



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 5, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, P.E., Public Works Director, ext. 83010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Leslie Wells, Deputy Director, ext. 23611
SUBJECT: Authority to Advertise for the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station
Cover Structure Project, Second Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Make the required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings for the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station Cover Structure Project (Project), included as Attachment A;
- b) Approve the Project, adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (21NGD-00000-00007), and adopt the mitigation measures with their corresponding monitoring requirements as the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Project included as Attachment B; and
- c) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for bids on the construction of the Project.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to complete the required CEQA actions and findings for approval of, and authorization to advertise and receive bids for, the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station Cover Structure Project. The project includes the installation of a 7,500 square-foot cover structure comprised of an energy-efficient and climate-sensitive fabric with weather shield, over a truss arch frame made of triple-galvanized steel designed to cover the commingled recyclables area at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRSTS).

The cover structure would be located in the southwest area of the SCRTS (see Attachment B, Figure 1) and is intended to protect the stockpiled material from rain and wind, which would maximize the amount of material that can be recovered and processed as recyclables. In addition, the cover structure would mitigate infiltration of storm water through the recyclables and help decrease negative effects on storm water quality. Two other smaller structures (750 and 700 square feet respectively) are also proposed to protect white goods and mattresses.

Background:

The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) operates SCRTS, located at 4430 Calle Real in Santa Barbara, California. The SCRTS has been in operation since 1967. A portion of the site overlays the former Foothill Landfill. The SCRTS operations area is located on 8.3 acres in the central portion of a larger 143.48 acre publicly owned parcel (APN 059-140-023). SCRTS receives municipal solid waste (MSW), commingled recyclables and other materials from franchise haulers, businesses, and local residents in Santa Barbara County. For the south coast area, which includes the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta, residential curbside recyclables are collected by MarBorg Industries and brought to the SCRTS. The collected material is temporarily stored and consolidated at SCRTS, then taken to the County-owned ReSource Center located at the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill. The SCRTS facility is permitted to process up to 550 tons per day of materials. The site has a permitted area of 8.3 acres of which 5.5 acres are used for industrial operations including uncovered areas used for storage of commingled recyclables, green waste and mulch, and buildings used for maintenance and weighing activities. The remaining areas consist of moderately vegetated hillsides, administrative buildings, and a parking lot.

CEQA Review

Ongoing operation of the SCRTS has been analyzed pursuant to CEQA in 95-ND-05 (Santa Barbara County, May 1995), including several addendums, and approved under Solid Waste Facility Permit No. 42-AA-0014. Several other smaller projects completed at the SCRTS have been determined to be exempt from CEQA.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (21NGD-00000-00007) was prepared for the proposed project by ECORP Consulting, Inc. (ECORP) on behalf of RRWMD and was reviewed and approved by the Santa Barbara County Planning Department as the County's Environmental Hearing Officer pursuant to the County CEQA Guidelines. Based on the MND analysis, significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: aesthetics/visual resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and noise. Beneficial impacts would include improvement to storm water quality at the SCRTS and the reduction of solid waste disposed of at the Tajiguas Landfill. The proposed new covers would protect the commingled recyclables and white goods and mattresses from rainwater to ensure that these materials can be recycled rather than disposed of at the landfill.

The Draft MND was released for a 30-day public review period from January 19, 2022 to February 17, 2022. The document was submitted to the State Clearinghouse and public notice regarding the availability of MND was provided by: 1) direct mailing to interested parties and properties within 300 feet of the exterior boundary of the parcel containing the SCRTS; 2) publication of a notice in the Santa Barbara News Press; posting of the notice and draft MND on the RRWMD website, and by posting notice at Planning and Development. Three comment letters were received and are included as

an attachment to the final MND. Changes to the MND in response to these comments are shown in strikeout and underline.

The authorization to advertise for construction bids is an administrative action that is the first action necessary to implement the project.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY 2022/23 Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:		\$ 561,000.00	\$ 561,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ 561,000.00	\$ 561,000.00

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this action to Travis Spier and Jamie Reyes at Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD):
130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: CEQA Findings
- Attachment B: Final Mitigated Negative Declaration

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