



Meeting Date: 04/22/08

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Prepared By: Anthony Emmert *[Signature]* Agenda Item No. F-2
 Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *[Signature]* Public Works *[Signature]*

DATE: April 14, 2008

TO: City Council

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

SUBJECT: Ventura Regional Sanitation District Biosolids Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) Agreement Number A-7038 for Commitment and Treatment of Biosolids.

DISCUSSION

From 1995 to 2006, the City of Oxnard's biosolids were hauled, treated and reused at its farm near the City of Wasco in Kern County. In June of 1996, due to a growing concern regarding the importation and disposal of biosolids in Kern County, Kern County voters passed a measure prohibiting the land application of biosolids in the unincorporated area of Kern County (Measure E). As a result, the City discontinued the land application of its biosolids at the Wasco Farm and entered into an agreement with Liberty Composting (formerly San Joaquin Composting) to haul, compost and reuse the City's biosolids. The City currently pays Liberty Composting \$49.50 per wet ton for these services and the agreement is set to expire in November 2008. Based upon a review of recent contracts with other agencies, it is anticipated that continuing this biosolids management option could result in a cost increase of between \$2 and \$3 per wet ton in the near term. The Liberty Composting Agreement allows for diversion of up to 50% of the City's current Biosolids production to other disposal options.

VRSD has proactively researched and developed a viable biosolids management project. At the center of this project 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 or dryer system to process biosolids for reuse as alternative daily cover at the Toland Road landfill. This project is very environmentally friendly in that it reduces emissions from trucking, utilizes renewable energy resources for power, and preserves all AB939 trash diversion mandates for the City.

To better meet the City's long-term biosolids management needs, staff recommends that the City participate in VRSD's Biosolids Dryer Facility project. The key provisions of this ten (10) year agreement between the City and VRSD are:

- On an interim basis, VRSD has agreed to accept 50% of the City's biosolids for direct incorporation into the Toland Road landfill. This interim disposal option would be available to the City only until the First Dryer Project is operational, which is expected to be later this calendar year. This option is available at a reduced cost of approximately \$40 per wet ton and would save the City an estimated \$144,000.
- VRSD will haul the biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Toland Road Landfill; treat the biosolids via the dryer system; and use the treated biosolids for Alternative Daily Cover at the Toland Road Landfill
- The City will provide 100% of all the biosolids produced for treatment by VRSD at a cost of \$52.00 per wet ton of biosolids produced, depending on the number of dryers that are in-service. The agreement also provides for a cost escalator of a maximum of 3.5% annually. In addition, the City would pay a proportional share, depending on the volume of biosolids hauled, of any increases in cost associated with increased regulatory compliance requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The per-ton hauling and disposal costs are similar to those the City is currently paying to Liberty Composting. There are sufficient funds budgeted to accommodate this agreement in Account 621-6202.

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Attachment #1 – Agreement Number A-7038 for Commitment and Treatment of Biosolids Between Ventura Regional Sanitation District and City of Oxnard

Note: Agreement Number A-7038 Agreement for Commitment and Treatment of Biosolids Between Ventura Regional Sanitation District and City of Oxnard has been provided to the City Council. Copies are available for review at the Circulation Desk in the Library after 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and at the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on Monday.



Item # 1-1

INFORMATION ONLY

NO ACTION REQUIRED

DATE: April 14, 2008

TO: City Council

FROM: James Cameron, Chief Financial Officer
Finance Department

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SUBJECT: Monthly Budget Status Reports for the Period Ending March 31, 2008

The monthly budget status reports for revenues and expenses include the General Fund, the Community Development Funds and the Utility Funds for the Period ending March 31, 2008.

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Attachment #1: Monthly Budget Status Reports

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