



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 16, 2015
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 45 minutes on 7/7/2015
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, P.E., Director ext. 3010
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SUBJECT: Set Hearing for Discussion on the Proposed Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project
First, Second and Third Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a public hearing for July 7, 2015 for 45 minutes to receive an update on the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project and consider directing staff to evaluate alternative financing structures for the project.

Summary Text:

The County, in collaboration with the cities of Buellton, Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Solvang, has been working to evaluate the development of the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project to process municipal solid waste currently disposed at the County owned and operated Tajiguas Landfill. In late 2009, the County released a Request for Proposal for the project and in early 2012, the Board endorsed the project proposed by Mustang Renewable Power Ventures and directed staff to proceed with the environmental review of Mustang's proposed project. The project consists of a material recovery facility that will sort material into 3 categories: recyclables to be marketed, organics to be processed in an anaerobic digester, and residual that will be landfilled. The project's anaerobic digester will process organic material, generate and extract biogas which will be converted to energy, create soil amendment, and residue from the facility will be disposed. The overall target is to divert 60% of the material currently being landfilled which will double the life of the existing landfill providing a 20-year waste management plan for the region.

In late 2012, the Board approved the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project Term Sheet which set the basic terms for a contract to be negotiated after the completion of the CEQA process. In Fall 2014, the draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project was distributed to the public for review and comment. At the same time, staff had prepared a draft Waste Service Agreement and requested that Mustang update its proposed project as well as its associated pricing and financial conditions to reflect the design changes that occurred during environmental review as well as changes in market conditions since the original proposal which was submitted in 2010. The purpose of the proposed presentation on July 7 is to update the Board on the status of the project as well as ask the Board to consider directing staff to evaluate alternative financing structures for the project. As proposed by the City Managers and the County Executive Officer in May.

Performance Measure:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There will be no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of this Board item.

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

None

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