

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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Public Works Director**

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

Resolution approving and authorization for the Public Works Director to contract with Total Waste Systems (TWS) to purchase soil as cover material, at the best available price, for the Mariposa County Landfill for FY 96/97.

Since September of 1995, the Public Works Department has contracted with TWS to purchase soil as cover material for the Mariposa County Landfill. This is a result of Board direction, as the two principal providers of soil did not have sufficient properly permitted soil to provide a long-term supply for use at the landfill. It is apparent that these two providers are permitted or have shown the ability to obtain consistent amounts of permitted soil indefinitely.

TWS has kept continual communication with these suppliers as well as others as to the soil needs at the landfill. TWS has also provided a private bidding mechanism that has given all soil providers the opportunity to bid for their soil contract at a price considerably below the County's process. TWS has done this at no cost to the County.

Public Works recommends the continuation of this practice. A formal bid process would only add more cost at this point in time. Soil requirements for the landfill for FY 96/97 are estimated to be approximately 30,000 cubic yards. The current cost is \$6.01 per cubic yard (as measured in the truck).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On October 3, 1995, following a formal bid process that resulted in several unforeseen complications, the Board directed Public Works to purchase a specified amount of soil at specific prices from the Long and Newman ranches. The Board further authorized Public Works to negotiate with TWS for additional soil at the best available price for additional soil as needed during the interim until a new formal bid process is in place.

In October, 1995, the Board also instructed Public Works to meet with the Mariposa County Fair Board and discuss the possibility of obtaining any excess soil at the fairgrounds for use as cover material. Several meetings with the fair manager and fair board member have taken place. At the present time, the cost of fairgrounds soil would be prohibitive due to engineering design and excavation expense.

On November 14, 1995, the Board approved the purchase of miscellaneous acceptable soil delivered to the landfill at the price of \$2.00 per cubic yard. This was to provide an incentive to consider the landfill as a disposal opportunity for excess soil created by local projects.

On January 23, 1996, the Board instructed Public Works to negotiate with TWS for soil at the best available price. The Board also directed Public Works to return with a recommendation on a long term process once it became clear that both of the principal providers could demonstrate permits for soil provision.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- 1) Go out to a formal bid process resulting in greater costs to the County and delay in obtaining sufficient soil as cover material prior to the rainy season.

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: \$ _____

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Res. No.: 96-363 Ord. No. _____

Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____

Absent: 1 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: _____

A.O. Initials: 