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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

**Department Name:**

Public Works

**Department Number:**

054

**Agenda Date:**

August 18, 2026

**Placement:**

Administrative Agenda

**Estimated Time:**

N/A

**Continued Item:**

No

**If Yes, date from:**

N/A

**Vote Required:**

Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director

**CONTACT:** Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, P.E., Deputy Director

**SUBJECT:** Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2026 Access Road Extension & Site Improvements, County Project No. 828999; Third Supervisorial District

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**Concurrences:**

**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

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**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2026 Access Road Extension & Site Improvements, County Project No. 828999; Third Supervisorial District, on file in the Public Works Department office; and

- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Construction Contract with Toro Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, to construct the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2026 Access Road Extension & Site Improvements, County Project 828999, for a contract term of September 1, 2026, through October 30, 2026, in the amount of \$763,791.00; and
- c) Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to approve change orders for County Project No. 828999 for a contingency amount up to \$50,689.55, for a total amount not to exceed \$814,480.55; and
- d) Determine that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, no substantial changes in circumstances have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures have occurred, and therefore the construction of the project is within the scope of the prior environmental review documents for the Tajiguas Landfill including the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project EIR (01-EIR-05) certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2002, the Addendum to 01-EIR-05 dated November 8, 2006 and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006, the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project Subsequent EIR (08-EIR-00000-00007) certified by the Board of Supervisors on May 5, 2009 and the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project EIR (23EIR-00001) certified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2024 and no new environmental document shall be prepared for this project.

### **Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to approve the plans, specifications, and award the construction contract for the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2026 Access Road Extension & Site Improvements Project, County Project No. 828999, with Toro Enterprises, Inc. The project includes the extension of paved access, a wet-weather truck turnaround pad, and rehabilitation and repaving critical segments of the Tajiguas Landfill (landfill) main access road serving the permitted waste disposal area.

Public Works Staff recommends the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$763,791.00 and authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to approve change orders in an amount of \$50,689.55 as authorized under Public Contract Code Section 20142, for a total amount not to exceed \$814,480.55, and for a contract term of September 1, 2026 through October 30, 2026.

### **Discussion:**

The access road repairs and site improvements are essential to ensure continued safe, all-weather access for heavy equipment, hauling vehicles, and staff to key operational areas of the landfill. On Thursday, July 2, 2026, the County received six (6) bids for the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2026 Access Road Extension & Site Improvements Project. Toro Enterprises, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$763,791.00 for base bid excluding contingency, which is 8% below the Engineer's Estimate.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code section 20128, which requires the award go to the lowest responsible bidder. Analysis of the bids included confirmation by the low bidder of the correctness of the bid proposal information and review of the bids by the County Project Manager. The Public Works Department analyzed the bids and determined the lowest bidder to be responsible and responsive.

### **Background:**

The Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill 2026 Access Road Extension and Site Improvements, County Project 828999, is part of the ongoing operations of the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion and Reconfiguration Project. These operations fall under the regulatory coverage of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR Order No. R3-2020-0001) issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region on September 25, 2020 and are in accordance with the Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit as issued by CalRecycle on May 21, 2025. The authority to advertise for this project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 9, 2026.

Construction, operation and maintenance of the Tajiguas Landfill is analyzed in several environmental documents including Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (01-EIR-05) for the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project (Front Canyon Expansion), an Addendum to 01-EIR-05 dated November 8, 2006, a subsequent EIR (08EIR-00000-00007) for the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project, and a Subsequent EIR for the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project EIR (23EIR-00001) (available for review at [Environmental Documents | Santa Barbara County, CA - Official Website](#)). The proposed project includes the extension of paved access, a wet-weather truck turnaround pad, and rehabilitation and repaving critical segments of the main access road to the permitted waste disposal area analyzed as a part of the prior CEQA documents. No substantial changes are proposed or have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project, or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill Main Access Road Extension and Site Improvements Fiscal Year 2026-27 Project, is within the scope of the prior environmental documents and no new environmental document is required.

### **Performance Measure:**

Performance will be tracked through a combination of construction observations and inspections, submittals, and milestone tracking to ensure that all project deliverables are met within scope, schedule, and budget. Key performance outcomes include:

1. Access Road Rehabilitation
2. Wet-Weather Truck Turnaround Pad
3. Compliance with Plans and Specifications
4. Adherence to Schedule
5. Project Management
6. Traffic Safety and Environmental Protection

### **Contract Renewals:**

Toro Enterprises, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder and completed the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill Main Access Road Extension & Site Improvements Project for the County in Fiscal Years

2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Toro Enterprises, Inc. performed to a high standard, delivering the project on time and in accordance with all traffic control requirements, construction documents, and County provisions.

Given Toro Enterprises, Inc.'s performance and success on similar work at the landfill, staff recommends awarding the project to Toro Enterprises, Inc. following a competitive bid process in which they submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

### **Fiscal Analysis:**

Engineering costs are budgeted for in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division's Enterprise Fund FD-1930, Program PG-0541200, Spend Category SC-8200 for planning and permitting support, regulatory compliance, landfill operations support, and design and construction support of capital improvement projects. There is no impact to the General Fund.

| Funding Source  | FY 26/27            | Total               |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Enterprise Fund | \$814,480.55        | \$814,480.55        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$814,480.55</b> | <b>\$814,480.55</b> |

### **Special Instructions:**

Please forward a copy of the executed attachments and the Minute Order approving this action to:

- Juliette Mudge, Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, AOP II at [mudgej@countyofsb.org](mailto:mudgej@countyofsb.org)

### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Construction Contract for County Project No. 828999 (*Signature Needed*)

**Attachment B** – Project Plans Title Sheet for County Project No. 828999 (*Signature Needed*)

**Attachment C** – Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions Signatory Page for County Project No. 828999 (*Signature Needed*)

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