



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: PW - Laguna Sanitation
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 3/11/2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District
FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, x3010
Director(s) Director, Public Works Department

Contact Info: Mark Schleich, x3600
Deputy Director, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Recycled Water Use Agreement with Righetti-Pyche Trust – Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- A. Authorize the Chair to execute the Recycled Water Use Agreement with the Righetti-Pyche Trust.
- B. Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Quality Act (CEQA), 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:

The Righetti-Pyche Trust owns agricultural property off Graciosa Road adjacent to the location of a proposed water booster pump station to be located on Graciosa Road. The pump station is part of the recycled distribution system being installed by Santa Maria Energy. As part of the negotiations with the Righetti-Pyche Trust, Santa Maria Energy agreed to provide a turnout and certain improvements to provide recycled water to the adjacent parcel. Approval of staff's recommendation supports the District's need to have discharge capacity for its recycled water and provides a needed resource for the Righetti-Pyche Trust's agricultural interests.

Background:

The Laguna County Sanitation District (District) produces recycled water and distributes it to various user sites as its means to provide discharge capacity for its customers. One existing offsite water user is Santa Maria Energy who currently trucks water but is in the process of extending the District's existing recycled water distribution system to its oil development site in the Orcutt Hills off Graciosa Road. As

discussed in the EIR for that project approved by the Board on November 12, 2013 (see <https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1515464&GUID=29B876CB-04E5-4460-9069-EE51AE36DC34>), it is the intent to also provide recycled water to other sites along the pipeline route.

The route for the 8 mile pipeline extension includes a section along Graciosa Road. To maintain pressure and flow the use of booster pump stations is required. One such booster pump station will be located on land owned by the Righetti-Pyche Trust. In negotiating the terms for siting the pump station, Santa Maria Energy agreed to include a turnout connection to serve an adjacent parcel also owned by the Righetti-Pyche Trust. This action addresses the water use agreement required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board that would authorize the distribution of water to this site for agricultural purposes. The installation of any private water facilities to serve the property beyond the turnout connection is the responsibility of the owner.

Performance Measure:

The recycled water will provide a resource valuable to the agricultural community. The estimated volume is expected to range from minimal amounts to approximately 350,000 gallons per day depending on the agricultural use.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The sale of recycled water will generate approximately \$20,000 annually.

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no capital costs to the District as the cost for these improvements are to be shared by the land owner and Santa Maria Energy.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions: N/A

FTEs: N/A

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) original Agreements with a certified minute order to:

1. Laguna County Sanitation District, Attn: Martin Wilder and
2. Retain one (1) original agreement for their files.

Please forward certified, stamped copies of the Minute Order approving this recommendation to:

1. Laguna County Sanitation District, Attn: Martin Wilder and

Attachments:

Three original user agreements.

Authored by:

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