



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 22, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, P.E., Director x 3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director x 3605

SUBJECT: Tajiguas Landfill Resource Recovery Project – Contract Amendments for
Preparation of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and Air Quality
Technical Report
First, Second and Third Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute Amendment No.1 to the professional services contract with the consulting firm of Padre Associates for preparation of the Subsequent EIR for the proposed Tajiguas Landfill Resource Recovery Project in the amount of \$39,164 which will bring the total contract value to \$232,342 (Attachment 1).
- B. Approve and execute Amendment No.1 to the professional services contract with the consulting firm of AECOM for preparation of an Air Quality Technical Report and Biological Technical Report for the proposed Tajiguas Landfill Resource Recovery Project in the amount of \$42,128 which will bring the total contract value to \$279,128 (Attachment 2).

Summary Text:

In November 2012, the Board approved agreements with Padre Associates to prepare the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and with AECOM to prepare the Air Quality and Biological Technical Reports for the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Work on the Subsequent EIR is proceeding and staff anticipates release of a Draft Subsequent EIR in spring 2014. Due to the complex nature of the project and desire of both the Board and the public for the EIR to include a detailed analysis of project alternatives, work on the EIR and Air Quality and Biological Technical Reports has involved significantly more effort than anticipated in the

original contract's scopes of work. The original Padre Associates scope of work was expanded to include botanical and archaeological surveys as well as a peer review of each of the project technical studies. In addition, equipment and operational information for the proposed Project and for the project alternatives have under gone several changes which required additional air quality modeling and revisions to the Air Quality Technical Report.

To establish sufficient funding for the remaining contract work and to provide a contingency for any additional unforeseen work necessary to complete the Subsequent EIR, staff is recommending contract amendments with Padre and Associates and AECOM. The amendments would include Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$39,164 for the Padre and Associates contract (BC-13-080) and Amendment No.1 in the amount of \$42,128 for the AECOM contract (BC-13-081). With these amendments the total contract amount for Padre Associates would increase to \$232,342 (\$193,178 + \$39,164), which includes \$25,000 of contingency and the contract amount for AECOM would increase to \$279,128 (\$237,000 + \$42,128), which includes \$10,000 of contingency. With the recommended amendments to the Padre and AECOM contracts, the projected overall project CEQA review budget of \$1.2 million would not be exceeded.

Background:

On January 17, 2012, your Board endorsed a recommended resource recovery project (Tajiguas Landfill Resource Recovery Project) to process waste currently buried at the Tajiguas Landfill and directed staff to initiate review of the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project involves the construction and operation of a Materials Recovery Facility and an Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the Tajiguas Landfill to further recover recyclable material from the waste stream and convert the material not recycled into beneficial products such as energy, fuels or other potentially marketable products. At this meeting the Board, also directed staff to include a robust analysis of project alternatives to the proposed project/project elements for inclusion in the CEQA analysis.

On November 13, 2012, your Board approved contracts for preparation of the Subsequent EIR and the Air Quality and Biological Resources Technical Reports. The Subsequent EIR also incorporates a number of technical studies that have been prepared under separate contracts issued through purchase orders or through the Public Works Department's Master Services Agreement process. However, due to their higher values, the Board approved an Agreement with the consulting firm of Padre Associates to prepare/compile the Subsequent EIR and with AECOM to prepare the Air Quality and Biological Technical Reports. Air Quality (including a health risk assessment and greenhouse gas emissions analysis) was anticipated to be a key issue area in the Subsequent EIR and requires a significant amount technical modeling and analysis.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The estimated total costs to complete the environmental review of this project including project management, preparation of the Subsequent EIR, preparation of eleven Technical Studies and preparation of a waste characterization study is \$1.2 million. At this time, staff expects to complete the CEQA within this estimated cost. As supported by the City Managers for the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara, as well as the Santa Barbara County Executive Officer, costs are being funded through a surcharge assessed on the Tajiguas Landfill tipping fee. The surcharge began on July 1, 2013. Based on the current tonnage of material buried at Tajiguas, and the anticipated cost of the review, the surcharge adopted by your Board on June 18, 2013 was \$2.45 per ton (<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1426758&GUID=5B588496-0637-4C25-AB4B-5A456FB2D43D&Options=ID|Text|&Search=tipping+fees>). The surcharge will be on the

Tajiguas Landfill tipping fee until the review is completed and the total costs are known. Once the costs have been covered (anticipated to take 3 years), the surcharge will be removed.

Fiscal Analysis:

The cost of the original contracts and attached contract amendments will be paid out of the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division Enterprise Fund through a surcharge assessed on the Tajiguas Landfill tipping fee over a 3 year period of time starting July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016. An analysis of the first six months of the three year surcharge period indicates that tonnage received at the Tajiguas Landfill, subject to the surcharge, will be sufficient to generate adequate funding for these contracts and their amendments.

Special Instructions:

Please send certified stamped copies of the minute order to Mark Schleich, Joddi Leipner, and Colleen Hankins in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department

Attachments:

1. Amendment No.1 to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor –Padre Associates
2. Amendment No.1 to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor – AECOM

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cc: Project File