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Agenda Item No. I-13

Reviewed By: City Manager

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DATE: June 28, 2006

TO: City Council

FROM: Mark S. Norris, Assistant Public Works Director
Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Ventura Regional Sanitation District Biosolids Program

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council execute a letter in support of the Ventura Regional Sanitation (VRSD) District Biosolids Program.

DISCUSSION

A Kern County initiative, to prohibit continued land application of biosolids in Kern County, appeared on the June 6, 2006 ballot and was passed by the County. Over 7,000 tons of biosolids are produced every month in Ventura County and most of this material is currently shipped to Kern County. VRSD has proactively researched and developed a feasible biosolids management proposal. At the center of this proposal is a processing facility that could potentially handle all biosolids produced within Ventura County at a reasonable cost. The proposed facility consists of a dehydration system to process biosolids or reuse as daily cover at the Toland Road landfill. This program will also dramatically reduce emissions from trucking, utilize renewable energy resources for power, and preserve all AB939 trash diversion mandates for cities.

This letter of support does not obligate the City to the project; however, it will help VRSD move forward to provide an alternative that the City may consider in its search for an environmental and economical solution for biosolids disposal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

NONE

Attachment #1 – Letter of Support for VRSD Biosolids Project

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July 11, 2006

Mr. Mark Lawler, General Manager
Ventura Regional Sanitation District
1001 Partridge Drive, Suite 150
Ventura, CA 93003-0704

SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT – VRSD BIOSOLIDS PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Lawler:

The City of Oxnard supports the Ventura Regional Sanitation District's (VRSD) biosolids management concept outlined in the mitigated negative declaration (MND) released June 20, 2006.

Over 7,000 tons of biosolids are produced every month in Ventura County. Most of this material is currently shipped to Kern County for land application, composting and surface disposal. However, an initiative appeared on the June 6 ballot and passed with 82% approval to prohibit continued application of biosolids in Kern County. It is time for Ventura County leaders to bring this challenge home and embrace local biosolids management.

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The management of Ventura County biosolids will become a difficult issue for local leaders in the years to come if we do not take positive steps to address it now. The City of Oxnard supports the local alternative that VRSD is proposing in its MND.

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