

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director of Public Works
STAFF CONTACT: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, ext. 3605
Leslie Wells, Program Manager, ext. 3611
SUBJECT: Three-Year Hazardous Waste Management Contract

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and execute the attached Agreement with MSE Environmental, a division of Teris LLC, for the transportation, management, recycling, and disposal of hazardous waste collected through County solid waste collection programs effective July 5, 2005 for a period of three years at a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,552,351.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In general, in the County of Santa Barbara, hazardous waste programs have been developed and provided by the jurisdiction that provides trash landfilling services in a service area. Because of that, the County provides hazardous waste collection services to the South Coast, the Santa Ynez Valley, and New Cuyama. Residents in the Lompoc Valley are serviced by a collection center operated by the City of Lompoc, and Santa Maria Valley residents are serviced by a collection center operated by the City of Santa Maria. Additionally, the County pays for the curbside collection of a limited amount of acceptable hazardous waste from unincorporated North County residents. This service is provided by Health Sanitation Services and paid for through grant funding.

In the areas serviced by the County, a variety of opportunities for the community to appropriately dispose of hazardous waste are offered. A permanent collection center is housed at the University of California at Santa Barbara and is open to households every Saturday and Sunday and to small businesses, by appointment, every Friday. The County operates an ABOP (a center that collects used antifreeze, auto batteries, used motor oil, and latex paint) at the Santa Ynez Recycling and Transfer Station that is open to households every Saturday. Additionally, two hazardous waste collection events that accept all types of hazardous waste are held at the Santa Ynez Recycling and Transfer Station per year, and one collection event per year is offered to New Cuyama residents at the New Cuyama Transfer Station. Additionally, a limited amount of hazardous waste is illegally tipped at the County's South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station and the Tajiguas Landfill. This material is properly stored at these facilities for future collection by a waste management company.

For clarification purposes, two weeks ago, your Board received a presentation on the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center housed at UCSB. Associated with that facility are three aspects: 1) administration of the program that will be done by County staff, 2) 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 contract proposed here is this third component of the program. The cost of \$1.25 per pound that was presented to your Board includes all three aspects of the program including the costs associated with this contract.

This contract provides for the transportation, management, recycling, and disposal of all hazardous waste materials collected through these programs and at multiple locations. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to MSE Environmental for a term of three years effective July 5, 2005. The total award is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,552,351, representing a cost of \$502,232 for year one, \$517,300 for year 2, and \$532,819 for year 3. The dollar amounts are based on actual costs incurred through the above-mentioned programs. The annual dollar amount was adjusted by three percent each year to account for increases in costs associated with the programs. Costs for the hazardous waste management programs are funded through a program fee on solid waste collection bills in the unincorporated area and service contracts with the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Solvang.

In order to award this contract, the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division issued a Request for Proposal to ten national hazardous waste management companies. The Division received responses from five companies, one of which was determined to be non-responsive. A six-member panel was assembled with representatives from various facets of hazardous waste management in the County to review and rank the proposals. The results of the panel's review unanimously awarded the contract to MSE Environmental because of its low cost, quality service, and proximity to our service areas.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Operation of hazardous waste collection programs are required under the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Public Resources Code, Title 14, Division 7) mandates and regulations. The programs offered in Santa Barbara County are contained in the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Element, which was adopted by your Board in 1992.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no new facilities being proposed for the management of hazardous waste. Funds for this agreement are contained in the recommended 2005/2006 fiscal year budget for the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division and come from a program fee assessed on solid waste collection bills in the unincorporated area and service agreements with the Cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Solvang.

Special Instructions:

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

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, and Risk Manager.