



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
Agenda Date: February 10, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director
Contact: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director
SUBJECT: **Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System Agreement for Renewable Energy Credits at the Tajiguas Landfill; Third Supervisorial District**

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:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director, or his designee, to execute and amend a Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) terms of use Agreement with the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), specifically for the renewable energy generated by the Tajiguas landfill gas collection system for the certification of renewable energy credits and;
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), finding that the action consists of administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

Approving this action would allow the Public Works Director or his designee to execute and amend an Agreement and generate certified renewable energy credits (RECs) from the renewable energy generated by the Tajiguas landfill gas collection system. The WREGIS Terms of Use Agreement is established between a Customer and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) for using the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS).

WREGIS is an independent, automated, web-based system designed to track renewable energy generation. It receives data on renewable energy, creates RECs, registers the transfer of these Certificates, and allows for reporting on transfers.

Discussion:

To use WREGIS, any entity or individual must register as a "Customer" and establish an "Organization" within the system. This involves entering into the WREGIS Terms of Use Agreement with WECC and agreeing to the Operating Rules. Allowing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, the authority to enter into this Agreement would allow the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) to generate certified renewable energy credits generated by its Tajiguas landfill gas collection system.

Background:

The Tajiguas landfill and co-located ReSource Center facilities produce renewable energy from various sources. These various sources are certified as renewable energy, with the exception of the Tajiguas landfill gas collection system's combined heat and power engines. Having this certification may partially offset the operational costs of the Tajiguas Landfill and ReSource Center facilities.

WREGIS Certificates represent the attributes from one megawatt per hour (MWh) of electricity generated from a registered renewable Generating Unit. A key function of WREGIS is to provide accurate and reliable Certificates and to protect against double or multiple counting of the same renewable energy. It is not a trading system for RECs or energy, but rather emulates a banking system. The signing of the Agreement and participation in the program is an administrative action, would not result in direct or indirect effects on the environment, and is not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This action has revenue generation potential in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Enterprise Fund 1930. There may be a fee of up to \$1,000 associated with the execution of this Agreement. This fee is budgeted in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Fund 1930, Program 1850. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts for this action.

Special Instructions:

Please email a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this action to:

- Carlyle Johnston, Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, ReSource Center Manager at cjohnst@countyofsb.org
- Yanette Luna, Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, AOP Sr at yluna@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – WREGIS Terms of Use Agreement

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