



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 15, 2010  
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 D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director RRWMD, 882-3600

**SUBJECT: Time Extension for Biological Monitoring Services for the Construction of the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project**

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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:**

Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to extend the date of completion for the existing agreement with P&D Consultants, a District of AECOM USA, Inc. for Implementation of the California Red-legged Frog Management Plan for the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project and to change the name of the contractor and contractor's representative.

**Summary Text:**

Implementation of the California Red-legged Frog Management Plan for the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project, which consists of California red-legged frog relocation and monitoring, construction of enhancements in Arroyo Quemado at Baron Ranch, pre-construction monitoring, and construction biological monitoring, was awarded to P&D Consultants, a District of AECOM USA, Inc. on May 5, 2009. At the time of the original contract approval, the anticipated completion date for the contract was June 30, 2010. Completion of work on this contract was delayed due significant early season rains and an extended wet season which delayed construction activities associated with the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration Project. Construction activities on the reconfiguration project are expected to restart in May 2010 and continue through fall 2010. Therefore, staff is requesting that the contract termination date for the existing contract be extended to June 30, 2011. In addition, since the original contract approval, P&D Consultants, a District of AECOM USA, has become, AECOM Technical Services (ATS) and the main contact person for administration of the contract has changed due to staffing changes in the company's management. Field staff working on the

contract has remained the same. All other terms and conditions of the contract will remain in effect until the amended completion date.

**Background:** The Tajiguas Landfill has been in operation since 1967 for disposal of municipal solid waste. The original landfill predates adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act (1970) and the Coastal Act, which designated Coastal Zones in California in 1976. Solid waste currently delivered to the Tajiguas Landfill is generated by the City of Santa Barbara, City of Goleta, the unincorporated areas of southern Santa Barbara County, and the Santa Ynez and Cuyama Valleys.

On August 13, 2002, the Board of Supervisors certified an EIR (01-EIR-05) for, and approved, the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project (Front Canyon Expansion). This project consists of the horizontal and vertical expansion of the landfill outside of the Coastal Zone, providing 8.2 million cubic yards of additional capacity for a total capacity of 23.3 million cubic yards. RRWMD is in the process of implementing the expansion project and the Board has approved several contracts for construction of protective low permeability liners within the approved waste disposal areas. The approved expansion project involves eight phases. The first of eight phases was completed in 2004 and the final phase is projected to be completed in fiscal year 2013/2014.

In 2009, RRWMD received all permits and regulatory approvals (including Board of Supervisors approval) to reconfigure the Phase II and III refuse fill limits while eliminating the Phase IV area and maintaining the permitted waste footprint at 118 acres and capacity at 23.3 million cubic yards. The reconfiguration project provides significant cost, design, and environmental benefits due to the significant reduction in earthmoving activities, the preservation of an important out-of-channel sedimentation basin and allows the county to continue to provide cost effective and environmentally sound waste disposal services.

The reconfiguration of the permitted landfill footprint requires the removal of two man-made in-channel sedimentation basins that provide breeding habitat for, and support a population of, the federally threatened California red-legged frog and requires removal of riparian, wetland and upland habitats in, and adjacent to a portion of upper Pila Creek. Pre-construction and construction biological monitoring and compensatory habitat restoration activities on Baron Ranch were mitigation requirements imposed through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process and as permit conditions from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game and California Regional Water Quality Control Board. AECOM Technical Services (ATS) has been contracted to assist RRWMD with implementation activities and monitoring set forth in the permit conditions.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: There are no Fiscal or Facilities Impacts with this amendment. It is for a time extension and name change only. Anticipated costs for the later part of this contract, that will not be expended in the current fiscal year, have been included in the 2010/11 FY budget.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
N/A

**FTEs:**  
N/A

**Special Instructions:** Please forward a Certified Minute Order approving the recommendation and the executed amendment to Shannon Barcelona in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.

**Attachments:** Amendment No. 1

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