

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works Director

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SUBJECT: Authorization to allow Purchasing Manager to exceed California Drilling and Blasting's \$100,000 Purchasing Contract, Third Supervisorial District.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Purchasing Manager to exceed the \$100,000 limit for the Purchasing Contract with *California Drilling and Blasting* for additional excavation blastings at Tajiguas Landfill, making the total contract amount \$225,000 for Fiscal Year 2004/2005. Third Supervisorial District.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 3. A Strong Professionally Managed County Organization.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Resource Recovery and Waste Management (RRWM) Division of Public Works currently has a Purchasing Contract with California Drilling and Blasting to perform blasting activities at the Tajiguas Landfill. Blasting is done in solid rock areas of the landfill that need to be excavated and are too difficult and expensive to excavate with conventional equipment such as bulldozers with rippers. California Drilling and Blasting is very experienced and is familiar with the Tajiguas Landfill since they have been the blasting company of record for many years.

Blasting activities associated with the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion began in September of this year at a cost of \$74,890.02. However, additional blasting needs to be done promptly due to some unforeseen rock formations. It is estimated that two more blasting sessions are needed and will cost an additional \$150,000, for a total project cost of \$225,000. Since approximately \$25,000 remains from the original Purchasing

Contract of \$100,000, it is recommended that the Purchasing Manager be authorized to increase the Purchasing Contract by an additional \$125,000 (for a total contract amount of \$225,000) so that additional blasting may continue.

California Drilling and Blasting is the recommended contractor to complete the blasting because they did the blasting in December 2004 and can promptly continue on the grid that they have established. They have proven to be extremely safe in their operations, are familiar with the site and its rock formations, and can quickly respond to our request. Time is of the essence for this project.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The authorization will allow excavation, a vital component of the landfill expansion project, to continue at the Tajiguas Landfill. If additional blasting does not occur, proper preparation for the landfill's new liner system will be compromised, thus making it very difficult to meet construction specifications such as consistency of soil material and percent of slope. Excavation through additional blasting must continue in a timely manner in order to meet overall construction deadlines of the landfill expansion project.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funds for the blasting sessions are available in RRWM Budget Unit 8810, Fund 1930, Program 1200, Account 7460. Currently \$75,000 is budgeted for blasting in Fiscal Year 2004/2005. The balance of \$150,000 needed for future blasting is available by using the \$100,000 budgeted in the same account for miscellaneous projects (smaller miscellaneous projects will be delayed until next year without impacting service delivery) and by using the \$50,000 budgeted for excavation of the in-channel basins (early rains have caused the delay of cleaning the basins until next year). Without authorizing the Purchasing Manager to increase the Purchasing Contract to \$225,000, implementation of the Tajiguas Landfill expansion project will be jeopardized.

There are no fiscal impacts to other County departments.

Special Instructions:

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| 1. Original Document | Clerk of the Board Files |
| 2. Duplicate Original | Purchasing Manager, John McMillin |
| 3. Duplicate Original | Resource Recovery & Waste Management Attn: Georgia Navarro |
| 4. Minute Order | Resource Recovery & Waste Management Attn: Georgia Navarro |

Concurrence:

Purchasing Manager