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December 14, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
FORMER COGEN LANDFILL
CONSULTANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Establish Capital Project No. 86715 for the Cogen Landfill Gas Assessment Workplan in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Capital Project Budget and approve the enclosed Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$137,000.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a consultant services agreement with SCS Engineers (SCS) to provide professional engineering services related to the implementation of the Landfill Gas Assessment Workplan for the former Cogen Landfill located in Monterey Park in an amount not to exceed \$137,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the implementation of a Landfill Gas Assessment (LFG) at the now closed Cogen Landfill to proceed.

Background

The former Cogen Landfill is comprised of 32 acres bordered to the east by the Long Beach Freeway, to the south by the former Blanchard Street Landfill, to the west by a hillside with residences at the top and the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department Biscailuz Center, and to the north by Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Institute. The landfill

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was operational between 1951 and 1957. Several site investigations have been conducted since 1985 to assess methane and other soil gas levels and any groundwater impacts. While these investigations indicated that soil gas levels were within acceptable limits, the migration of methane gas to adjacent properties was identified as a potential hazard.

In November 2002, a 20 foot long fissure developed on the west side of the landfill site which allowed methane gas to vent into the atmosphere. In response to complaints from local residents of odor from the site, the Department of Health Services, which is the authorized Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) under the State Environmental Protection Agency, conducted a joint inspection with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the Los Angeles County Fire Department of the Cogen Landfill site. The investigation verified the emission of methane and a Notice and Order was issued by the LEA requiring repairs at the site to contain uncontrolled gas emissions and the preparation of a gas remediation plan for implementation at the site.

SCS was retained by the Chief Administrative Office, on an emergency basis, to repair the fissure and contain the gas emissions. SCS installed a temporary mitigation system and installed soil gas monitors along the northern and western perimeter of the former landfill site. As the initial step in the preparation of a soil gas remediation plan, SCS has also developed a landfill gas assessment plan to determine the migration rate and direction of subsurface landfill gases and assess the potential for further emissions into the atmosphere.

The proposed landfill gas assessment plan entails the installation and monitoring of perimeter migration probes, monitoring of the landfill's surface emissions, collection and analysis of raw landfill gases, preparation of an aerial survey of the property and submission of a final report on the results and findings. The proposed plan will cost a maximum of \$137,000 and require six months to complete. SCS' final report will serve as the basis for the required gas remediation plan. This approach has been approved by the LEA.

Given SCS' knowledge and experience with the Cogen site, it is recommended that a consultant services agreement be awarded to SCS to complete the landfill gas assessment plan.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well Being as it provides for the necessary steps to mitigate the release of subsurface landfill gases, as well as improve the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Upon your Board's approval of the attached Appropriation Adjustment there will be sufficient funds in Cogen Landfill Remediation Project (Capital Project No. 86715) to award this contract. The cost for the assessment study will not exceed \$137,000.

The attached Appropriation Adjustment will reallocate \$137,000 from Capital Project No. 86612 Refurbishment – Mitigation/Remediation to the Cogen Landfill Remediation Project (Capital Project No. 86715).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Chief Administrative Office Delegated Authority Consultant Services Agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the agreement

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, SCS is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) participants for future employment. SCS is in full compliance with the Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

An environmental impact report is not required for the award of this Consultant Services Agreement. Under CEQA guidelines the scope of services to be provided does not qualify this work as a project. The appropriate environmental documentation, if necessary, will be completed prior to returning to your Board to request authorization to adopt plans and specifications to advertise for bids for the remediation work.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

SCS conducted a preliminary investigation of the site since 1989 and was contracted on an emergency basis to evaluate the surface crack and to perform the emergency repairs in 2002. SCS' familiarity with the site and the previous investigations makes it the most qualified and cost-effective choice to prepare and implement the landfill gas assessment plan.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments (1)

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Department of Health Services

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. No. _____

DEPARTMENT OF Chief Administrative Office

Nov. 17, ~~19~~2004

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

3 VOTES

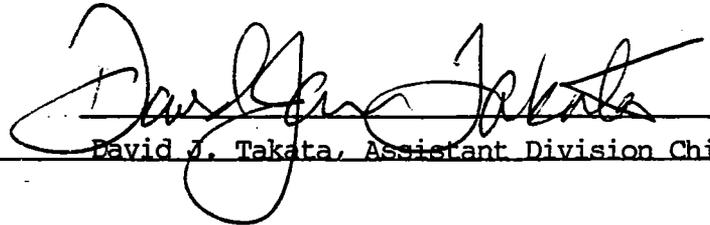
FINANCIAL SOURCES:

Capital Projects
Rfurb-Mitigation/Remediation
Building and Improvements
A01-CP-86612-6014 - FIXED ASSETS
\$137,000 Decrease Appropriation

FINANCIAL USES:

Capital Projects
Rfurb-Cogen Landfill Assessment
Building and Improvements - FIXED ASSETS
A01-CP-86715-6014
\$137,000 Increase Appropriation

The budget adjustment is necessary to reallocate \$137,000 from Capital Project No. 86612 Rfurb-Mitigation/Remediation to the Cogen Landfill Remediation Project - Capital Project No. 86715.



David J. Takata, Assistant Division Chief

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR _____

ACTION

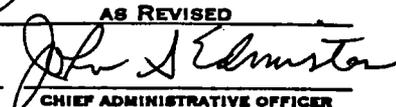
APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

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RECOMMENDATION

Nov 23 2004
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

Helen Jung
NOV. 22 2004
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APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK