



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: 7/6/2021

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR PALMISANO
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SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH STERNS, CONRAD AND SCHMIDT CONSULTING ENGINEERS INC., DBA SCS FIELD SERVICES FOR LANDFILL GAS SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE CITY LANDFILL FOR FY 2021/22 THROUGH FY 2023/24 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

An agreement and renewal for support services of the Landfill Gas System at the City landfill in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve an agreement with Sterns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Engineers Inc., dba SCS Field Services for landfill gas support services at the City landfill for FY 2021/22 through FY 2023/24 in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Solid Waste Utility Enterprise is responsible for the collection, recycling and disposal of the City's Solid Waste. This responsibility includes collection of municipal solid waste, organic waste collection from commercial entities, recycling collection, operation of a public drop-off and household hazardous waste collection center for community members, and maintaining and operating a solid waste landfill.

The City has owned and operated a landfill for over 60 years. Part of the responsibility of maintaining the landfill includes managing a sophisticated environmental control system that includes groundwater monitoring wells and landfill gas collection and monitoring systems. The landfill gas system requires regular maintenance and infrastructure upgrades in order to maintain compliance with numerous state and federal regulations. The proposed contract with SCS Field Services would include the following scope of work:

- Emergency call-out by City personnel
- Monitoring, testing and repair of landfill gas flare and collection system components

- Repairing or replacing of non-functional landfill gas, condensate sump/pump components, laterals, and pipelines
- Repair of air or liquid transmission pipelines
- Excavation repair work
- As needed sampling and testing
- Landfill gas extraction well installation
- Confined space entry activity

Services will only be performed subsequent to direction and authorization from City staff. SCS will provide, at the request of the City, individual proposals and associated cost estimates as they occur and/or are needed and will perform no work until authorized. The contract will be for a period of three fiscal years.

SCS Field Services was selected through a Request for Qualifications process as the most qualified vendor. The firm has extensive experience in the region, and has provided high-quality landfill gas services to the County of Santa Cruz for many years. The City and County manage their landfill gas in a coordinated partnership, and there are significant gains in efficiency by using one consultant to support both systems.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with the following Strategic Plan goal:
03-Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds for these services will be paid out of the Landfill Closure Fund.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No alternative action is being proposed.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.