome on a concrete structure. The digester was taken down for routine maintenance in 2005 at which time certain repairs were done. However, based on signs of corrosion, it was recommended to replace the dome in 2010.

A competitive bid process for installation of the new dome through the Purchasing Department yielded three bids for \$126,320, \$141,065, and \$338,000 respectively, with the low bid submitted by Cushman Contracting Corporation, a local vendor. The engineer's estimate was \$130,000.

This action recommends awarding the installation contract to Cushman Contracting Corporation. Public Contract Code Section 22034(f) allows the governing body of a public agency to award informal contracts by resolution when all bids received exceed \$125,000 but are less than \$137,500. The contract amount is \$126, 320. We are also requesting your Board award the contract utilizing the standard county board contract.

**Performance Measure:**

Replacement of the primary digester dome is required as the useful life of the existing dome has been met.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 09/10 Costs:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 10/11 Costs:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Enterprise Fund	\$ 64,796.00	\$ 275,204.00	\$ 340,000.00
Total	\$ 64,796.00	\$ 275,204.00	\$ 340,000.00

Narrative: The total project cost is approximately \$340,000. Approximately \$65,000 is expected for expenditure in fiscal year 2009/2010 for design costs and engineering services. The remaining \$275,000 is for this contract, district furnished materials, site preparation and construction management in fiscal year 2010/2011. Funding for the project is from capital replacement reserves. Annual operational costs are not expected to change since the project replaces existing equipment.

**Staffing Impacts**

There are no staffing impacts with this action.

**Special Instructions:**

Send a certified copy of the minute order, a copy of the executed resolution, and two of the three original executed board contracts to Martin Wilder, PW-Laguna County Sanitation District in Santa Maria; and a certified copy of minute order and copy of the executed resolution to Mark Schleich, PW Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division in Santa Barbara.

Retain third original board contract for the clerk of the board.

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Contract (three originals)

**Authored by:**

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Public Works Department

**Copy:**

Colleen Hankins, PW- Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division Accountant  
Mark Masoner, General Services Department, Purchasing Division Senior Buyer  
File: Primary Digester Dome Replacement (PRDIDM)