

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Landfill Testing and Engineering Services
DATE: March 20, 2012

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider an award of a contract to perform landfill monitoring and engineering services.

- FACTS:
1. The City owns a Class III Municipal Solid Waste Landfill located near the intersection of Union Road and Highway 46.
 2. The 145-acre facility has been in operation since 1970 and is permitted to dispose of non-hazardous waste. An estimated 32,000 tons of waste are buried each year in the landfill.
 3. In 2005, the City retained the services of SCS Engineers to provide monitoring and engineering services associated with the landfill.
 4. Given the City is updating its solid waste hauler and landfill operation contracts, it seemed prudent to examine the contract for landfill monitoring and engineering services.
 5. A Request for Proposal was issued with eight (8) landfill service providers responding.
 - American Integrated Services, Inc.
 - Soma Environmental Engineering
 - SCS Engineers
 - Golder Associates
 - Geo-Logic Associates
 - RMC Geoscience, Inc.
 - Padre Associates, Inc.
 - Santec Consulting Corporation
 6. The RFP requested firms submitting proposal include the cost for two (2) years of landfill services.

Analysis &
Conclusion: The existing landfill monitoring and engineering contract with SCS Engineers has been in effect since 2005, with an average cost of approximately \$116,000 per year.

In response to the City's Request for Proposal, eight firms provided proposals for landfill engineering and monitoring services. The proposals received were reviewed by staff and outside landfill professionals.

All proposals received offered work scope consistent with the level of monitoring and reporting needs for a landfill of our type and size. Based on the reviews, Golder Associates is the preferred firm. Client references resulted in favorable reviews and the City has worked with them on other landfill issues in the past.

Staff recommends entering into a professional services agreement with Golder Associates for landfill monitoring and engineering services in an amount of \$110,135.00 for a two year contract (\$55,067 per year). Staff further suggests a contingency amount of \$11,000 (\$5,500 each year) to cover changes, additions or special reporting modifications often sought by the State or agencies having jurisdiction that are not currently contained in the proposed contract.

POLICY

REFERENCE: CA Regional Water Quality Board, Department of Resources Recycling & Recovering, APCD and State Board of Equalization reporting requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT: Solid waste is currently a General Fund service. All revenues from operations are allocated to the General Fund, however, there has been City Council discussion regarding returning the landfill to an Enterprise operation. If accomplished, some existing General Fund obligations (street sweeping, storm water, etc.) could be moved from the General Fund to the landfill operation.

Currently General Fund budget no. 100-310-5224-167 contains \$160,300 allocated to offset the cost of landfill monitoring, testing and reporting. Awarding of a contract to Golder and Associated would reduce the impact to the account in an amount of \$47,165.

- OPTIONS:
- a. Adopt Resolution No. 12-xxx appropriating \$121,135 (\$60,568, annually) to provide landfill engineering and monitoring services and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Golder Associates for the associated service.
 - b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution 12-xx – Award Contract

RESOLUTION NO. 12-xxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES ALLOCATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR LANDFILL MONITORING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City is required to monitor and report the status of the landfill to various State and County agencies; and

WHEREAS, the monitoring requires specific knowledge, equipment and laboratory analysis; and

WHEREAS, it is more cost effective for the City to outsource the monitoring and engineering associated with the operation of the City's Landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Existing Budget No. 100-310-5224-167 contains adequate funding to cover a two year contract for monitoring and engineering services associated with the operation of the City Landfill.

SECTION 2. The City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Golder and Associates to provide monitoring and engineering services for the City Landfill for two (2) years in the amount not to exceed \$121,135 (\$110,135 plus \$11,000 contingency).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 20th day of March 2012 by the following votes:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk