



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: January 10, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, ext. 3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Mark A. Schleich, Deputy Director, ext. 3603

**SUBJECT: Resolution for Cal Recycle Approving the Application for Grant Funds From
The Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund for the Santa Ynez Airport
Landfill Final Cover System
Third Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

1. Adopt the attached resolution to authorize the submittal of an application to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for a matching grant from the Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund for the construction of a final cover system (cap) at the Santa Ynez Airport Landfill (SYAL).
2. Find that the proposed action (resolution and grant application) does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14CCR 15378(b)(4) (creation of governmental funding mechanisms or government fiscal activities) and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption; and
3. Find that the project for which the grant funding is being requested was evaluated in the Notice of Exemption approved by the Public Works Department on June 8, 2005 and filed with the Clerk of the Board on June 8, 2005, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and 15330 and find that no substantial changes are proposed, no substantial change in circumstances has occurred and no information of substantial importance has come to light regarding the environmental effects of the project analyzed in the Notice of Exemption.

Summary Text:

The Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department requests authorization to submit an application for a Local Government Matching Grant from CalRecycle's Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund for the construction of a cap at the SYAL. The trust fund would provide 50% of the cost of the project, and the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Enterprise Fund would provide 50% of the cost of the project. The total project cost is estimated not to exceed \$153,965. The awarding of the grant to the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division would provide a grant in the amount of \$76,982.50. The balance of the project cost, to be funded by the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, would be in the amount of \$76,982.50.

CalRecycle requires the governing body authorize submittal of the grant fund application.

Background:

The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division (County) is responsible for the Santa Ynez Airport Landfill (SYAL) located in central Santa Barbara County. The SYAL was operated between 1969 and 1970 for the disposal of waste material generated in the Santa Ynez Valley of Santa Barbara County. A CEQA Notice of Exemption was approved by the County Public Works Department and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on June 8, 2005 for the Santa Ynez Airport Landfill Remediation Plan which included the installation of a landfill gas collection system and a final landfill cover system. The project was found to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15330 (Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Substances). The landfill site is highly disturbed and no sensitive wildlife, plants or other resources are present. The landfill would be capped using material present at the airport site. No substantial changes in the project, the environmental conditions or anticipated impacts have occurred since the NOE was approved and filed in June 2005. The Board's administrative actions to adopt a resolution and authorize submittal of a grant application to CalRecycle are not considered to be a project under CEQA pursuant to 14CCR 15378(b)(4) (creation of governmental funding mechanisms or government fiscal activities).

The County applied for, and was awarded a Local Government Matching Grant for the installation of the landfill gas collection and recovery system at the SYAL in 2005. The construction of the landfill gas collection and recovery system controlled landfill gas that was migrating away from the landfill. The California Integrated Waste Management Board, now CalRecycle, financial assistance was instrumental in the timely completion of the installation of the landfill gas collection and recovery system, resulting in protection of the environment, public health and safety.

With the approval of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the County is now proposing to complete the cover on the landfill as identified in the Remediation Plan and the NOE. The final cover system is proposed to minimize the impact the SYAL is having on the environment by preventing storm water from infiltrating into the landfill. The County is proposing to submit to CalRecycle an

application for a Local Government Matching Grant to provide much needed financial assistance for the construction of the landfill cap.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Funds for the project are available in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Enterprise Fund.

Approval of the requested Board Resolution will allow the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department to submit an application to CalRecycle for a Local Government Matching Grant from the Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund.

Special Instructions:

1. Following approval, Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption and return a date-stamped copy to Joddi Leipner in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.
2. Please return a copy of the signed Resolution to Imelda Cragin in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, by January 12, 2012.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution authorizing the submittal of application for funding from CalRecycle.
Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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