



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: 6/26/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Interim Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Public Works Deputy Director, 882-3603

**SUBJECT:** **Contract to Process Organics Collected in the North County Under Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreement  
Third, Fourth, and Fifth District Supervisors**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

A. Approve and execute the attached Agreement with Valley Garbage and Rubbish, Inc. d/b/a Health Sanitation Services (HSS) to process organics collected pursuant to their existing franchise agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and HSS for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

**Summary Text:**

State Assembly Bill 939, adopted in 1989, required each jurisdiction to divert 50% of waste generated in 1990 by the year 2000. Subsequent legislative revisions require jurisdictions to maintain a 50% diversion level after the year 2000. In order to meet this mandate, Santa Barbara County has implemented a program to collect organics separately from refuse and recyclables. This agreement provides the infrastructure necessary to process the organics collected from the Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, and Lompoc Valley unincorporated residents and businesses.

The agreement is for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011, which is when HSS's current franchise agreement for the collection of organics expires. HSS will be paid \$32.73 per ton to process and market the organics and the rate will be escalated by CPI annually. Staff has evaluated regional green waste processing costs and found the proposed rate to be reasonable. The cost for organics

processing is incorporated in the solid waste collection rates that are established and approved by the Board of Supervisors each year. This agreement will not change current service levels to ratepayers.

**Background:**

Health Sanitation Services (HSS) has been grinding and marketing organics collected under its solid waste collection agreement with the County since 1994. The organics are collected from the Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, and Lompoc unincorporated areas, ground at HSS's yard in Santa Maria, and delivered to Engel & Gray's composting facility to be composted. In 1999, Waste Management, Inc. purchased HSS and all contracts with HSS were assigned by the Board of Supervisors to the parent company of Waste Management. HSS has continued to provide the same services to area residents and businesses. HSS's current organics processing contract expires June 30, 2007. The attached contract is for HSS to continue to provide processing and marketing services for the County from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011. HSS will be paid a rate of \$32.73 per ton which will be escalated by CPI annually.

**Performance Measure:**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Select\_Budgeted

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: Costs for processing are included in the solid waste collection rates that are established and approved by the Board of Supervisors each year and ratepayers are billed directly. The County will not incur any expenses associated with this agreement.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
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**FTEs:**  
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**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a signed and dated original of the agreement as well as a minute order to the Public Works Department Resource Recovery & Waste Division, attn: Leslie Wells.

**Attachments:**

1) Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

**Authored by:** Leslie Wells, Program Manager, 882-3611