



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER: OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

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Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager
Jim Eggemeyer, Director, Office of Sustainability

Subject: Agreement with Allied Waste Services for the operation of the Pescadero Transfer Station

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC, dba Allied Waste Services of San Mateo County, (Republic Services of San Mateo County), for the operation of the Pescadero Solid Waste Transfer Station for a five-year term through August 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The Pescadero Transfer Station (PTS) provides convenient solid waste disposal and recycling drop off services to the South Coast area of San Mateo County. The County opened the PTS when the Pescadero Landfill was closed in 1986, and the site has been operated through a contractual agreement since then. In FY 2017-18 Allied Waste processed 595 tons of garbage, 192 tons of recycling, and 171 tons of greenwaste.

On August 12, 2008, your Board adopted Resolution Number 069636, which approved an agreement with Allied Waste Services (AWS) for the operation of the Pescadero Solid Waste Transfer Station (PTS) from August 15, 2008, through August 14, 2015. In subsequent years your Board approved three additional one-year extensions with the final extension ending on August 19, 2018.

DISCUSSION:

During FY 2017-18, in an effort to identify long-term strategies for the PTS, the County hired a consultant to conduct a study on Solid Waste and Recycling options for the South Coast area. In the spring of 2017, the Office of Sustainability presented the findings of the study at two community workshops in La Honda and Pescadero and solicited feedback from meeting participants. The Office also formed a subcommittee of community members representing the South Coast to further evaluate the options presented at the meetings.

The subcommittee explored and identified four projects:

- Conduct an RFP for the operation of the PTS site
- Study a small-scale organics collection system for the farmers in the South Coast area
- Explore on-site processing for producing organic compost
- Identify additional revenue generating opportunities for PTS

On May 11, 2018, as recommended by the subcommittee, the Office of Sustainability released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the operation of the PTS. The Office received one proposal from Allied Waste Services (AWS), which was evaluated by staff, and is being recommended in an agreement for adoption by your Board.

The proposed Agreement offers new opportunities for diversion of solid waste for the South Coast community that relies on the PTS. The new programs include collection of electronic waste and food waste, which will assist the County in compliance with State diversion mandates, AB939, AB341, and AB1826 by diverting additional waste generated in the unincorporated areas. The County will work with AWS to explore the feasibility of the other recommendations brought forth by the subcommittee and will update your Board as needed.

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

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and amendment as to form.

Approval of this action contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by continuing to provide solid waste disposal and recycling opportunities to the South Coast residents, businesses, and agricultural communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement is fully funded by gate revenue collected at the PTS and a transfer of funds for the subsidy from the remaining Solid Waste Fund. There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with this agreement.