



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 2.29

MEETING DATE: 01/16/2024

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Kathryn Ramirez

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Steve Loupe

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

Approve amendment #6 with Grasseti Environmental Consulting, INC. adding \$19,070.00 (reimbursed by Waste Solutions Group) to complete the County's independent review of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and all related documents for the John Smith Road Landfill Expansion for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statutes.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.4

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On February 23, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Grasseti Environmental Consulting, INC., to perform the County's independent review of the Environmental Impact Report for the John Smith Road Landfill Expansion in an amount not to exceed \$136,685 for the term of March 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. On May 11, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract amendment with Contractor to add three subconsultants that were omitted from the Grasseti Environmental Consulting, INC., team that were included in their original proposal. On June 8th, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract amendment with Contractor to add \$46,005 in additional funds. On February 8, 2022 the Board of Supervisors approved a third contract amendment with the Contractor which added \$46,090.00 in additional funds. On June 28, 2022 the Board of Supervisors approved a fourth contract amendment with the contractor which added \$21,600 in additional funds. On November 22, 2022 the Board of Supervisors approved a fifth contract amendment with the contractor which added \$30,600.00 in additional funds. The additional funds and amendments were needed due to additional meetings (internal and public) and work conducted between County Contractor, Contractor's

subconsultants, and Waste Solutions Group staff and consultants that were not included in the initial scope of the Grasseti contract. Substantial effort was required by Contractor and its subconsultants to review additional sections of the initial ADEIR and FEIR which were not anticipated in the original proposal and scope.

Per the Second Amendment to the Landfill Operating Agreement, the contract cost is fully reimbursed to the County by Waste Solutions Group.

Section 10.e CEQA Review of the Expansion: Cooperation with Expansion (Page 32 of the Second Amendment to the Landfill Operating Agreement): "County shall retain a consultant firm ('County's Consultant) to conduct an independent review of the administrative draft EIR submitted by Contractor's Consultant, at Contractor's sole expense..."

Amendment 6 adds \$19,070.00 to the total contract amount not to exceed \$300,050.00 (total amount to be reimbursed by Waste Solutions Group). A sixth amendment is needed for additional effort needed by Grasseti. Specifically, additional funding is needed due to the following reasons:

- 1) Additional effort required to complete Comments and Responses document.
- 2) Participation in four public meetings/hearings on the project.
- 3) Participation in additional coordination calls.
- 4) Extension of the project timeline, resulting in additional coordination effort.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

Per the Second Amendment to the Landfill Operating Agreement Section 10.e CEQA Review of the Expansion: Cooperation with Expansion (Page 32 of the Second Amendment to the Landfill Operating Agreement):

"County shall retain a consultant firm ('County's Consultant) to conduct an independent review of the administrative draft EIR submitted by Contractor's Consultant, at Contractor's sole expense..."

The County distributed a Request for Proposal on November 20, 2020 seeking a County Consultant for the above and Grasseti Environmental Consulting, INC., was selected as the County's Independent EIR Review Consultant. The contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 23, 2021.

A 5th Amendment added \$30,600.00 (total contract not to exceed \$280,980.00).

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

5th Amendment added \$30,600.00 (total contract not to exceed \$280,980.00)

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

5 previous amendments

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

301.75.3810.1000.619.222

CURRENT FY COST:

\$19,070.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board: Approve the amended agreement with Grassetti Environmental Consulting, INC., to add \$19,070.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$300,050.00 (total amount to be reimbursed by Waste Solutions Group).

BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

Approved the amended agreement per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

Grassetti Environmental Amend 6 Exp 6.30.24

Amend 6 Request Letter from Grassetti 12.26.23

Fully Executed Amendment #6 Grassetti Environmental Consulting Contract