



STAFF REPORT

April 20, 2022

File Number 0600-10; A-3404

SUBJECT

CONTRACT AWARD FOR HAULING AND BENEFICIAL REUSE OF HARRF BIOSOLIDS

DEPARTMENT

Utilities Department, Wastewater Division

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-46, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Public Services Agreement with Tule Ranch/Western Express Transporter's, Inc./Ag Tech LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for hauling and beneficial reuse of biosolids from the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF). The contract term is three years with two, one-year options to extend.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Utilities Department, Wastewater Division: Christopher W. McKinney)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Tule Ranch/Western Express Transporter's, Inc./Ag Tech LLC will charge a base price of \$49.65 per wet ton for hauling and beneficial reuse of HARRF biosolids. The HARRF produces about 14,500 wet tons of biosolids each year. The approximate annual cost of this contract is \$720,000. In addition, the contract allows for a fuel surcharge to be applied if the price of diesel fuel rises above \$4.803 per gallon. Diesel prices will be determined by Tule Ranch/Western Express Transporter's, Inc./Ag Tech LLC each month from the California Retail On-Highway Diesel Price Index. As of April 4th, 2022, the index price for California was \$5.714 per gallon. Sufficient funds have been budgeted in the Wastewater Fund Operating Budget to cover the costs of this contract.

BACKGROUND

The HARRF treatment process produces approximately 14,500 tons of Class-B biosolids, which are qualified for beneficial reuse. Disposal and beneficial reuse are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. Some examples of beneficial reuse of Class B biosolids include alternate daily cover for active landfill cells and soil amendment for crops grown for purposes other than human consumption (i.e., cotton, animal feed, etc.). The hauler delivers empty trailers to the HARRF, where they are loaded with biosolids and transported to the reuse site.

Staff advertised a Request for Proposal on the E-Bid site requiring all bids to be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. on March 24, 2022. Three responses were received to the Request for Proposal, all providing a



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bid, including some form of fuel surcharge. The responsive bidders, including base prices per wet ton, are summarized below:

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| 1) Tule Ranch/Western Express Transporter's, Inc./Ag Tech LLC | \$49.65 +/- fuel surcharge |
| 2) Denali Water Solutions | \$56.00 +/- fuel surcharge |
| 3) Rust & Sons Trucking | \$89.00 +/- fuel surcharge |

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2022-46

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Resolution No. 2022-46 – Exhibit "A": Public Services Agreement with Tule Ranch/Western Express Transporter's, Inc./Ag Tech LLC