

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Public Works Director

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SUBJECT: Direct Public Works Director to participate in a Material Recovery Facility Feasibility Study to be conducted under the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group in the amount of \$31,220.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1) Direct the Public Works Director to provide a portion of the funding necessary to conduct a feasibility study for constructing a regional material recovery facility in Santa Barbara County (35% of \$89,200). The recommendation has been made by the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group and the County's portion of the total cost is \$31,220.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group (MJSWTG) was formed in June 2001 by the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara and was expanded in the Spring of 2002 to include representatives from all jurisdictions in the County as well as the Sanitation Districts. The purpose of the MJSWTG is to provide a forum to discuss and plan long-term solid waste management strategies and facilities. In 2002, eight areas of interest were identified by the MJSWTG and subgroups were formed to evaluate the challenges and opportunities associated with each area of interest. Each subgroup prepared final recommendations for review and approval by the MJSWTG. Each of the subgroup recommendations were summarized and a Countywide Long-term Solid Waste Management Plan (Management Plan) was developed which was approved by the MJSWTG in February 2004.

One of the components of the Management Plan was to evaluate the development of a material recovery facility (MRF) on the South Coast. As such, the MRF subgroup has continued to meet and determined the need for a feasibility study associated with the construction of a MRF on the South Coast. The study will assist the County in determining the cost of constructing a new facility on the South Coast, and the potential of constructing a facility that can process clean recyclables as well as municipal solid waste to increase the diversion of materials in the community, and the ability to compare those two options.

The MJSWTG proposes that the cost of the study be distributed based on the population of the communities interested in the study results. Interested communities include the cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara. The total cost of the study is \$89,200 and the County has been asked to contribute \$31,220. The City of Santa Barbara will be administering the study. Attachment A is the scope of services to be provided by the contractor and Attachment B includes the breakdown of costs being charged to respective jurisdictions.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The proposed study will assist with future planning of solid waste management facilities and will not create a change in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

As mentioned above, the County will contribute \$31,220 towards a total cost of \$89,200 for a feasibility study to evaluate the development of a regional material recovery facility on the South Coast.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a minute order documenting the approval of the item to Georgia Navarro, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division.