



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: April 28, 2015
Board Meeting Date: June 16, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Heather Forshey, Director, Environmental Health Services

Subject: Agreement with Stericycle Environmental Solutions, Inc. for processing hazardous waste

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Stericycle Environmental Solutions, Inc., to process hazardous waste from the County's various household hazardous waste facilities for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

BACKGROUND:

Environmental Health's (EH) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program was formally established in 1992, after passage of AB939, the California Integrated Waste Management Act. This State law requires local jurisdictions, such as the County, to manage household hazardous programs. In operating its HHW Program, EH contracts with vendors to provide additional labor, equipment, supplies, transportation, and disposal services. The HHW Program's current vendor agreement to process and dispose of residential hazardous waste is with Stericycle Environmental Solutions, Inc.

In February 2015, EH conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to process and dispose of hazardous waste. Stericycle met all the requirements of the RFP process and was chosen based on its ability to collect, transport and dispose of waste for the HHW Program.

DISCUSSION:

EH's HHW Program provides opportunities to safely reduce, reuse, recycle and/or dispose of residential hazardous wastes; new aspects of the HHW Program include new curbside battery recycling services and new universal waste Take-It-Back opportunities.

The HHW Program operates a permanent collection facility at the County's Tower Road campus and multiple satellite and temporary collection sites throughout the County. The HHW Program also provides support to local retailers serving as retail HHW collection sites and businesses with small amounts of HHW. Stericycle will support the HHW Program's operational needs by supplying the Program with hazardous waste drums and chemically absorbent materials; Stericycle personnel to assist in operating multiple HHW collection events throughout the county; and hazardous waste transportation and disposal services.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The agreement with Stericycle contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by ensuring that HHW does not pose a health and safety danger to County residents or cause environmental damage through improper disposal onto lands or waterways. It is anticipated that 745,000 pounds of HHW will be collected and therefore diverted from landfill disposal.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Estimated	FY 2015-16 Projected
Pounds of household hazardous waste diverted from landfill disposal	100% 745,000 pounds	100% 800,000 pounds

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the new agreement is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the three-year term. Payment provisions remain the same as the previous agreement. An appropriation of \$500,000 is included in the EH FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future budget years. The program is funded through EH fees assessed for each ton of solid waste landfilled.