



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: October 1, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Chris Sneddon, P.E., Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s) DS
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SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competitive Bidding for ReSource Center Materials
Recovery Facility Equipment – 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

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget

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 for the Public Works Department from Van Dyk Recycling Solutions, not a local vendor, in the amount not to exceed \$691,652.65 (\$628,775.14 with 10% contingency); and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No.0010121 increasing appropriations in Capital Assets in the amount of \$692,000 in the Public Works Resource Recovery & Waste Management Enterprise Fund, which is funded by the release of Retained Earnings (Attachment B) (4/5 vote); and
- c) Determine that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162 no substantial changes are proposed to the project, no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding the environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore the authorization to waive competing bidding and approve a budget revision to purchase additional processing equipment for the ReSource Center is within the scope of the project covered by the Final Subsequent

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Environmental Impact Report (12EIR-00000-000020) SCH #2012041068 and Subsequent EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016 certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016, Final Subsequent EIR Addendum dated August 11, 2017 (revised October 26, 2017) considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017. Therefore, no subsequent Environmental Impact Reports or Negative Declarations shall be prepared for this action.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to authorize the purchase of certain equipment for use at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) of Tajiguas ReSource Center. The total cost of these items is \$691,652.65 (\$628,775.14 with 10% contingency). Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Board may waive the competitive bidding requirement where there are limitations on the source or supply.

Public Works recommends waiving competition for procuring proprietary waste processing equipment because Van Dyk Recycling Solutions is the designer of the Materials Recovery Facility as well as the exclusive distributor of the technology and equipment used onsite, therefore the ability for outside companies to adequately supply these particular parts or compatible parts is limited. .

Background:

The Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department owns the MRF at the Tajiguas ReSource Center and subcontracts its operation to MarBorg Industries. This facility 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, to process and distribute materials between pieces of equipment that sort that material and also bale it into transportable cubes. The equipment in this purchase includes additional conveyor belts and associated equipment to allow for greater flexibility in processing by adding a bypass from the main conveyor belt that leads to the baler. After material is sorted, residual that cannot be recycled or composted is sent to the landfill for disposal. Some materials that are sorted have no current market and are baled before being sent to the landfill as baled material. Baled residual causes wear and tear on the baler itself as well as ancillary equipment, such as forklifts and County operated equipment at the landfill, which must break the bales apart prior to disposal. In addition, the use of baling wire costs hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, and this bypass is expected to save at least \$60,000 per year in this expense alone.

The cost of this capital improvement at the MRF, including new equipment and installation, is quoted by Van Dyk Recycling Solutions (VDRS) to be \$628,775.14. The existing baling machinery as well as the equipment to be added by this capital improvement are proprietary of VDRS.

Therefore, staff requests that the Board waive the competitive bid requirement and authorize the County Purchasing Agent/Chief Procurement Officer to procure the equipment for the MRF in the amount of \$691,652.65 (\$628,775.14 with 10% contingency) from Van Dyk Recycling Solutions.

The authorization to waive competitive bidding for the purchase of additional conveyor belts to be installed and operated within the MRF has been 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 will be 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 would not modify permitted processing volumes or

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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 Analysis:

Staff is recommending the approval of Budget Revision No. 0010121 to release \$692,000 in Retained Earnings from the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division Enterprise Fund 1930. There is no impact to the General Fund

Key Contract Risks:

Purchase orders with this vendor for the parts will be pursuant to the terms and conditions attached to the Van Dyk Recycling Solutions 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: Van Dyk Recycling Solutions Proposal

Attachment B: Budget Revision No. 0010121

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cc:

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