



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: 7/11/2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District

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Director(s)

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SUBJECT: Agreement between the Laguna County Sanitation District and the City of Santa Maria – 4th and 5th Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors to execute an agreement between the Laguna County Sanitation District and the City of Santa Maria to exchange sewer services.
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of the California Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(5), in that it is a government administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to execute a sewer services exchange agreement between the Laguna County Sanitation District (District) and the City of Santa Maria (City). Historically, land located in unincorporated territory contracted for sewer services with the Santa Maria Public Airport District. An original agreement executed in 1977 addressed the exchange of wastewater flows resulting from the decommissioning of the Santa Maria Public Airport District wastewater treatment plant. This resulted in the transfer of certain wastewater to the District’s wastewater reclamation plant and certain wastewater to the City’s wastewater treatment plant. That agreement expires this year. The new agreement is an update to conditions and map exhibits.

Background:

The Santa Maria Public Airport District (Airport) inherited ownership of a wastewater treatment plant constructed by the U.S. Military when the airport was initially constructed as the Santa Maria-Lompoc Army Air Base. The County of Santa Barbara, and later the District, managed sewer collection systems serving the Evergreen Acres and Lakeview Subdivision areas that utilized the Airport wastewater treatment plant. Due to regulatory criteria, the Airport elected to decommission its treatment plant pursuant to a three-way agreement between the Airport, District and City dated June 15, 1977. Per that agreement, pipelines were constructed to convey wastewater between District and City jurisdictions to treatment facilities operated by either agency.

A subsequent agreement between the District and City dated August 8, 1977 addressed terms for the City's acceptance of wastewater generated by District customers, and conversely, the District's acceptance of wastewater generated by City customers. The party receiving the greater amount of wastewater (the City) is paid for services based on the net flow between the two service areas. A formula for cost determination and flow area boundaries were created at that time. Amendments in 1981 and 2011 revised the base rate in the cost formula and simplified the billed formula, respectively.

The subject of this action is a new agreement that addresses the same services to be provided between the District and the City but updates conditions and map exhibits. Termination for the new agreement is June 30, 2057.

The alternative to this action would be the construction of new sewer lift stations and force mains to convey wastewater to the appropriate agencies at considerable expense for design, construction and environmental review. Staff recommends approval of this action to avoid these costs and because the areas are mostly built out with little remaining development. New development outside the areas defined in this amendment would follow normal jurisdictional approvals including formation review by the Santa Barbara Local Area Formation Commission (SBLAFCO) with the appropriate conditions for sewer service.

Performance Measure:

Approving this agreement will maintain the current arrangement for wastewater transfer between the District and City.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Operating Budget		\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -

Narrative: The annualized costs for services rendered by the City are funded from the District’s annual operating revenue. The actual annual amount is further subject to adjustments based on estimated and actual flows and price indices. Approximate annual costs are currently \$100,000.

Special Instructions:

Retain one (1) original agreement for Clerk of the Board records and return the other two (2) original agreements to the Laguna County Sanitation District office, attention Martin Wilder.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Three (3) original agreements

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