

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes No)

Resolution approving and authorization for the Public Works Director to execute an agreement with Hilton, Farnkopf and Hobson, LLC (H F & H) for an independent assessment of solid waste collection rates and appropriate the funds to cover the cost (\$35,750) from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies.

The Board's solid waste committee, County Counsel and the Department of Public Works (committee) have been negotiating a franchise agreement with Mariposa County Total Waste Systems, Inc. (TWS). If adopted, one of the key elements of the franchise agreement is the establishment of equitable rates by the Board for the collection service customers (refer to separate agenda item on this subject). HF & H is a firm well recognized in the solid waste industry for providing this type of service to municipalities. HF & H has provided this service to other clients for companies owned by Mr. James Ratto, President of TWS.

TWS is aware of the committee's desire for the rate assessment and has expressed no objection for its completion.

The committee recommends that payment for this assessment come from the general fund, rather than burdening the rate payers with this added expense.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- 1) Do not approve the rate assessment which could result in solid waste collection customers paying an incorrect amount.
- 2) Approve the rate assessment but direct its payment to be made from the solid waste enterprise budget which could result in increased tipping fees.

COSTS: () Not Applicable

A. Budgeted current FY>	\$ -0-
B. Total anticipated Costs>	\$ 35,750
C. Required additional funding>	\$ 35,750
D. Internal transfers>	\$

COSTS: (X) 4/5th Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues>	\$
B. Reserve for contingencies>	\$ 35,750
C. Source description: >*	

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved:
~~\$171,616~~ \$132,696

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

- 1. Budget Action Form (1 pg)
- 2. Proposal (58 ppgs)

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Res. No.: 00-59 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: 

BUDGET ACTION FORM

FUND	DEPT/DIV	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	INCREASE	DECREASE
601	0404	309-1600	Transfer In		(35,750)	
601	0404	651-0418	S.W. Prof. Services		35,750	
001	0161	427-0723	Transfer out S.W.		35,750	
001	0104	414-1090	GENERAL CONTINGENCY			35,750
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS						
601	0404	309-1600	Transfer In. S.W.		(35,750)	
001	061	427-0723	Transfer Out S.W.		35,750	
TOTAL					35,750	35,750

ACTION REQUESTED: (Check all that apply)

Budget appropriation by Board of Supervisors (4/5ths Vote Required): Amending the total amount available in the county budget, or in any one fund of the budget, or appropriating Reserve for Contingencies;

Transfer by Board of Supervisors (3/5ths Vote Required): Moving existing appropriations from one budget to another, or between categories within a budget unit;

JUSTIFICATION: ~~See attached Board item.~~ ADJUSTS ACCOUNTS TO PROVIDE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS FOR TRASH HAULING RATE STUDY

DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE *[Signature]* DATE 1/31/00

APPROVED BY RES NO. _____ CLERK _____ DATE _____

SOLID WASTE

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