



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Works  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works, ext. 3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Resource Recovery & Waste Management,  
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**SUBJECT:** **South Coast Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center Operation - Second Amendment to Agreement; First, Second and Third Supervisorial Districts**

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**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 approve and execute the attached Second Amendment to Agreement with the University of California at Santa Barbara for the operation of the Community Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center housed at UCSB. The Amendment extends the term of the current agreement for two additional years and increases the contract amount by \$1,107,135 for a total of a six year agreement not to exceed \$2,920,673.10.

**Summary Text:**

To reduce the quantity of improperly discarded materials from households and small businesses, the County has supported the development and operation of the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center (CHWCC) since 1993. A unique public/private partnership between the County of Santa Barbara and the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) has made the operation of the CHWCC possible. The advantage of this facility is that it provides residents and businesses with a convenient way to safely dispose of unwanted hazardous waste on a weekly basis.

The facility is open to all residents from the unincorporated communities as well as the Cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta each Saturday and Sunday. Small quantity generators (businesses who generate less than 27 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month) from these same communities are allowed to use the facility by appointment on Fridays for acceptance of their hazardous waste.

The program is funded by a program fee added to the residential and commercial trash bills for the Cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta, and the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County.

**Background:**

Operation of a CHWCC is recommended in the County's Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE) which was prepared in compliance with the mandates and regulations contained in the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Public Resources Code, Title 14, Division 7). Your Board adopted the Countywide HHWE on January 28, 1992.

The Operation Agreement with UCSB provides reimbursement for expenses associated with the use of their facility and the staff who operate the program. The Agreement provides for the following: the annual facility use fee, salaries for four full-time UCSB facility employees and several part-time, largely student, employees to handle the incoming hazardous waste; all packaging materials and supplies to be used in storing, transporting, and/or recycling and disposing of the hazardous waste; ongoing maintenance of the waste tracking program; and various operating equipment.

Since it's opening on October 1, 1993, the CHWCC has continued to successfully provide participants with a safe and environmentally-sound method of disposing of hazardous waste, and feedback from the community has been very positive. The facility continues to see a high rate of participation totaling 8,409 residents and businesses in FY 08/09. The pounds of hazardous waste collected at the CHWCC also reflect the high level of public participation and their willingness to use the facility. In FY 08/09, 595,996 pounds of hazardous waste was collected from residents and businesses at the CHWCC.

The County has also set a priority of trying to recycle and reuse as much of the hazardous waste stream coming in to the CHWCC as possible before resorting to other management methods. Batteries, fluorescent bulbs and ballasts, mercury, latex paint, propane tanks, motor oil, antifreeze, oil filters, and a small amount of other products are all recycled through the County's program - approximately 48% of the total hazardous waste received. The CHWCC also has a "Materials Exchange Cart". Many products are placed on the cart and customers can take the products home for reuse by signing a release. Materials on the cart must be in their original containers and at least half full and no banned pesticides, extremely hazardous chemicals, etc., are released to the public. In FY 2008/2009, the CHWCC distributed approximately 11,000 pounds of material back to the public through this program with a cost savings of approximately \$10,000.

**Performance Measure:**

There is a performance measure of operating the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center housed at UCSB at a rate of \$1.40 per pound. There are three financial aspects to the program: 1) County administration of the program, 2) a contract with UCSB for the facility as well as employees that work at the center, and 3) a contract with a hazardous waste management company that collects the material received and packaged at the facility and transports it to an appropriate treatment or disposal facility. The amendment proposed here is the second component of the program and its costs are included in the performance measure.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funds for the amended Agreement have been appropriated in the recommended 2010/2011 Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division budget, and are collected regionally from a program fee assessed on solid waste collection bills.

Budgeted: Yes

**Staffing Impacts:**

This Agreement will not result in any new staffing impacts.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide the minute order and a signed and dated copy of the Agreement Amendment, if approved, to Jody Rundle in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division.

**Attachments:**

Second Amendment to an Agreement with the University of California at Santa Barbara.

**Authored by:**

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