



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  
For Agenda Of: April 14, 2015  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimate Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, P.E., Director, ext. 3010  
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director, ext. 3605  
**SUBJECT:** Tajiguas Landfill Gas Treatment System, County Project No. 828362, Third Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids on the construction of the Tajiguas Landfill Gas Treatment System (Project No. 828362); and
- B. Find that pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the Tajiguas Landfill Gas Treatment System (Project No. 828362) or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore the project and the authorization to advertise for construction is within the scope of the project covered by 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 May 5, 2009.

**Summary:**

This project will involve the modification of the existing Landfill Gas (LFG) system and the construction of a LFG Treatment System at the Tajiguas Landfill. The purpose of the Treatment System is to remove specific amounts of constituents, such that the County of Santa Barbara can increase flexibility and efficiency in system operation. The proposed Tajiguas LFG Treatment System consists primarily of two steel media storage tanks filled with scavenger media and a series of automated and mechanical controls. A private contractor; selected through a competitive bidding process, will perform

installation of the plumbing, scavenger media and LFG Treatment System infrastructure. Currently, construction is anticipated to begin in August 2015.

**Background:**

The authorization to advertise is an administrative action that is a part of the implementation of the approved landfill expansion project. Landfill construction, operation, environmental protection and monitoring systems (including LFG management system) and closure activities were analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report (01-EIR-05) for the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2002, as modified by an Addendum to 01-EIR-05 prepared on November 8, 2006 and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006, and the Subsequent EIR (08-EIR-00000-00007) for Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project certified on May 5, 2009. This project is consistent with the project description analyzed in these environmental documents. The documents are available for review at <http://conversiontechnologystudy.com/pages/downloads/environmental-documents.php>.

This project is included in the County of Santa Barbara 2015-2020 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Narrative:**

To preserve the competitive bidding process, the construction funding amount will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract. This project is included in the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program. The Resource Recovery and Waste Management Enterprise Fund will provide 100% of the funding. The funds have been budgeted for FY 2015/16 budget in Dept. 054, Fund 1930, Program 1750, Account 8200.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send copies of the Minute Order approving this action to the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department, attention: Mark Schleich, Colleen Hankins, Charles Cable, Travis Spier and Imelda Cragin.

**Attachment:**

<http://conversiontechnologystudy.com/pages/downloads/environmental-documents.php>.

**Authored by:**

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**cc:** Project file