



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** October 16, 2012

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Approval Of Purchase Order To Cold Canyon Landfill For Water Treatment Solids Disposal

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Find it to be in the City's best interest to waive the formal bidding process, in accordance with Section 4.52.070(L) of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$135,000 to Cold Canyon Landfill for disposal of up to 3,600 tons of water treatment solids; and
- B. Authorize the City's General Services Manager to increase the Purchase Order with the Adamske Consulting Inc., (Purchase Order No. 387671) for Fiscal Year 2013 in the amount of \$92,375 for additional hauling costs to Cold Canyon Landfill.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Santa Barbara, William B. Cater Water Treatment Plant (Cater), provides regional water treatment to the communities of Santa Barbara, Montecito, and Carpinteria. Water treatment solids are a by-product of the water treatment process and must be hauled to an appropriate facility for disposal.

Cater water treatment solids have been hauled to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Chiquita) for the past year. However, Chiquita recently informed the City that due to concerns with public perception, it can no longer accept Cater treatment solids. As a result, staff has had to quickly find a new disposal facility. After investigation, staff determined that Cold Canyon Landfill in San Luis Obispo County is the only landfill within a reasonable distance that will accept Cater water treatment solids.

Considering the short notice from Chiquita, limited options for solids disposal, and that Cater's treatment solids are currently being stock piled at the plant, staff recommends that Council find it to be in the City's best interest to waive the formal bidding process, and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$135,000 to Cold Canyon Landfill for disposal of up to 3,600 tons of treatment solids.

Staff also recommends that the associated hauling costs be covered by increasing existing Purchase Order No. 387671 with Adamske Consulting Inc., for treatment solids hauling by \$92,375, for a total of \$242,375.

The Advanced Treatment Project at Cater is currently under construction, and is anticipated to be complete in the spring of 2014. This project includes using ozone as pre-treatment and changing the coagulant process from a liquid petroleum-based polymer to a dry polymer. It is anticipated that these water treatment process changes will significantly alter Cater's treatment solids such that local landfills will accept the solids for disposal. This improvement will significantly reduce Cater's future solids hauling and disposal costs.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There are sufficient funds in the Water Fund to cover the costs for water treatment solids hauling and disposal.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office