



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 4, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Purchase Order 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
- B. Authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$52,000 to Simi Valley Landfill for disposal of up to 1,000 tons of water treatment solids.

DISCUSSION:

The City's 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 disposal facility.

With the new ozone treatment process, Cater is producing much cleaner treatment solids that will make solids disposal much easier and cheaper. Staff is currently working to bid hauling and disposal services for these treatment solids. However, there are approximately 1,000 tons of stockpiled "old" treatment solids at Cater that were produced under Cater's former water treatment process. These treatment solids contain constituents that make it expensive and difficult to find a landfill that will accept them. For the past 18 months, these "old" treatment solids were being hauled to Cold Canyon Landfill in San Luis Obispo, California.

Cold Canyon Landfill representatives recently informed Cater staff that it will no longer accept Cater's "old" treatment solids, because the solids are too wet, which makes handling the material too difficult for their equipment. As a result, staff has had to find a new disposal facility for the stock-piled treatment solids. After intensive investigation, staff determined Simi Valley Landfill in Ventura County,

California is the only landfill within a reasonable distance that will accept Cater's "old" treatment solids.

Considering the short cancellation notice from Cold Canyon Landfill and the limited options for solids disposal, staff recommends that Council 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 \$52,000 to Simi Valley Landfill for disposal of up to 1,000 tons of water treatment solids. This is sufficient funding to remove the stockpiled treatment solids at Cater.

Simi Valley Landfill's disposal costs are \$7.00 per ton more than Cold Canyon Landfill, \$52.00 per ton as compared to \$45.00 per ton. However, Simi Valley Landfill will accept Cater's "old" treatment solids and the amount needing to be disposed is 1,000 tons.

Hauling of the treatment solids is managed under a separate contract that was competitively bid. The contractor has agreed to haul Cater's treatment solids to Simi Valley Landfill based on the contract unit price per truck load.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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

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