

AGENDA STAFF REPORT



MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE(S): MAY 15, 2023

FROM: BRIAN MACY – ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

FOR: ACTION DIRECTION INFORMATION

AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH ECOLOGY AUTO PARTS INC. FOR HAULING OF SUB-CLASS “B” BIO-SOLIDS, GRIT, AND SCREENING OFF-SITE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the General Manager to execute a 3-year contract for a not to exceed amount of \$440,000 per year, with the option to extend the contract for three (3) one-year terms to Ecology Auto Parts Inc. (Ecology) for the hauling of Sub-Class “B” bio-solids, grit, and screening off-site for landfill or beneficial reuse and authorize the General Manager to do all things necessary to complete the project.

SUMMARY

As part of the treatment process, MSWD operates a belt filter press to dewater secondary sludge (bio-solids) to maintain a balance of solids in the plant. Bio-solids generated at the HWWTP are hauled away routinely on a daily/weekly schedule with the tonnage dependent on the influent flows and operations of the plant. Western Express Transporters, Inc. has been the District’s contracted bio-solids hauler since 2014. In September 2022, the District was notified that WET would no longer be able to service our needs effective February 1, 2023.

During the MSWD Board Meeting held on February 20, 2023, MSWD awarded a contract to Denali Water Solutions LLC. for hauling services. After the award, Denali Water Solutions, LLC requested changes to the contract language which MSWD did not accept; therefore, MSWD began contract negotiations with the second bidder, Ecology. The negotiated contract with Ecology is attached.

ANALYSIS

Ecology is a family-owned and operated business that has operated landfills and municipal solid waste transfer stations beginning in 1949 in Downey, Norwalk, and Santa Fe Springs, CA. Ecology has been operating a dedicated waste transfer business throughout the Southern California area since 2001. They currently transport on an annual basis over six million tons of recyclables and MSW, approximately 125,000 tons of biosolids, and over six million tons of various other commodities by commercial tractor-trailers, including scrap iron and metal, recyclables, green waste, food waste, and construction debris.

Over the past month, Ecology has been working with MSWD staff under an emergency contract to haul sub-class “B” bio-solids and grit off-site for landfill disposal. Ecology has been very responsive to District’s needs and is willing to work with MSWD as staff prepares for the operation of Wright Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Ecology has also proposed a lime stabilization pilot study which may provide a lower hauling cost alternative in Fall 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT AND STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

All costs for this contract through June 30th have been included within the approved FY2022/23 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Agreement for Professional Services: Ecology Auto Parts Inc., and Spill Response Plan