



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: May 12, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director
Contact: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director
SUBJECT: **Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center Operation Agreement with the University of California at Santa Barbara; First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with the University of California at Santa Barbara for the operation of the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center located at the University's Environmental Health and Safety facility for the two-year period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,113,598 (\$1,032,721 for FY 2026-27 and \$1,080,877 for FY 2027-28); and
- b. Determine that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, no substantial changes in circumstances have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures have occurred, and therefore the recommended action is within the scope of the prior environmental review documents for this project, the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Barbara County Household and Small Business Hazardous Waste Collection Program prepared by the University of California, Santa Barbara, March 1993 (SCH No. 1992041092), and no new environmental document shall be prepared for this project.

Summary Text:

This Board item recommends approval of an agreement with the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) for the continued operation of the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center (Center) for the two-year period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028, in the amount not-to-exceed of \$2,113,598. The Center serves residents and small businesses in the First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts.

The proposed agreement provides for the following: the use of UCSB's facility; salaries for four full-time UCSB employees and several part-time employees (as needed); supplies used for packing and storing community-generated hazardous waste; ongoing equipment maintenance; and overhead and operational costs such as phones, computers, photocopier, and mail services.

Discussion:

Operation of the Center is recommended in the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Element, which was prepared in compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Public Resources Code, Title 14, Division 7) and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 28, 1992.

Use of the facility for community and small business hazardous waste collection was analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Barbara County Household and Small Business Hazardous Waste Collection Program (SCH No. 1992041092) prepared in March 1993 by the UCSB Office of Budget and Planning. The document is available for review on the County's website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/1165/Environmental-Documents>.

The proposed budget for the first year of the new two-year contract exceeds the current fiscal year (2025-2026) budget by 6.7%. Proposed costs for the second year of the two-year contract are 4.7% higher than the first year. The increased costs are a result of additional salary and benefits costs, increased facility fees, and an annual CPI adjustment.

Background:

Since 1993 the County and UCSB have operated the Center to provide residents and businesses with a convenient way to safely dispose of unwanted hazardous waste. The residential program is open on Saturdays and Sundays and available to residents in the unincorporated area as well as the cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Solvang. The business program operates on Fridays by appointment and serves small quantity generators (those that generate less than 27 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month). During Fiscal Year 2024-2025, 7,940 residents and businesses used the Center. As of March 31, 2026, the Center has served 6,032 customers in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and expects to meet or exceed last Fiscal Year's total, with the busiest period (spring) still underway.

Performance Measure:

Performance measures for pounds collected, program costs, and number of participants are tracked by County staff on a monthly basis.

Contract Renewals:

The Center has been operating at UCSB since 1993. To date, the University has fulfilled all service obligations for the County, and this contract should pose a low risk to the County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funds for the agreement have been appropriated in the recommended Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division budgets, and costs are covered by business fees, program fees assessed on solid waste collection bills in the unincorporated areas, and service contracts with the County’s municipal partners to provide these services to area residents and businesses. There are no facility impacts, and there is no impact to the General Fund.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28	Total
Enterprise Fund	\$1,032,721	\$1,080,877	\$2,113,598
Total	\$1,032,721	\$1,080,877	\$2,113,598

Special Instructions:

Please email a copy of the Minute Order approving this action and a copy of the signed agreement to:

- Juliette Mudge, Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, AOP II at 130 E Victoria Suite 100 Santa Barbara.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Agreement for Services Between the County and the University of California

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