



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:** June 20, 2017  
**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 x 3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, P.E. Deputy Director x 3605

**SUBJECT:** **Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project – Contract for the Baron Ranch Restoration Maintenance, Monitoring and Reporting (Third Supervisorial District)**

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**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 a two-year Professional Services Agreement (fixed fee) with the consulting firm of Ecological Conservation and Management, Inc., (not a local vendor) for the maintenance, monitoring and reporting of Phases V, A and B of the Baron Ranch Restoration for the period from July 2017 to June 2019 in the amount of \$418,020. The restoration is a part of the required California Environmental Quality Act and regulatory permit mitigation program for the Tajiguas Landfill in the Gaviota Coast area, Third Supervisorial District;
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve changes or additions in the services to be performed under the Professional Services Agreement with Ecological Conversation and Management, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$41,802 for a total project authorization of \$459,822; and
- c) Find that, after considering the September 25, 2014 Addendum together with the previously certified Tajiguas Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (08EIR-00000-00007, State Clearinghouse No. 20080210520) and the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project (01-EIR-05, State Clearinghouse No. 98041003), no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required for the work authorized by the Ecological

Conversation and Management, Inc., Contract pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the attached Professional Services Agreement with Ecological Conservation and Management, Inc. (ECM) for maintenance, monitoring and reporting for the Baron Ranch Restoration Project. The Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) has California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) mitigation and regulatory permit compliance responsibilities for biological impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Tajiguas Landfill. To satisfy these requirements, RRWMD is restoring native habitats on the County-owned Baron Ranch. To date, approximately 50 acres of freshwater marsh, riparian forest, willow scrub, coastal sage scrub, coast live oak woodland and chaparral habitats have been successfully restored in seven phases (Attachment A). Three of the phases have met the required performance standards and are complete and a fourth phase is nearing completion. Maintenance, monitoring and reporting of the final three phases (V, A and B), totaling approximately 24 acres, is the subject of this contract.

RRWMD issued a request for proposal to thirteen biological/restoration consultants/contractors and posted the request for proposals on the Public Works RFP/bid site. A total of four proposals were received. Based on review and rating of these proposals by Public Works staff, RRWMD is recommending that the Board approve a contract with ECM, as the most qualified consultant, on the basis of demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of service required. The initial contract would be for the period of June 2017 to June 2019 in the amount of \$418,020 and an additional amount of \$41,802 for County approved changes or additions for a total contract value not to exceed \$459,822 (Attachment B). ECM's proposal also includes a preliminary scope of work and cost estimate for maintenance and monitoring of Phases A and B for the period from July 2019 to June 2020. Approval of this work is not requested at this time, but may be processed as an amendment to the contract prior to its expiration.

**Background:**

In 2002, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project which impacted oak woodland, coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitats. In May 2009, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project (a modification to the expansion project). The landfill reconfiguration impacted federal and state wetlands, oak woodland, riparian, coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitats and the federally threatened California red-legged frog. To comply with regulatory agency permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife and comply with CEQA mitigation requirements, RRWMD is required to restore approximately 50 acres of native habitats. Once installed, each phase of restoration is watered for a minimum of 2 years and maintained and monitored for a total period of 5 years. The restoration areas must be without irrigation for a minimum of 2 years and meet specified performance standards to be called complete. In addition to the restoration, approximately 30 acres of Arroyo Quemado with known California red-legged frog breeding habitat and adjacent restored areas are required to be permanently

protected in a conservation easement. In December 2010, a 6-mile loop public trail was opened on the Ranch and an expansion of the trail and its users is currently under review.

RRWMD is recommending that the Board approve a Professional Services Agreement with ECM for the restoration maintenance, monitoring and reporting of Phase V, A and B. ECM has been selected as the most qualified consultant because: 1) they received the highest composite ranking from the proposal reviewers; 2) the maintenance, monitoring and reporting work is similar in scope to prior restoration work completed by ECM; and 3) ECM has achieved good working relations with the regulatory agencies involved with the project. While ECM is not a local vendor, the company employs local workers for the contracted maintenance activities.

The Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project was analyzed in 01-EIR-05 certified by the Board on August 13, 2002. The Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project was analyzed in 08EIR-00000-00007 certified by the Board on May 5, 2009 and a CEQA addendum dated September 25, 2014 was prepared to address minor changes to the restoration project (all available for review at <http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/pwrrwm.aspx?id=3258>). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required for this project.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Enterprise Fund	\$ 252,450.00		\$ 459,822.00
Total	\$ 252,450.00	\$ -	\$ 459,822.00

Narrative: Funding is available in the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Enterprise Fund. Expenditures will occur over two fiscal years. In fiscal year 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 expenditures will be \$252,450 and \$207,372, respectively. Funds are budgeted in Professional Services LI account 7460.

**Key Contract Risks:**

Based on the County’s Contract Risk Assessment Worksheet, the contract was identified as having a medium risk. Medium risk factors include contract size (over \$100,000), performance period (2 years), contract type (fixed price) and contract subject (moderately visible and sensitive). However, due to the longstanding, successful working relationship RRWMD has had with ECM, there is a high level of confidence that this contract can be successfully completed.

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ECM is a California Domestic Corporation filed on October 13, 2009. The company maintains the required insurance coverage for a professional services contract and has the required registrations and licenses to complete the project including: registration with the Department of Industrial Relations (PWC Registration Number: 1000021514).; a contractor's license from the Contractor State Licensing Board for Landscaping (C-27) (#1012904); and a business license and Qualified Applicator Licenses from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. In addition, Mr. Marchant is also approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to independently monitor for California red-legged frogs under the Biological Opinion prepared for the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send certified stamped copies of the minute order to Mark Schleich, Joddi Leipner, and Colleen Hankins in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Baron Ranch Restoration Information and Figures  
Attachment B: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

**Authored by:**

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