



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: April 2, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Christopher Sneddon, P.E., Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Interim Deputy Director,
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SUBJECT: **Professional Services Agreements with Geosyntec Consultants Inc., for ReSource Center stormwater compliance, and Tajiguas Landfill and ReSource Center liquids management consulting services at the County-owned and operated ReSource Center, Third Supervisorial District**

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:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement for stormwater compliance consulting services, Attachment A, with Geosyntec Consultants (a local vendor) for the amount not to exceed \$61,500 for a term of April 2, 2024 through June 30, 2024;
- b) For Attachment A (stormwater compliance consulting services), determine that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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 scope of work to assist with storm water compliance for the ReSource Center is within the scope of the Tajiguas ReSource Center project (formerly the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project) covered by the prior environmental review including Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (12-EIR-00000-00002) 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,

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and Final Subsequent EIR Addendum dated July 11, 2023 considered by the Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2023, therefore no new environmental document is required.

- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement for a fluids disposal injection well feasibility study, Attachment B, with Geosyntec Consultants (a local vendor) for the amount not to exceed \$36,420 for a term of April 2, 2024 through June 30, 2024;
- d) For Attachment B of the agreement (fluids disposal injection well feasibility study), determine that the approval of the agreement to conduct a feasibility study for the disposal of waste-impacted liquids is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies), and approve the posting of a notice of exemption on that basis (Attachment C).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the attached professional services Agreements with Geosyntec Consultants (a local vendor) to provide regulatory compliance and consulting services as directed by the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department. The scope of regulatory compliance and consulting services (Attachment A) includes stormwater quality compliance for the County-owned and operated ReSource Center located at the Tajiguas Landfill. The ReSource Center is subject to compliance with the Compost General Order at the Compost Management Unit (CMU) and Industrial General Permit (IGP). Approval of the Agreements will also assist the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) with regulatory compliance by evaluating the feasibility of using an injection well for potential disposal of waste-impacted liquids (Attachment B).

Background:

The RRWMD is currently responsible for the management and operation of the ReSource Center. The facility is subject to compliance with state stormwater-related regulatory requirements. Approval of the Agreement for stormwater compliance (Attachment A) with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. will assist RRWMD in continued compliance with these regulatory requirements by providing technical reporting support for the ReSource Center.

To more efficiently and cost effectively provide for the disposal of waste-impacted liquids, RRWMD is also proposing to engage Geosyntec to evaluate the feasibility of constructing an EPA-regulated Class 1 non-hazardous disposal well (Attachment B). CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 statutorily exempts work involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded. Implementation of any project resulting from the feasibility study would be subject to separate CEQA review.

Geosyntec Consultants is listed on the Public Works Department's Prequalified Consultant Listing for 2022-2024, approved by your Board at the December 14, 2021 hearing. Geosyntec Consultants has historically provided consulting services to the RRWMD for over 15 years. Geosyntec Consultants and its subconsultants have expertise in groundwater, solid waste management regulations, and a detailed knowledge of geological, hydrogeological, and stormwater conditions at the County's waste management facilities. Staff is requesting that the professional services Agreements with Geosyntec be authorized for ReSource Center regulatory stormwater compliance services and injection well feasibility in the total amount of \$97,920 with an end date of June 30, 2024.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Costs are budgeted in TRRP Capital Fund 1931. Costs estimated for this service are to be incurred in fiscal year 2023/2024.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 2023/24 Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
SWEF	\$ 97,920		\$ 97,920
Total	\$ 97,920		\$ 97,920

Key Contract Risks:

The risk rating level for these contact agreements is estimated to be low due to the contract type. The Agreements provide authorization of funding for work authorized to maintain ongoing regulatory compliance at the ReSource Center without interruption.

Special Instructions:

Following Board approval, Clerk of the Board to please forward a stamped, certified copy of the Minute Order approving this action to:

Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, Attn: Kevin Brown, Interim Compliance Manager, 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Clerk of the Board to stamp and post the attached Notice of Exemption.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Agreement for stormwater compliance
- Attachment B: Agreement for injection well feasibility
- Attachment C: Notice of Exemption

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