

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes _ No X)

Direction regarding selection of Herhof for solid waste co-composting project and authorize staff to proceed with negotiating an agreement with Herhof.

The County's Solid Waste Committee recommends that the Board direct staff to proceed with negotiations with Herhof, the German company that specializes in in-vessel composting, an agreement that will fulfill the waste reduction and environmental mandates of AB 939. The cost of this facility, as proposed by Herhof is \$5,300,000, of which \$1,700,000 will be provided by the National Park Service through Federal legislation. The County is presently pursuing State and additional Federal assistance on the project in the amount of \$2,600,000. If this additional funding comes to fruition a County contribution to the project of approximately \$1,000,000 would be required to complete the facility.

This facility will reduce the waste disposed at the Mariposa County Landfill by 50% or more and will cause the County to be in compliance with AB 939. Not achieving the State's 50% diversion mandate could cause the County to be fined by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) up to \$10,000 per day until such time that the County is in compliance with the law.

Staff and the County's consultants, George Eowan of Integrated Recycling, Inc. (IRI) and Harter Bruch will be available to answer any questions. Mr. Eowan and Jim Petropulos, County Public Works Director, will also provide additional information on the composting facilities they recently visited in Germany.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Staff has made numerous presentations to the Board on the composting project, the most recent being on January 23,2001.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not proceed with the Herhof composting technology which may place the County in a position to be fined by the CIWMB as noted above.

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable

A. Budgeted current FY> \$ _____

B. Total anticipated Costs> \$ _____

C. Required additional funding> \$ _____

D. Internal transfers> \$ _____

SOURCE: () 4/5th Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues> \$ _____

B. Reserve for contingencies> \$ _____

C. Source description: > _____

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, if approved:
\$ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

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Res. No.: SI-75 Ord. No.: _____

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

Approved Denied

Minute Order Attached No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

By: _____

Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

Recommended
 Not Recommended
 For Policy Determination
 Submitted With Comment
 Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

C.A.O. Initials: SW



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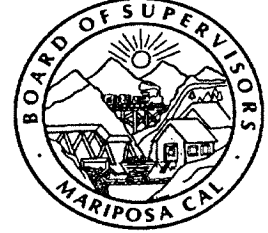
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JIM PETROPULOS, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *(PW)*
SUBJECT: Selection of Herhof as Vendor for Solid Waste Co-Composting Project

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 20, 2001

ACTION AND VOTE:

B) Direction Regarding Selection of Herhof as Vendor for Solid Waste Co-Composting Project and Authorize Staff to Proceed with Negotiating an Agreement with Herhof

BOARD ACTION: (M) Parker, (S) Pickard, Res. 01-75 adopted selecting Herhof as vendor and authorizing staff to proceed with negotiations as recommended. Supervisor Reilly requested that staff proceed with their presentation and that discussion be held prior to taking action due to the size of this project, and she advised that she had questions relative to the financial portion. Discussion was held. Supervisor Parker stated he feels the Board needs to move forward with the project, but that it needs to be affordable, and he advised that Chairman Balmain and the County Administrative Officer will speak with legislators in Washington, D.C. next week to try and secure additional funding, and that Supervisor Pickard is working with State legislators on this issue. Supervisor Pickard noted that these efforts should be coordinated between the state and federal processes. Supervisor Reilly asked about funding issues, and what is being considered if state funding is not available due to the energy crisis. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, commented that there have been no specific discussions at staff level regarding the financial portion. Those discussions have been delayed until later so it can be put in context with the budget process. Supervisor Reilly asked for a guarantee that the master settlement money from the tobacco companies would not be used to fund this project, and that other funding, including long-term, low interest loans would be pursued if funding does not come through. Supervisor Parker stated the Board has not had any discussion on the use of the tobacco settlement funds, and Supervisor Balmain stated the use of those funds would be discussed in the future. Ayes: Unanimous. Board members thanked staff for their efforts on this project. Tom Starling, PWD/Solid Waste Coordinator, presented an artist rendition of the project, and he advised of the presence of individuals involved in this project.

cc: Jeff Green, County Counsel
Dr. Mosher, Environmental Health
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