



**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: May 15, 2018
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., Director, ext. 3010
Director:

Contact Info: Mark A. Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director, ext. 3605
SUBJECT: Explore Ecology Waste Reduction Education Agreement for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019
All 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 authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement with Explore Ecology for Waste Reduction Education programs for the one-year period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$66,006; and
- b) Find the proposed contract does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (administrative activity of government).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to provide high quality education to students in grades K-12 attending public and private schools, after school programs, and summer camps in County unincorporated areas and in the City of Goleta and Solvang. Other cities within the County contract Explore Ecology for their own education services. Explore Ecology educates and encourages students to reduce, reuse, recycle, and/or compost materials through a variety of classroom presentations and field

trips to its creative reuse store, Art From Scrap. Explore Ecology also connects environmental topics, such as natural resource conservation and climate change to the County's waste reduction programs.

Background:

For the last 28 years, Explore Ecology has provided waste reduction education to students in grades K-12 and taught County residents about the need to reuse materials while encouraging them to reduce waste to decrease the amount of materials that are sent to local landfills. These efforts have helped the County exceed the diversion goals established in Assembly Bill (AB) 939, which required jurisdictions to divert at least 25 percent of their waste by 1995 and at least 50 percent of their waste by 2000 from being sent to a landfill.

Explore Ecology's classroom presentations cover such topics as: waste prevention and reduction (including hazardous waste), reuse, conservation of natural resources, an overview of how landfills are operated, climate change and the greenhouse effect, and composting. Lessons on waste reduction cover concepts of shopping choices and packaging and how decisions made in those areas affect waste generation. Alternatives to disposal of materials that cannot be recycled or composted are discussed, including donating used items to thrift or reuse stores, using durable vs. disposable containers, and shopping with reusable rather than plastic bags. Composting lessons include what compost is, the decomposition cycle, what can be composted, how much food is currently wasted, how composting can help reduce greenhouse gases and the associated effect on climate change, and how compost helps plants.

During the field trips to Art From Scrap students are shown a wide variety of materials donated by businesses and individuals for reuse rather than being thrown away. Students are also taught the concepts of reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost. Like the classroom presentations, alternatives to waste disposal for materials that cannot be recycled are discussed with an emphasis on reuse and donation.

Performance Measure:

FY 18/19: Provide Waste Reduction Education to 6,400 K-12 students and complete approved hourly services such as waste reduction assemblies (In South County unincorporated areas and the City of Goleta, programs will be provided to 3,200 K-12th grade students. In North County unincorporated areas and the City of Solvang, programs will be provided to at least 3,200 K-12th grade students).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

The cost for these services is included in the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division's FY 18/19 budget.

Narrative: This one year agreement will provide services for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019. For Fiscal Year 2018/2019 the Agreement is for total not-to-exceed amount of \$66,006. Funds for the services are generated by program fees on solid waste collection rates as well as paid for through service contracts with the affected cities.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees	\$66,006		
Other:			
Total	\$ 66,006.00	\$ -	

Staffing Impacts:

This Agreement will not result in any new staffing impacts.

Special Instructions:

Please provide the minute order and two signed and dated copies of the Agreement, if approved, to Sam Dickinson in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division. Following Board approval, Clerk of the Board to please post the Notice of Exemption and forward a stamped copy to the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department, Attn: Joddi Leipner.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

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