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Board of Directors
Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Ventura, California

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FY 2022-23 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAYMENT OF CONDENSATE HAULING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE TOLAND ROAD LANDFILL BY WASTE MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL

RECOMMENDATION

Consider & Approve FY 2022-23 Budget adjustment in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 for additional appropriations needed to fund the condensate hauling and disposal.

FISCAL IMPACT

Additional appropriations in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 are needed to fund the amount in excess of the original \$231,000 adopted budgets for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Toland Road Landfill Condensate Management

As a part of the landfill gas extraction process and management at the Toland Road Landfill, condensate, which is a liquid produced during the natural cooling of the landfill gas, is collected and injected into the landfill gas flare for destruction.

At the last Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) source test of the Toland Road landfill gas flare on July 19, 2021, it was determined that the flare did not meet the permit to operate requirements for proper destruction of landfill condensate. This meant that Toland Road Landfill staff could no longer inject the collected landfill condensate into the flare for destruction along with collected landfill gases. The new Board-approved landfill gas flare, which is designed to allow VRSD to inject condensate for disposal/destruction, is projected to be completed by August 2023. The Bid Period for installation is currently active, with the contractor selection and construction to follow.

So in the interim, without the use of the landfill gas flare as a means of handling or disposing of landfill condensate, Toland Road Landfill staff has increased the use of off-site hauling and disposal of the condensate.

PROPOSAL

The FY 2022-23 Budget included \$231,000 for Toland Road Landfill condensate hauling and disposal services to an appropriate offsite treatment facility. In addition to having to haul the condensate for a longer period of time because the landfill gas flare project is still in process, the recent atmospheric river rain events and lower temperatures have increased the production of condensate in the landfill gas extraction system resulting in cost increases for off-site treatment.

Although this recommended additional allocation will negatively impact the finances of the Solid Waste fund, it is a necessary and unavoidable cost. Staff will diligently continue exploring options to offset this unexpected expense.

This letter has been reviewed by Legal Counsel as to form.

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