



# AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Meeting Date: December 17, 2013

Agenda Item 6K

Approvals:

City Manager [Signature]

Dept. Head [Signature]

Attorney [Signature]

Finance [Signature]

**Department:** Public Works / Engineering  
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**Subject:** *APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES – SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY AND NURSERY PRODUCTS, INC.*

**Fiscal Impact:** None, there is adequate budget within the FY 2014 Sewer Operating Fund for an estimated \$3,200 increase for biosolids disposal for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Summary:** Staff recommends the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a joint agreement through South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) with Nursery Products, Inc. for the disposal of biosolids.

**Background:** During the wastewater treatment process, biosolids are processed, dewatered to remove weight and hauled offsite for disposal. Approximately 17 tons per day are currently produced. In January 2014, the amount will be lowered by approximately 25-30% due to the replacement of biosolids processing equipment currently under construction with higher efficiency technology. The City disposes its biosolids through self hauling to the Prima Descheca Landfill in San Juan Capistrano and contracting for disposal.

During the summer of 2013, the City's contractor for disposal, Synagro, filed for bankruptcy. To continue service without interruption, the City, through SOCWA, entered into a temporary agreement with Nursery Products, LLC of California to haul biosolids until a formal request for proposal (RFP) could be prepared. SOCWA, along with input from its member agencies, prepared an RFP and distributed it to seven companies. Nursery Products, Inc. and Western Express Transporters responded, the RFP's were evaluated, both firms were interviewed and Nursery Products, Inc. was determined to have the best proposal.

A contract with Nursery Products is recommended by SOCWA and its technical advisory Committee made up from member agencies staff including the City of San Clemente. The recommended contract is for two years with up to three annual renewals with the following conditions:

- Management Fee \$38 per wet ton (no minimum tonnage guarantee)
- Hauling fee \$552 per trip
- Trailer rental fee \$88 per day (if needed)

The total cost per ton is approximately \$62 which is \$2 per ton more than the City's budget for contract disposal at \$60 per ton. This cost includes rental of one trailer.

Staff will evaluate the cost of purchasing a second trailer and will include it in the FY 2015 budget if determined to be cost effective. The City hauls approximately 30% its biosolids to the local landfill and the remaining 70% is disposed through a contract service. The estimated additional cost for the disposal for the remainder of the fiscal year is approximately \$3,200. The cost includes the anticipated reduction in biosolids from the new equipment, staff included it in the FY 2014 budget. There are sufficient funds within the Sewer Operating Budget for this expense.

**Recommended**

**Action:** STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign the final Agreement for Biosolids Management Services – South Orange County Wastewater Authority and Nursery Products, Inc.

**Attachment:** Draft Agreement is on file with the City Clerks Office.

**Notification:** None.