

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Agreement for Provision of Integrated Solid Waste Management Services Between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Solvang

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the attached Agreement for the Provision of Integrated Solid Waste Management Services Between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Solvang.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2: Reanalyze, Reform and Respond to the Changing Nature of County Resources and Responsibilities

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (commonly referred to as AB 939) mandates that cities and counties prepare and implement plans for the diversion of solid waste from disposal. Since 1990, the County of Santa Barbara has provided a variety of programs to residents of the Santa Ynez Valley including residents of the cities of Buellton and Solvang. Historically, these programs had been funded through the tipping fees received at the Foxen Canyon Landfill operated by the County. Several years ago, the costs to operate the facility began to exceed the revenues from tipping fees due to increasing costs and the decrease in quantities of material being disposed. In addition, the costs to provide many of the community programs have increased as well as the addition of new programs, such as the collection of electronic waste. This same phenomenon was occurring on the South Coast as well.

Beginning in October 2001, residents in the unincorporated areas of the County began to pay a program fee to cover the costs associated with solid waste programs offered to the community that were not associated with activities conducted at the landfill. Examples of these programs are household hazardous waste collection, electronic waste collection, school and commercial recycling, and school and public education programs. The purpose of the attached Agreement is to formally arrange for the County of Santa Barbara to continue to provide the specified community programs and in return, the County will receive a 6% program fee assessed on the bills sent to residential and commercial customers in the City of Solvang. The term of the Agreement is for five years from the execution of the Agreement. Unlike the City of Goleta, the City of Solvang will continue to calculate its disposal and diversion information separately from figures from the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 mandates that cities and counties prepare and implement plans for the diversion of solid waste from disposal. The Regulations promulgating the Act allow jurisdictions to comply with portions or all of the Act on a regional basis. The County has historically provided many solid waste programs and services to residents of the City of Solvang and this Agreement formalizes this arrangement as well as provides a new revenue source to fund these programs. There will be no change in service levels as a result of this Agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The approval of this Agreement will ensure that the County receives a 6% program fee from City of Solvang residential and commercial solid waste service customers for services rendered by the County of Santa Barbara to Solvang residents.

Special Instructions:

Please provide copies of the Minute Order and approved Agreement to the Solid Waste & Utilities Division, attention Georgia Navarro and Leslie Wells.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Risk Management