



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: 4/23/2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Chris Sneddon, P.E., Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Request for Waiver on Competition in Purchase of Parts for Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the Tajiguas ReSource Center – Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing Agent
As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to waive competitive bidding requirements per County Code Section 2-39(c) to procure parts for the Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the Tajiguas ReSource Center not to exceed \$60,242.28 from Eggersmann North America Inc., not a local vendor, without being required to conduct a formal bid process; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action is for the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of the use beyond that which presently exists, and that the proposed action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR § 15301.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to authorize the purchase of a parts for the Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the Tajiguas ReSource Center in an amount of \$60,242.28 (Attachment A), to conduct repairs and maintenance. Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Board may waive the competitive bidding requirement where there are limitations on the source or supply. The Department needs these parts for the proper repair and maintenance of the facility, and there are no other vendors that manufacture this

equipment because it is specific to this company’s Anaerobic Digestion Facility (ADF) design. The parts primarily relate to the replacement of a bunker door within the facility that was damaged by the private operator in charge of the ADF prior to the County taking over Operations in January 2024. Replacement of this door and related components was not anticipated during the life of the facility.

Background:

The Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department operates an Anaerobic Digestion Facility (ADF) at the Tajiguas ReSource Recovery Project that processes organic material collected from the commercial sector as well as extracted from municipal solid waste from the communities of the South Coast, the Santa Ynez Valley and the Cuyama Valley, as well as the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Solvang, and Buellton. The ADF transforms this material into green energy that is sold onto the grid via Southern California Edison and digestate that is eventually converted into compost used on local farms.

The anaerobic digestion of the organic material process that becomes compost takes place in 16 large bunkers that are air tight and require large custom-made doors that are manufactured in Germany by Eggersmann North America Inc. (Eggersmann), the company that designed the facility. Eggersmann is the only manufacturer of these doors and a custom rebuild would require a redesign, a very lengthy manufacturing process, and would void any warranty. Procuring these parts will also help maximize throughput and enhance safety by reducing material accumulation during the composting process.

Therefore, staff requests that the Board waive the competitive bid requirement and authorize the County Purchasing Agent/Chief Procurement Officer to procure the parts for the ADF in the amount of \$60,242.61 from Eggersmann North America, Inc.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The needed parts for the Anaerobic Digestion Facility estimated to cost \$60,242.28 in fiscal year 2023-2024, which will be funded from the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division Enterprise Fund 1930. There is no impact to the General Fund.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Next FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
RRWMD Ent. Fund	\$ 60,242.28	\$ -	\$ 60,242.28
Total	\$ 60,242.28	\$ -	\$ 60,242.28

Key Contract Risks:

Purchase orders with this vendor for the parts will be pursuant to the terms and conditions attached to the Eggersmann North America Inc. proposal (Attachment A).

Staffing Impacts

There are no staffing impacts with this action.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified copy of the minute order to:

- Phung Loman, General Services Department - Purchasing Division, Chief Procurement Officer; and
- Carlyle Johnston, Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, ReSource Center Manager

Attachments:

Attachment A: Eggersmann North America, Inc. proposal

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