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Prepared By: Mark S. Norris *MSN* Agenda Item No. I-20
 Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *[Signature]* Public Works Director *[Signature]*

DATE: June 21, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: Mark S. Norris, Assistant Public Works Director
Public Works Department *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Ventura Regional Sanitation District Biosolids Program

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council adopt a resolution in support of the efforts of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) to establish the Toland Road Landfill Biosolids Facility and Electric Generation Project, thereby providing a countywide regional solution to disposal of biosolids.

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 voters. Over 8,000 tons of biosolids are produced every month in Ventura County and most of this material is currently shipped to Kern County. VRSD has been proactively working to develop a biosolids management plan that could potentially handle all biosolids produced within Ventura County at a reasonable cost. The current plan incorporates an electrical generation system and drying facility to be located at Toland Road landfill. This facility will process biosolids for reuse as daily cover at the landfill. The plan will also dramatically reduce emission from trucking, utilize renewable energy resources for power, and preserve all AB939 trash diversion mandates for cities.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

MSN:mr

Attachment #1 - Resolution in Support of VRSD Biosolids Project

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD
IN SUPPORT OF THE VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT BIOSOLIDS
FACILITY AND ELECTRIC GENERATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Oxnard supports the Ventura Regional Sanitation District's Toland Road Landfill Biosolids Facility and Electric Generation Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, over 8,000 tons of biosolids are produced every month in Ventura County and most of these biosolids are transported to Kern County over 150 miles each way and the transported biosolids are either disposed of through composting or by direct land disposal methods; and

WHEREAS, transportation of biosolids out of Ventura County is becoming increasingly difficult due to regulatory, legislative and initiative based restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura Regional Sanitation District has been proactively working to develop a biosolids management plan for Ventura County with a current plan that incorporates an electrical generation system and drying facility to be located at the Toland Road landfill and this Project has several noteworthy positive environmental impacts such as:

1. 1,000,000 truck miles removed annually from roads
2. 1,800 tons of CO₂ carbon footprint removed annually
3. Project utilizes 100% of green power
4. End biosolids product is recyclable and AB939 compliant
5. Entire operation occurs within an existing, permitted landfill

WHEREAS, the management of Ventura County biosolids will become a more difficult issue for local leaders in future years if Ventura County does not take positive steps today to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2007, the Ventura Regional Sanitation District certified a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project which determined that revisions in the Project plans mitigate the effects of the Project to the point that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2007, after review of public comments, including the testimony presented at the Ventura County Planning Division administrative public hearing held on April 4, 2007, the Planning Director of the County of Ventura approved the Project under a minor modification to the Toland Road Landfill Conditional Use Permit 3141, including the 40

mitigation measures set forth in the Mitigated Negative Declaration plus an additional 38 Conditional Use Permit conditions based on the public testimony and the requests of local and state agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over and/or interest in the Project; and

WHEREAS, Ventura County's Planning Director's approval has been appealed to the Ventura County Planning Commission and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves to support the efforts of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District to establish the Toland Road Landfill Biosolids Facility and Electric Generation Project, thereby providing a countywide regional solution to disposal of biosolids. Further, the City Council of the City of Oxnard requests that the Ventura County Planning Commission and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors uphold the determination of the Ventura County Planning Director and deny the appeal of the Planning Director's decision approving the Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ___ day of _____, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 06-21-07

Gary L. Gillig, City Attorney