



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: October 21, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director
Contact: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director
**SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competitive Bidding of Van Dyk Recycling Solutions
Equipment for the ReSource Center; Third Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing Agent, CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to waive competitive bidding requirements per County Code Section 2-39(c) to procure proprietary waste processing equipment from Van Dyk Recycling Solutions, in an amount not to exceed to \$753,652.65 through June 30, 2026; and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No.0010826 increasing appropriations in Capital Assets in the amount of \$62,000 in the Public Works Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division's Enterprise Fund for the current fiscal year of 2025-2026, which is funded by the release of Retained Earnings (Attachment C);

- c) Determine that pursuant to 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 this project, the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (12EIR-00000-000020) SCH #2012041068 and Subsequent EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016 certified by the County of Santa Barbara on July 12, 2016, Final Subsequent EIR Addendum dated August 11, 2017 (revised October 26, 2017) certified by the County of Santa Barbara on November 14, 2017 and no new environmental document shall be prepared for this project.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to cover increased costs for a baler bypass conveyor belt at the ReSource Center, Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Public Works staff requests that the Board authorize the County Purchasing Agent to waive competitive bidding requirements per County Code Section 2-39(c) and increase the previously approved not-to-exceed amount from \$691,652.65 (see Attachment B) to \$753,652.65 in order to procure the equipment from Van Dyk Recycling Solutions.

Discussion:

The previously calculated cost of the proprietary equipment from Van Dyk Recycling Solutions increased by \$62,000 due to three factors: unanticipated tariffs applied to the importation of these parts from Europe, costs related to rental equipment, and the undercounting of sales tax in the original contract.

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Board waived the competitive bidding requirement on October 1, 2024, due to limitations on the source or supply of the proprietary equipment and may authorize the County Purchasing Agent to cover these unaccounted-for costs.

Background:

The Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department owns the MRF at the ReSource Center and subcontracts its operation to MarBorg Recovery, LP. The MRF processes both municipal solid waste and commingled recyclables for the unincorporated areas 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 MRF uses various types of equipment to process these materials, including conveyor belts, which move and distribute materials between pieces of equipment that sort and bale the material into transportable cubes. This equipment purchase included additional conveyor belts and related components, creating a bypass from the main conveyor belt leading to the baler and allowing for greater flexibility in processing. Residual materials that cannot be recycled, have no current market, or cannot be composted was baled and sent to the Tajiguas Landfill for disposal prior to installation of this capital improvement. Baled residual previously caused wear and tear on County operated equipment at the landfill since the bales had to be broken apart prior to

disposal. Baling residuals also consumed large amounts of baling wire, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. By diverting this material through the new bypass, the MRF is expected to reduce equipment wear and save at least \$60,000 annually in baling wire expenses, including savings realized in the current fiscal year.

The original authorization to waive competitive bidding for the purchase of additional conveyor belts to be installed and operated within the MRF was determined to be within the scope of the prior environmental documents prepared for the ReSource Center available for review at [Environmental Documents | Santa Barbara County, CA - Official Website \(countyofsb.org\)](https://www.countyofsb.org/Environmental/Documents). The additional belts were installed within the existing MRF structure to improve operational efficiency by eliminating the need to bale and then unbale residuals not suitable for recycling and reduce damage to existing equipment. The addition of the conveyor belts did not modify permitted processing volumes or result in new environmental effects or the need for new or modified mitigation measures. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 no additional environmental review is required.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff is recommending the approval of Budget Revision No. 0010826 to release \$62,000 in Retained Earnings from the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division's Enterprise Fund 1930 to pay for the outstanding balance for the purchased equipment. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	Total
Enterprise Fund	\$691,652.65	\$62,000	\$753,652.65
Total	\$691,652.65	\$62,000	\$753,652.65

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
- Yvette Luna, Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division

Attachments:

Attachment A – Van Dyk Recycling Solutions Proposal

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Attachment B – Copy of BL9859 Purchase Order

Attachment C – Budget Revision No. 0010826

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