



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Approval Of Purchase Order To Chiquita Canyon Landfill To Provide Water Treatment Sludge Disposal

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process, as authorized by Municipal Code Section 4.52.070(k), and authorize the City General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Chiquita Canyon Landfill for providing the City with up to 3,600 tons of water treatment sludge disposal in Fiscal Year 2012 in an amount of \$165,000; and
- B. Authorize the City General Services Manager to renew the Purchase Order with the Chiquita Canyon Landfill annually through Fiscal Year 2014, subject to Council approval of the annual Water Fund budget.

DISCUSSION:

The City's William B. Cater Water Treatment Plant (Cater) provides regional water treatment to the communities of Santa Barbara, Summerland, Montecito, and Carpinteria. Sludge is a by-product of the water treatment process and must be hauled off-site to an appropriate facility.

For the past two years, the sludge generated by Cater's treatment process has been hauled to the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) for disposal under the classification of alternative daily cover (ADC). The ADC classification allowed VRSD to receive out-of-county material without having approval by the Ventura County Planning Department, which can take up to six months. However, the Regional Water Quality Control Board recently established more stringent permit requirements for constituent levels in ADC and Cater sludge currently does not comply with these requirements. This has given cause for staff to quickly find a new disposal facility for Cater's sludge. Given the short notice, staff was not able to proceed with a formal bid process as required by the City's Municipal Code.

Alternatively, staff completed an informal bid process by investigating surrounding landfill sites for the lowest disposal fees. Their investigation resulted in the findings listed in the chart below. The hauling costs are covered under an existing separate purchase order.

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| Landfill Site | Cost/Ton | Hauling Costs | * Total Cost/Trip |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Chiquita Canyon Landfill | \$45.00 | \$750.00 | \$1,335.00 |
| Simi Valley Landfill | \$52.00 | \$750.00 | \$1,426.00 |
| Tajiguas Landfill | \$72.00 | \$510.00 | \$1,446.00 |
| Santa Maria Landfill | \$69.90 | \$750.00 | \$1,658.70 |

*Estimated 15 tons per truck load

When considering the cost per trip and per ton to dispose of the sludge, the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Castaic, California was found to be the most economical option. According to staff's investigation of sludge disposal fees, staff believes it is in the City's best interest for Council to waive the formal bidding process as provided by Municipal Code Section 4.52.070 (k) and authorize the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Chiquita Canyon Landfill for disposal of up to 3600 tons of Cater's sludge at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The recommended Purchase Order amount of \$165,000 will cover Cater's sludge disposal costs for Fiscal Year 2012.

Staff also recommends approval for the General Services Manager to renew the Purchase Order for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill annually through Fiscal Year 2014, subject to Council approval of the annual Water Fund budget.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Sufficient funding in the Fiscal Year 2012 Water Fund has been approved to cover the cost for sludge disposal.

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