

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes_ No_X)

Resolution approving a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a mixed solid waste composting facility at the Mariposa County landfill; authorize the Director of Public Works to issue the RFQ; and consider funding for drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) by Integrated Recycling, Inc. for the same facility (\$50,000).

Staff has been working with Yosemite National Park (YNP) and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for the past year on the MSW co-composting project. The RFQ has been reviewed and approved by the CIWMB and YNP staff. A Letter of Interest (LOI) was mailed to approximately 300 vendors world-wide and advertised in a national solid waste publication. There have been over 50 responses requesting an RFQ.

Because of the technical and specialty nature of an MSW co-composting facility, staff recommends the hiring of a firm capable of writing a "smart" RFP for this facility. IRI has been involved in the project since its inception and is the most experienced and qualified firm for our project. They initially provided the study that identified MSW co-composting as the most economical way to divert Mariposa's waste stream and at the same time complying with the diversion mandates of AB 939. The CIWMB and YNP staff agree that IRI is the most qualified firm to write the draft RFQ.

Staff, assisted by YNP and CIWMB, has been negotiating with IRI on the scope and detail required for the RFP. The total estimated cost of the RFP process will be approximately \$100,000 (originally thought to be \$150,000). YNP is in the process of obtaining a contribution of one half of the anticipated cost. If the Board concurs, in concept, staff will return to the Board during budget hearings with the final funding request and a contract with IRI.

Staff feels it would be inappropriate to increase landfill tipping fees to pay for the RFP as YNP is a major rate payer at the landfill and should not be charged twice. This is also an investment in the future and staff requests that the County's portion of the consulting fee be paid from general County funds. This request is also included as a program adjustment to the FY 96/97 Solid Waste Enterprise budget just submitted to the County Administrative Officer.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Numerous presentations have been made to the Board on this project, the most recent being on March 19, 1996, when the Board approved using IRI for the drafting of the RFQ. The County's Solid Waste Task Force is supportive of continuing this process. The level of support and cooperation provided by YNP and the State of California is unprecedented.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- 1) Do not approve the RFQ, thus ending the project.
- 2) Direct staff to modify the RFQ.
- 3) Direct staff to write the RFP in house, thus delaying the process and not arriving with a quality product because of lack of experience and expertise in MSW co-composting facilities.
- 4) Direct staff to issue an RFP seeking other firms that may be qualified thus delaying the project.
- 5) Direct staff to investigate other sources of funding.

COSTS: () Not Applicable
 A. Budgeted current FY \$-0-
 B. Total anticipated costs \$100,000
 C. Required additional funding \$50,000*
 D. Internal transfers \$ _____

SOURCE: () 4/5th Vote Required
 A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____
 B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____
 C. Source description: _____

Balance in Reserve Contingencies,
 if approved: \$ _____
 *\$50,000 from County General Fund & \$50,000 from YNP.

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 List the attachments and number
 the pages consecutively:

1) RFO (30ppgs) _____

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Res. No.: 96-330 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____
 Absent: Taken 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
 County of Mariposa, State of California
 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: REFER FUNDING REQUEST
UNTIL BUDGET

A.O. Initials: LD