DEPARTMENT: Public Works

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Resolution approving a project to realign a portion of Triangle Road and deliver excess excavated soil to the landfill at a reimbursed cost to the Road Fund from the Solid Waste Enterprise.

Refer to the attached memo for a more detailed description of the recommended action and justification (Attachment #1).

County Counsel has reviewed this proposal (see Attachment #2).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Refer to attachments.

Public Works has filed a Negative Declaration, with mitigation measures, for this project in accordance with CEQA and County policy. No other permits are required.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. No action. Continue to purchase soil for the landfill from outside sources at a higher cost. The road project would not go forward.

2. Provide extra funding to complete the road project this year.

COSTS: ( ) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $180,500
B. Total anticipated costs $100,000
C. Required additional funding $0
D. Internal transfers $0

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

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, if approved: $

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

1. Edwards Memo to Board
2. County Counsel Memo to Edwards

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Res. No.: 96-146
Ord. No. ___ This item on agenda as: ___ A. ___ B. ___ C. ___
A. ___ Absent: ___
( ) 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: Deputies ____________________________________________________________________________

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

/ Recommended
/ Not Recommended
/ For Policy Determination
/ Submitted with Comment
/ Returned for Further Action

Comment: ____________________________________________________________________________

A.O. Initials: ___

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Michael D. Edwards, Public Works Director

Subject: Excess Soil from Proposed Triangle Road Realignment Project; Delivery to Landfill at Reimbursed Cost to Road Fund

Public Works seeks Board concurrence to go forward with a project to realign a portion of Triangle Road known as "Carter Curve". This area has been the site of multiple vehicle accidents over the years and has been one of the County's highest priority road realignment projects, pending funding availability. We recently finished some shoulder widening on this curve as an interim safety measure.

The full project has been designed and on the shelf at Public Works for several years. The design envisions a large cut into the hillside in order to straighten and widen the curve and approach road segments. Adequate right-of-way already exists. Most of the excavated earth (approximately 40,000 cubic yards in place) was to be off-hauled to an unspecified location.

Our attempts to obtain federal safety funding for this project have been unsuccessful. The Board's current policy is to not use local Road Funds for these types of capital improvement projects. Therefore, the needed project has not gone forward.

An opportunity now exists that would allow this project to proceed as well as temporarily solve another need to provide affordable soil for cover at the County landfill. Our proposal is to have the Solid Waste Enterprise reimburse the Road Fund for most or all of the actual cost to excavate and deliver the soil from the road project site to the landfill. The cost would be less than that of current available soil suppliers. This offsets most of the cost for the road project and provides the landfill with another year or two of available soil for cover. Other benefits include extra time to solve the long-term landfill cover problem and added revenue to the Road Fund during a year in which most of the funds are already spent on contracted maintenance projects.

The project would use County forces and take place gradually over a two-year period, at which time there should be adequate funds available to realign the pavement.
Board approval to allow this effort to proceed is required since the current direction is to:

1. Purchase landfill cover soil from Total Waste Systems at the best available price.

2. Perform no road improvement projects without Board approval and without new sources of funding for same.
To: Michael D. Edwards, Public Works Director

From: Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel

Re: Excess Soil from Proposed Road Project; Delivery to Landfill at Reimbursed Cost to Road Fund

Thank you for your memo of September 25, 1996 regarding the above matter. I do not see any procedural or other problems with your proposal as long as the actual reimbursement to the Road Fund does not exceed the cost the County would pay to have the soil delivered to the landfill on the open market. I believe there would be a problem if you are paying more than the amount we can purchase the soil elsewhere.

I agree that this project and proposal would require Board approval.

Should you desire any additional information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

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