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**RE: RECOMMENDATION OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE TAJIGUAS LANDFILL
PHASE 2 & 3 PARTIAL FINAL CLOSURE**

Gentlemen:

SWT Engineering (SWT) has reviewed the bids submitted for the Tajiguas Landfill Phase 2 & 3 Partial Final Closure Project. The apparent low bidder is Raminha Construction, 6805 Sycamore Road, Atascadero, CA with a bid of \$5,987,865.

The bids received on this project averaged \$6,954,898, with six bids submitted, which were higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$7,829,152. The bid from Raminha Construction was significantly lower than the Engineer's Estimate (approximately 30 percent) which gives us some concern. Since the Engineer's Estimate was prepared, there has been a significant reduction in oil prices which impacts\reduces diesel costs and all the synthetic costs for the project. This along with the fact that the County had a good response to the Request for Bid and we believe Raminha bid this project very hard as they wanted to win it. Based on the below-three bullet items, SWT recommends that the County accept this bid as it provides a significant savings to the County, which was one of the reasons for proceeding with bidding this project at this time.

- ◆ Based on their previous work, Raminha has the capability and equipment to perform a job of this size.
- ◆ They have related experience, specifically in landfills, including Tajiguas Landfill.
- ◆ Based on our phone conversation with Raminha Construction, they are ready to proceed on this work for the County.

Based on the above reasons, SWT recommends that the County enter into a contract with Raminha Construction for the Tajiguas Landfill Phase 2 & 3 Partial Final Closure Project. Project.

If you have any questions or need further clarification of any item, please contact me at 909-390-1328 or via email at mac@swtmeng.com.

Sincerely,

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