

STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 13, 2024

**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 11

**SUBJECT:** Find the “West Central Landfill 2024 Leachate Pond Project,” Contract No. 207604, categorically exempt in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 14 CCR Section 15301, Class 1-Existing Facilities, approve the plans and specifications, and direct the Public Works Director to advertise for bids, and authorize the opening of bids on or after September 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** District 2

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Don Renz, Principal Engineer, (530) 225-5661

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Troy Bartolomei, Public Works Director

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b> Simple Majority Vote	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b> No General Fund Impact
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**RECOMMENDATION**

Take the following actions regarding the “West Central Landfill 2024 Leachate Pond Project,” Contract No. 207604: (1) Find the project to be categorically exempt in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 14 CCR Section 15301, Class 1-Existing Facilities; (2) approve the plans and specifications and direct the Public Works Director to advertise for bids; and (3) authorize the opening of bids on or after September 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

**DISCUSSION**

Landfill refuse leaches liquid; leachate. West Central Landfill’s waste cells have a leachate collection system. The leachate is pumped to ponds where it is evaporated. The proposed project will expand the holding capacity of this system by adding a third evaporation pond. Plans and specifications for the work are complete and funding is in place. It is recommended that the Board initiate the bidding process.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The Board may decline to advertise for bids at this time. Inadequate pond capacity for leachate has been an issue during winters with above average rainfall. Leachate can be stored only in permitted storage facilities.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

The Regional Water Board has approved the project. County Counsel has approved the contract documents as to form. Risk Management has approved the contract documents. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The total estimated cost of this project is \$1,043,000, including design, construction, project administration, and contingencies. Sufficient appropriations are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Solid Waste Budget. All landfill activities are fee supported.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1: None