



Agenda Item No: 1.f

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: September 2, 2025

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From: Public Works

Subject:

Purchase of Recovered Organic Waste Product from Synagro West, LLC, for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026 to Meet SB 1383 Procurement Requirements

Financial Impact:

Fiscal Impact:

Expense: \$70,769.06

Budget: \$75,257.00 CalRecycle Grant Funds (203-80000-DNU-6299)

Summary:

Senate Bill 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (SB 1383) requires jurisdictions to meet procurement targets based on their population. Placentia's procurement target is 4,094 tons of recovered organic waste product (ROWP) each calendar year. The City satisfies this requirement primarily through the purchase and distribution of compost from Synagro West, LLC (Synagro) using CalRecycle grant funds. In order to spend the grant funds timely and to satisfy the procurement target for calendar years 2025 and 2026, Staff recommends that the City Council approve the purchase of compost from Synagro in the total amount of \$70,769.06.

Recommendation:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Approve a purchase order with Synagro West, LLC, for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the amount of \$70,769.06; and
2. Authorize the City Administrator and/or her designee to execute all necessary documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Strategic Plan Statement:

There is no specific strategic planning goal or objective associated with this agenda item.

Discussion:

Senate Bill 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (SB 1383) requires jurisdictions to meet procurement targets based on their population. Specifically, SB 1383 requires local agencies to procure .08 tons of ROWP material per resident, per year based on the population. Population counts are adjusted every five years as determined by the California Department of Finance. SB 1383 allows for the procurement of ROWP through direct use or the purchase of credits for the use of compost or mulch; renewable natural gas

(RNG) for transportation, heating, or electricity; or electricity created from biomass conversion. Jurisdictions may also purchase ROWP for direct use or giveaway. The City's procurement target is 4,094 tons ROWP per calendar year. ROWP comes in various forms which include renewable gas in the form of transportation fuel, electricity and heat from renewable gas, electricity from biomass conversion, compost, and mulch.

Staff has explored several options to meet the City's procurement requirement. One option to meet the requirement is through the purchase of RNG which must come from a facility in California processing waste only from within the state. This is not currently a feasible option to meet the City's procurement target as RNG is not yet commercially available for purchase. Should RNG become commercially available, a provision of the current lease with the tenant of the City's CNG station requires the purchase of enough RNG to satisfy the City's procurement target each year.

Another avenue explored is obtaining ROWP from Orange County Waste and Recycling (OCWR). As part of the Orange County cities' waste agreement with OCWR, the City and Placentia residents are able to obtain compost at no cost. The County has provided 1.2 tons of compost for City events and upon request from residents in 2024. Additionally, Republic Services hosts an annual compost giveaway event where approximately 20 tons of compost is provided to the public. This leaves the City significantly short of the procurement target.

To meet the City's procurement target, Staff recommends the purchase of 2,375 tons of compost from Synagro. CalRecycle determines ROWP materials differently based on CalRecycle conversion factors. See Attachment 1. Based on CalRecycle's conversion factor for compost along with our procurement target, the purchase of 2,375 tons of compost material will meet the City's procurement target. Synagro distributes the compost to agricultural businesses and provides the City with related documentation. The cost for the purchase in calendar year 2025 is \$34,867.97. The cost increases to \$35,901.09 in calendar year 2026. The City was previously awarded SB 1383 Implementation Grant funds from CalRecycle which will be used to complete the purchases in 2025 and early 2026 to meet the grant expenditures timeline.

Pursuant to the City's purchasing policy, the City can piggyback off existing competitively bid contracts. The City received a proposal from Synagro which piggybacks off the contract from the City of Garden Grove which put out a formal request for proposals on PlanetBids on May 24, 2024. The proposal includes pricing for three years in line with the Garden Grove agreement. The City is not required to purchase for the full three years to receive the benefit of the piggyback pricing. The recommended actions authorize the City Administrator to approve a purchase order with Synagro for the purchase of ROWP materials for calendar years 2025 and 2026.

Fiscal Impact Summary:

The total cost for the purchase ROWP to satisfy the procurement target for calendar years 2025 and 2026 is \$70,769.06. Funding for both calendar years is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget using CalRecycle Grant funds. Funding for future calendar years will be requested in future fiscal year budgets. While the proposal includes pricing for three years, the City is not committed to purchasing for all three years to secure the piggyback pricing. The City will have the option to purchase from Synagro at the stated rate for calendar year 2027 should it choose to.

Attachments

[Attachment 1 - CalRecycle Procurement Target Tool.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 - Synagro Proposal.pdf](#)

[Attachment 3 - Garden Grove Agreement](#)