



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: 9/11/2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, P.E., Director, ext. 3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director, ext. 3605

SUBJECT: Resolution to Accept CalRecycle Cap & Trade Organics Grant.
First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Manager

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute a Grant Award Agreement with CalRecycle for a Cap & Trade Organics Grant for the period of July 2, 2018 through April 1, 2021 in the amount of \$4,000,000 and;
- b) Determine that the previous Final Subsequent EIR SCH #2012041068 and Subsequent EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016 certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016 and Final Subsequent EIR Addendum dated August 11, 2017 (revised October 26, 2017) considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017 are adequate review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore the acceptance of a grant to offset a portion of the cost to construct the Anaerobic Digestion Facility component of the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project is within the scope of the project covered by the prior environmental review and no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration shall be prepared for this action.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to authorize the acceptance of the CalRecycle Cap & Trade Organics Grant of \$4 million for the capital costs associated with the organics processing facilities of the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project. The Department of Public Works Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division was authorized through resolution by this Board on July 7, 2015, to apply for a CalRecycle Cap & Trade Organics Grant to offset some of the cost to construct the Anaerobic Digester component of the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project. This grant was applied for by the Department of Public Works and approved for \$4 million by CalRecycle on July 2, 2018.

Per the grant, a Board resolution is required that authorizes the Public Works Department to execute the grant agreement within 60 days of the notice of approval of the funding as set forth in the grant application.

Background:

The purpose of the Organics Grant program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing capacity or establishing new facilities in California to reduce the amount of California-generated green materials, food materials, and/or Alternative Daily Cover being sent to landfills. The program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts cap-and-trade dollars to work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen the economy and improve public health and the environment.

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, construction and operation of the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project was analyzed in Subsequent EIR No. 12EIR-00000-00002, SCH #2012041068 certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016, Subsequent EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016 and Addendum dated August 11, 2017 (revised October 26, 2017). Copies of these documents are available at

<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3208879&GUID=8FD06D70-FE83-4AA1-982A-2CA8EA03B506&Options=ID|Text|&Search=Tajiguas+Resource+Recovery+Project>.

Under the grant agreement, quarterly progress reports are submitted by the County for reimbursement of expended funds. In the potential event of the project not being financed, there would be no request to CalRecycle for reimbursement by the County, which would result in the termination of the grant award by CalRecycle.

Public Works Staff will continue to seek out other available grant funding options offered by the State as allowed in the adopted July 7, 2015 resolution and will return to the Board if other efforts are successful.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Reimbursement funds of \$4 million from this grant have been included in the financial model for the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project.

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Fiscal Analysis:

The use of these grant funds will occur during the construction of the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project, currently scheduled to take place between November 2018 and January 2021.

Special Instructions:

Please send one fully executed original resolution to the Public Works Department Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, Attn: Carlyle A. Johnston.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution

Attachment B: Grant Award Agreement

Attachment C: Grant Agreement Cover Sheet

Attachment D: Application

Attachment E: Procedures and Requirements

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