

# county of ventura

May 20, 2008

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**SUBJECT:** Approval and Authorization for the Contract to Prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center Expansion, Major Modification to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 3142, Case No. LU07-0048; Located at 2801 Madera Road (Simi Valley), Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 615-0-160-135, -445, and -465, and 615-150-245, -255, -295, -305, -325, and -335; Fourth Supervisorial District; **REQUIRES 4/5THS VOTE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Chair to sign the attached contract (Exhibit 1) with the consulting firm of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center Expansion, Major Modification to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 3142, Case No. LU07-0048, at a cost not to exceed \$480,823.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions to establish appropriations and unanticipated revenue for the attached contract as follows:

Operations – 4730

Increase:	RMA 4730/Planning Services – Revenue	\$480,823
Increase:	RMA 4730/Services and Supplies	\$480,823

**FISCAL/MANDATE IMPACT:**

**Mandated:** Yes. The California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code, Division 13, §§21000-21178), *State CEQA Guidelines* (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, §15063), and the *Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines* (2006) require the County to prepare environmental impact



reports (EIRs) for private projects that are subject to County discretionary approval and may have a significant effect on the environment.

Authority: *Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance* (2005, §8105-4 and §8111-6.1.3).

Source of Funding: Waste Management of California, Inc. (Applicant for the project).

Impact on Other Departments: None. There will be no impact on the Ventura County General Fund net cost. The revenue and expenses for the preparation of the EIR are equal, and the County acts as a conduit for payment to the vendor with funds provided by the applicant. The appropriations and revenue for the EIR contract is not included in the Resource Management Agency (RMA) Operations Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2008 annual budget.

Summary of Revenues and Costs:

	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
Revenue:	\$73,510	\$ 407,313
Costs:		
Direct	\$73,510	\$407,313
Indirect- Department	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0
Net Costs	\$0	\$0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

**Current FY 2007-2008 Budget Projection for 4730 RMA Operations**

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated (Savings/ Deficit)
Appropriations	\$3,690,000	\$3,923,641	\$3,923,641	\$0
Revenue	\$247,000	\$247,000	\$247,000	\$0
Net Cost	\$3,443,000	\$3,676,641	\$3,676,641	\$0

**DISCUSSION:**

The RMA, Planning Division, is requesting your Board's approval of a contract with SAIC for the preparation of an EIR for a private project that involves a Major Modification (No. 8) to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 3142 (Case No. LU07-0048), for the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center. If approved, the Major Modification would allow: (1) additional recycling facilities; (2) consolidation of local refuse and recycling

collection operations; (3) a lateral and vertical expansion of existing landfill operations; and (4) an extension of the disposal capacity and life of the landfill. The current daily tonnage limit for all materials entering the landfill (disposal tons and recyclables) is proposed to remain at 9,250 tons per day (TPD) but the allocation of material types would change from 3,000 TPD of material for disposal and 6,250 TPD of recyclable material, to 6,000 TPD of material for disposal and 3,250 TPD of recyclable material.

Ventura County regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over this project prepared an Initial Study (preliminary environmental analysis) which revealed that the project has the potential to create significant environmental impacts to the following resources and environmental issue areas: agricultural soils; General Plan environmental goals and policies; community character; housing; air quality; endangered, threatened, or rare species; wetland habitat; wildlife migration corridors; locally important species and habitat communities; agricultural resources (soils and air quality/microclimate); visual resources (scenic highway and scenic area/feature); paleontological resources; cultural resources (archaeological and historical resources); noise and vibration; public roads and highways (level of service); and, waste treatment/disposal (individual sewage disposal).

The Initial Study also revealed that the project has the potential to create a potentially significant, but mitigable, impact to visual resources (glare), which also must be evaluated as part of the EIR.

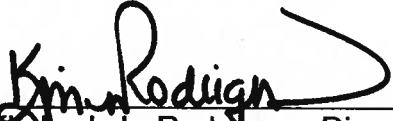
Finally, due to information revealed in response to the Notice of Preparation that was prepared for the project, an analysis of the project's impacts relating to the following resources and issue areas will be included in the EIR: water resources (surface water quantity and surface water quality); hydraulic hazards (erosion/siltation and flooding); waste treatment/disposal (solid waste management); and, recreation (local parks/facilities, regional parks/facilities, and trails/corridors). Since the project has the potential to create significant impacts that cannot be reduced to a less-than-significant level through the imposition of feasible mitigation measures, an EIR must be prepared for this project.

The RMA, Planning Division, sent a notice requesting proposals to prepare the EIR for this landfill project to 10 environmental consulting firms that have experience preparing environmental documents for landfill-related projects in California. The RMA, Planning Division, received two proposals in response to the notice, which were evaluated by a committee consisting of staff from the RMA, Planning Division, and the Public Works Agency, Integrated Waste Management Division. The committee unanimously selected SAIC because: (1) SAIC has extensive experience preparing environmental documents for landfill-related projects in California, including the *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report: Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center Ventura County, California Conditional Use Permit 3142 Modification No. 6* (Ventura County, September 2002); (2) SAIC has an excellent track record of preparing technically adequate and timely EIRs for projects that are similar to the project that is the subject

of the EIR contract; (3) SAIC demonstrated a superior understanding of the project description and scope of work that is required for the EIR; and, (4) SAIC offered the lowest bid to prepare the EIR. The Planning Division, applicant (Waste Management of California, Inc.), and SAIC have agreed to the total EIR Contract cost of \$455,823. The proposed EIR Contract would permit the RMA Director to approve additional work, if needed, provided that such additional work does not exceed a total of \$25,000. Additional work in excess of \$25,000 would require your Board's approval.

The RMA, Planning Division, will authorize SAIC to begin work on the project following the execution of this Contract and receipt of the necessary deposit from Waste Management of California, Inc.

This item was sent to the offices of the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions concerning this item please contact Dan Klemann, M.A., Senior Planner, at (805) 654-3588 or via email at [daniel.klemann@ventura.org](mailto:daniel.klemann@ventura.org).

  
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PLANNING DIVISION

**Attachments:**

Exhibit "1" – Contract for Consultant Services to Prepare an EIR for the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center Expansion, Major Modification to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 3142, Case No. LU07-0048