



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** June 28, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**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, (805) 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Leslie Wells, Deputy Director, (805) 882-3605  
**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Agreements with Geosyntec Consultants Inc., for regulatory compliance consulting services at County-owned/operated solid waste facilities, First and Third Supervisorial Districts

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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 the Chair to execute an agreement for groundwater and landfill gas compliance consulting services with Geosyntec Consultants (a local vendor) for the amount not to exceed \$369,370 for a term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement for stormwater compliance consulting services with Geosyntec Consultants for the amount not to exceed \$137,400 for a term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), because they consist of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the attached professional services Agreements with Geosyntec Consultants (a local vendor) to provide regulatory compliance consulting services as directed by the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department. The scope of regulatory compliance and consulting services is for four monitoring and reporting periods each pertaining to groundwater at the Ballard Canyon Closed Landfill, Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill, New Cuyama Closed Landfill, Santa

Ynez Airport Closed Landfill, and Tajiguas Landfill; for four monitoring periods pertaining to landfill gas surface emissions monitoring at the Tajiguas Landfill and one monitoring event for the Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill; and for stormwater-related technical consulting at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRSTS), and Tajiguas Landfill. These are all permitted and/or closed solid waste management facilities that were subject to prior CEQA review. County facilities are subject to compliance with federal and state regulations and approval of the Agreements will assist the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) in continued compliance with these regulations.

**Background:**

The RRWMD is responsible for the management and operation of solid waste facilities in Santa Barbara County. The waste management facilities are subject to compliance with state and federal regulations to ensure their safe operation. Approval of the Agreements with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. will assist RRWMD in continued compliance with these regulatory requirements by providing groundwater monitoring, environmental management system evaluation, and reporting support for the four closed landfills and one active landfill (Attachment A).

Approval of the Agreements with Geosyntec will also assist RRWMD in continued compliance with stormwater-related regulatory requirements at SCRSTS and Tajiguas Landfill (Attachment B).

Geosyntec Consultants is listed on the Public Works Department’s Prequalified Consultant Listing for 2022-2024, approved by your Board at the December 14, 2021 hearing. Geosyntec Consultants has historically provided consulting services to the RRWMD for over 15 years. Geosyntec Consultants has expertise in groundwater, solid waste management regulations, and a detailed knowledge of geological, hydrogeological, and stormwater conditions at the County’s waste management facilities. Staff is requesting that the professional services Agreements with Geosyntec be authorized for continued regulatory groundwater compliance services in the amount of \$369,370, and for regulatory stormwater compliance services in the amount of \$137,400, with an end date of June 30, 2023.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

Costs are budgeted in the RRWMD Enterprise Fund. Costs estimated for this service are to be incurred in fiscal year 2022/2023.

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2022/23 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			
SWEF	\$ 506,770		\$ 506,770
Total	\$ 506,770		\$ 506,770

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**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk rating level for this contact agreement is estimated to be low due to the contract type. The Agreements will provide authorization of funding for work authorized to maintain ongoing regulatory compliance at solid waste management facilities without interruption.

**Special Instructions:**

Following Board approval, Clerk of the Board to please forward a stamped, certified copy of the Minute Order approving this action, and signed copies of the Agreements to:

Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, Attn: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, PE, 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement for Professional Services with Geosyntec Consulting, Inc. for Groundwater and Landfill Gas Surface Emissions Compliance Consulting Services (3 originals)

Attachment B: Agreement for Professional Services with Geosyntec Consulting, Inc. for Stormwater Compliance Consulting Services (3 originals)

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