



**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 15, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director
Contact: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director
SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with SWT Engineering, Inc.; Third Supervisorial District

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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to Board Contract BC23180 for Services of Independent Contractor with SWT Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$188,746 for additional civil engineering services associated with the Tajiguas Landfill, for a total amount not to exceed \$710,177, and extend the agreement for one year to June 30, 2026.
- b) Determine that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, no substantial changes in circumstances have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures have occurred, and therefore the recommended action is within the scope of the prior environmental review documents for the Tajiguas Landfill including the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project EIR (01-EIR-05) certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2002, the Addendum to 01-EIR-05 dated November 8, 2006 and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006, the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project Subsequent EIR (08-EIR-00000-00007) certified by the Board of Supervisors on May 5, 2009 and the Tajiguas

Landfill Capacity Increase Project EIR (23EIR-00001) certified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2024 and no new environmental document shall be prepared for this action.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve Amendment No. 1 to Board Contract BC23180 with SWT Engineering, Inc. for continued and expanded civil engineering services at the Tajiguas Landfill (landfill). The amendment increases the total contract amount by \$188,746, from \$521,431 to total amount not to exceed \$710,177, and extends the term through June 30, 2026.

The additional services are necessary to support landfill operations, maintain compliance with state regulations, and proactively plan for long-term waste disposal needs. These services include technical support during construction of the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill Phase IVA Groundwater Protection System, repairs to the landfill's access road, and preparation of a Disposal Site Evaluation Report to fulfill requirements under the California Public Resources Code and Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations.

Discussion:

Amendment No. 1 to Board Contract BC23180 with SWT Engineering, Inc. provides necessary support for ongoing operations and critical planning efforts at the Tajiguas Landfill such as review of new aerial topography for airspace consumed by waste and soil, and updates to the annual fill sequencing plans for dry and wet weather disposal periods. This amendment also adds tasks related to immediate operational needs, such as roadway repairs and engineering support for current construction activities, as well as future planning to ensure that the County meets its long-term solid waste disposal obligations under Public Resources Code Section 43501 and 43502, and Title 27, California Code of Regulations Section 21695.

Background:

The Tajiguas Landfill is a regulated facility that requires continuous technical oversight and support to maintain compliance with environmental and operational standards set by CalRecycle, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other state agencies. In 2023, the Board approved an Agreement (BC23180) with SWT Engineering, Inc., a pre-qualified consultant, to provide civil engineering and construction support services in support of landfill permitting and development.

Since the approval of BC23180, SWT Engineering, Inc. has supported capital improvement projects, including design and oversight for groundwater protection systems and regulatory submittals. As landfill operations continue to evolve, new needs have emerged that require additional technical assistance, such as repairing the Tajiguas Landfill access road, managing regulatory communications, and supporting construction of the Phase IVA Groundwater Protection System.

The proposed work is consistent with the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project EIR (23EIR-00001) certified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2024, the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project EIR (01-EIR-05) certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2002, the Addendum to 01-EIR-05 dated November 8, 2006 and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006, and the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project Subsequent EIR (08-EIR-

00000-00007) certified by the Board on May 5, 2009 (SCH No. 2008201052). The development of the landfill, installation of groundwater protection systems, and closure are being completed in phases as outlined in these documents. The documents are available for review at <https://www.countyofsb.org/1165/Environmental-Documents>.

Performance Measure:

The amended contract supports operational and capital efforts that are measured by both ongoing deliverables and milestone achievements, as outlined below:

1. Operational Support
2. Construction Engineering Support
3. Regulatory Support
4. Access Road Repair
5. Future Disposal Options

These performance outcomes are expected before the amended contract term expires.

Contract Renewals:

SWT Engineering, Inc. Was selected through a competitive pre-qualification process and approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2024 as a pre-qualified vendor for solid waste facilities support through December 2027. Since the start of the agreement, SWT Engineering, Inc. has demonstrated a high level of professionalism and technical expertise on multiple critical landfill projects. Their recent support during closure and liner construction phases at the Tajiguas Landfill has met performance expectations, including accurate design submittals, responsive field support, and timely delivery of construction quality assurance documentation.

The proposed amendments reflects an expansion of scope to meet new and evolving operational needs and regulatory responsibilities that were not fully known or scoped at the time of contract initiation. The performance outcomes defined in the original contract have been met to date, and staff recommends continued engagement with SWT Engineering, Inc. to support both current construction and long-term planning efforts.

All contract amendments are within the scope of services outlined in the County’s pre-qualification and contracting policy.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Engineering costs are budgeted for in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division’s Enterprise Fund 1930, Program 1200, Line-Item Account 8200 for planning and permitting support, regulatory compliance, landfill operations support, and design and construction support of capital improvement projects. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Funding Source	FY [23/24]	FY [24/25]	FY [25/26]	Total
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General Fund				
State				
Federal				
Fees				
<i>Enterprise Fund</i>	262,088	215,609	232,480	710,177
Total	262,088	215,609	232,480	710,177

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this action to Yanette Luna at Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD): 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, yluna@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with SWT Engineering, Inc.

Attachment B – Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with SWT Engineering, Inc. (BC23180)

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