



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.29

MEETING DATE: 06/24/2025

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Kathryn Ramirez

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Steve Loupe

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

Approve contract with Environmental Innovations for Green Business programming support and to expand new Regional Agency source reduction & sustainability programs, for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$99,750.00, and authorize Chair to sign it (County portion \$31,720.50 from Enterprise Funds - Regional Agency).

SBC FILE NUMBER:142

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Environmental Innovations provides San Benito County with green business program outreach, program technical assistance to local businesses, and Regional Agency sustainability program support such as ongoing updates to electrification resources on the County's electrification webpage ([Energy | San Benito County, CA](#)) and single-use plastic foodware reduction case studies.

The Environmental Innovations contract is an amount not to exceed \$99,750.00 (County portion \$31,720.50 from Enterprise Funds - Regional Agency). Per the IWM Joint Power Authority Agreement and the Cost Sharing Agreement, the County is the Lead Agency and the County staffs/manages IWM programs to meet state mandates for Regional Agency members. Members include the County of San Benito, the City of Hollister, and the City of San Juan Bautista. Per the Cost Sharing Agreement, the County as Lead Agency is reimbursed for IWM staff/management program costs at an amount based on population figures. Cost sharing is approximately 65% for the City of Hollister, 3.2% for San Juan Bautista, and 31.8% for the County.

San Benito Green Business Program Additional Information:

The award-winning San Benito County Green Business Program assists businesses to increase recycling, conserve resources, and reduce operating costs through a state-wide certification program. Currently the program includes over 70 certified California Green Businesses. Costs for this program are shared by IWM Regional Agency members, the City of San Juan Bautista, the City of Hollister, and the County of San Benito. This Regional Agency program is administered by IWM, where IWM works in conjunction with Environmental Innovations.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

N/A

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

Sole Source. The tools necessary to run a Green Business Program are proprietary to the California Green Business Network, which Environmental Innovations administers. Nearby RFPs for similar scope have resulted in either zero bids from other vendors or Environmental Innovations being selected.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

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:

226.75.3810.1000.619.250

CURRENT FY COST:

\$99,750.00 (County portion \$31,720.50 from Enterprise Funds - Regional Agency)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board: Approve the contract with Environmental Innovations for Green Business programming to support and to expand new Regional Agency source reduction & sustainability programs, for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$99,750.00, and authorize Chair to sign it (County portion \$31,720.50 from Enterprise Funds - Regional Agency).

ATTACHMENTS:

[Contract - Environmental Innovations](#)