



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: April 1, 2008  
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If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Director of Public Works Department  
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**SUBJECT:** **Approve Proposed Amendment to Solid Waste Community Program and Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Agreement Between the City of Goleta and the County of Santa Barbara**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** None

As to form:

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

Approve attached proposed Amendment to Solid Waste Community Program and Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Agreement Between the City of Goleta and the County of Santa Barbara.

**Summary Text:**

The County of Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta entered into an agreement in 2005 for the County to provide regional recycling and hazardous waste collection programs to City of Goleta residents and businesses. Each year the agreement is in effect, the City of Goleta reimburses the County for its costs to provide these services on a quarterly basis. In the same year, the County and the City of Goleta formed a Regional Reporting Authority to meet state mandated solid waste management reporting requirements, in which Goleta continued to use County facilities for managing their solid waste.

One service the County provides is the processing and marketing of recyclables collected under the commingled recycling collection program offered to businesses and residents. Depending on the market conditions for the recyclable material collected, the curbside recyclables collection program results in costs or revenue. Most recently, there has been an increased value for the commingled recyclables collected from businesses and residents, and the County's regional partners have expressed an interest in sharing in the costs and revenues associated with this program. County staff has worked with staff from the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara to develop a means to quantify the costs and revenues associated

with the recyclables collection program. The actual costs and revenues per ton associated with the management of the recyclables from the prior fiscal year will be multiplied by the tons of recyclables delivered to the South Coast Recycling & Transfer Station originating from the City of Goleta. 100% of the net costs or revenues from the processing and sale of the recyclable materials will be deducted from or added to community program costs. The attached Amendment would formalize this new arrangement to incorporate the value of the commingled recyclables and to further the County's continued provision of regional solid waste management programs.

**Background:**

The County has historically provided an array of recycling and hazardous waste programs in various portions of the County. The area that is now the City of Goleta benefited from these services. When the City of Goleta incorporated, the City wanted the County to continue to provide these services to City residents. In July 2005, the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council for Goleta approved a Community Program Agreement which acknowledged the continued provision of services and a mechanism for Goleta to reimburse the County for its costs, which totals \$211,938 for FY 07/08. The Agreement continues until cancelled by either party with a required cancellation notice of 18 months. Annual costs are based on actual costs from the previous fiscal year and a formula accepted by all parties participating in the regional programs.

In addition, at the same time, the County and the City of Goleta formed a Regional Reporting Authority to comply with solid waste reporting requirements mandated by the state of California. Language in the Authority Agreement also states that the continuation of the Authority is contingent upon the City of Goleta continuing to participate in the regional solid waste management system and for the County to continue to provide the following services for Goleta at its solid waste management facilities:

- Processing and marketing of green waste;
- Processing and marketing of commingled recyclables; and
- Burial of municipal solid waste.

The County also currently receives processed material from MarBorg's construction and demolition debris processing facility that is used as daily cover material at the landfill. The use of this material in this application allows each jurisdiction to receive credit for further diverting materials from the landfill.

In recent years, both the market for scrap materials as well as the contribution made to jurisdictions by the California Department of Conservation associated with the Bottle Bill has increased the overall value of the recyclables collected in the curbside commingled recyclables programs. On the South Coast, commingled recyclables collected in the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara as well as the unincorporated South Coast are delivered to the South Coast Recycling & Transfer Station where they are loaded and currently transported to a material recovery facility in Ventura to be processed into marketable products. The County's current arrangement with the processor results in a net return for each ton of recyclables delivered to their facility. The net return varies depending on the market and the funding provided by the state. Currently the revenues from the program are received and deposited in the Enterprise Fund for the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division and used to offset costs for other more costly programs. Due to the increased value of the materials, the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara have expressed an interest in receiving a portion of the revenue as an offset for their community program costs.

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County staff felt that incorporating its regional partners into the costs and revenues associated with the commingled recyclables program due to the change in market conditions would provide an opportunity to lay the foundation for regional cooperation on future programs and facilities.

**Performance Measure:**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Fees					
Other:		\$66,140		\$66,140	
Total	\$	66,140.00	\$	66,140.00	\$ -

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Narrative: If the attached Amendment is approved, the County will offset the City of Goleta's cost of \$211,938 for the provision of community recycling and hazardous waste collection programs with \$66,140 of commingled recyclables revenue. The offset would be calculated each year depending on the market value of the recyclables and the tonnage of recyclables received at the South Coast Recycling & Transfer Station originating from the City of Goleta.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide copies of the Minute Order, and one original Agreement to the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, attention Leslie Wells.

**Attachments:**

Amendment to Solid Waste Community Program and Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Agreement Between the City of Goleta and the County of Santa Barbara

**Authored by:**

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