



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: 06/17/2008
Placement: Administrative
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works, ext. 3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Resource Recovery & Waste Management, ext. 3603

SUBJECT: **South Coast Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center Operation
Amendment to Agreement; First, Second and Third Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve and execute the attached 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 for an additional two year period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 (the entire Agreement being for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2010), increasing from the original Agreement amount of \$893,297 to the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,855,831.

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 residents from the unincorporated communities of the Goleta Valley, Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria Valley; and the Cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Solvang each Saturday and Sunday. Small quantity generators (businesses who generate less than 27 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month) are required to schedule appointments 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 California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Public Resources Code, Title 14, Division 7) mandates and regulations. Your Board adopted the HHWE on January 28, 1992.

The Operation Agreement provides reimbursement to UCSB 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 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 County-generated business and residential hazardous waste; ongoing maintenance of the waste tracking program; and various operating equipment.

Since its 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; from 2,689 participants in FY 1993/1994 to 9,621 participants in FY 2006/2007. The pounds of hazardous waste collected at the CHWCC has also risen throughout the years, reflecting the communities' appreciation of, and willingness to use, such a facility. In FY 1993/1994 there were 264,942 pounds of hazardous waste collected, while in FY 2006/2007 there were 658,873 pounds collected.

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. In addition, no banned pesticides, extremely hazardous chemicals, etc., are released to the public. In FY 2006/2007, the CHWCC distributed 15,122 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 \$1.30 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 2008/2009 Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division budget, and are collected from a program fee assessed on solid waste collection bills.

Budgeted: Yes

Staffing Impacts:

This Agreement will not result in any new staffing impacts. From FY 93/94 to FY 05/06, a local non-profit administered the program for the County. In FY 06/07, the County internalized the administration of the program for a total program cost savings of \$70,000 per year.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

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

Authored by:

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