



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:** September 19, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, P.E., Director, (805) 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director, Interim,  
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**SUBJECT:** Authority to Advertise for Santa Ynez Recycling and Transfer Station  
(SYVRTS) Operational Repairs and Reorganization Project, County Project No.  
828987, Third Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise the Santa Ynez Recycling and Transfer Station (SYVRTS) Operational Repairs and Reorganization Project (County Project No. 828987); and
- b) Consider and approve the Addendum to the previously certified Environmental Impact Report, (90-EIR-14 and 97-SD-02), pursuant to State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15164 for the Reorganization Project, and determine that no subsequent environmental document is required for the Project.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for bids on the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station (SYVRTS) Operational Reorganization Project (Project No. 828987) and other minor projects including repairs to storm damaged areas of the Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill, resurfacing of the asphalt roads, relocation of emergency debris that was accepted by SYVRTS during the storm events in winter 2022-2023.

The project prepares the facility by expanding the area in which Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is sorted and by giving the waste workers additional time to sort waste. This will result in increased diversion of waste that would have otherwise been sent to the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill (TSL) for burial.

**Background:**

The SYVRTS is a solid waste management facility located at 4004 Foxen Canyon Road in Los Olivos California, co-located with the Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill. The SYVRTS is operated by the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD). The facility began operation in July 2003 following closure of the Foxen Canyon Landfill. Waste received at the SYVRTS is sorted to remove recyclable material before being transferred to the County-operated TSL.

The SYVRTS Operational Repairs and Reorganization Project will primarily swap the locations where MSW/recycling loads and green waste loads are tipped, separated, processed, and loaded for offsite transport, and make minor changes to other on-site facilities to improve material management. The purpose of the project is to increase diversion of waste materials away from the TSL by enhancing separation of potentially recyclable material from the self-haul material, which would help to extend the operational life of the TSL.

The proposed action also includes relocation of approximately 1,150 cubic yards of emergency debris that was accepted by the SYVRTS and includes a rehabilitation of the asphalt roads that provide access to all parts of the facility. The emergency debris would be used to repair a storm damaged slope area of the adjacent Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill. Any extra material not used in the slope repair would be placed on the top of the Landfill to increase the thickness of the final cover.

**CEQA Compliance:**

The impacts associated with continued use of, and expansion of the Foxen Canyon Landfill were addressed in 90-EIR-14 (October 1992), an October 24, 1996 Addendum to 90-EIR-14 and modifications to the operation of the Foxen Canyon Landfill, operation of the SYVRTS, and closure of the Foxen Canyon Landfill were addressed in a Final Supplemental EIR (97-SD-02) to 90-EIR-14. Several other Addenda (October 7, 1997, December 3, 2001, June 21, 2006, and November 13, 2009) have also been prepared to address other modifications (addition of gas collection and disposal systems, relocation of the collection systems, scale and scale house relocation, changes in operating hours, extension of electrical distribution lines, and green waste composting). Notices of exemption were prepared for smaller exempt facilities, such as small cover structures, water tank replacement, etc. The slope repair, relocation of disaster debris and asphalt repaving are ongoing operations and maintenance activities of the SYVRTS and Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill within scope of these prior environmental documents.

A CEQA Addendum pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 (dated April 26, 2023) has been prepared for the Operational Reorganization Project. CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 allows an Addendum to be prepared when only minor technical changes or changes that do not create new significant impacts would result. Based on the analysis conducted in the Addendum, the proposed operational modifications to the SYVRTS do not trigger the requirements for a subsequent Negative Declaration or EIR. The modifications reveal neither previously undisclosed significant environmental impacts nor a substantial increase in the severity of previously disclosed impacts. Taken together, the

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original environmental documents and this Addendum fulfill the environmental review requirements of the current project.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Once a bid is awarded, a budget revision will be processed for this project to increase appropriations in FY 23/24, funded from the release of Retained Earnings.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division Enterprise Fund will fund this project.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this action to Travis Spier and Liam Gunst at Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD):  
130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CEQA Addendum dated April 26, 2023

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