



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001157

MEETING DATE: 05/05/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): District 3 and District 5

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: OC Waste & Recycling

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Tom Koutroulis, 714-834-4122
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SUBJECT: Approve Contract for Operations & Maintenance of Groundwater Extraction Systems

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION
		3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: Yes	Current Year Cost: \$50,000	Annual Cost: FY 2026-27 \$450,000 FY 2027-28 \$450,000 FY 2028-29 \$400,000
Staffing Impact: No	Funding Source: Fund 299: 100%	Sole Source: No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A		County Audit in Last 3 years: No

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Completed? Yes

Prior Board Action: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute contract with Civil Environmental Survey Group, Inc. for South Region Groundwater and Liquid Conveyance Systems Maintenance, effective June 13, 2026, through June 12, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000, with unused funds to be carried over from year to year.
2. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to make ministerial or non-material changes to the contract.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the contract with Civil Environmental Survey Group, Inc. to provide operation and maintenance services of groundwater extraction and liquid conveyance systems at the South Region Landfills will support landfill operations and maintain compliance with state and federal regulations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) is responsible for managing the County of Orange (County) solid waste disposal system, including South Region Landfills which consist of the active Prima Deshecha Landfill (Landfill) and five

closed solid waste disposal sites. The Landfill, located in the unincorporated area south of the City of San Juan Capistrano, is owned by the County, operated by OCWR and was opened in 1976 to meet the solid waste disposal needs of the southern portion of Orange County.

On May 25, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved contract MA-299-21011453 with Civil Environmental Survey Group, Inc. (CES) to provide operations and maintenance services of groundwater control and monitoring systems and water supply systems at South Region Landfills for a three-year term, effective June 13, 2021, through June 12, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000, renewable for two additional one-year terms not to exceed \$350,000 each year, with excess funds to be carried over from year to year.

On May 7, 2024, the Board approved Amendment Number One to renew the contract for two years, in accordance with 2021 Contract Policy Manual (CPM) 3.3-105 (2), effective June 13, 2024, through June 12, 2026, with CES in the amount not to exceed \$350,000 annually, for a revised cumulative contract of \$1,750,000.”

Approval of contract MA-299-26010502 with CES will provide operation and maintenance services of the groundwater control system, monitoring systems, and water supply systems. The contract will also provide operations and maintenance services and repairs beyond the mentioned routine tasks, including but not limited to the reclaimed water system, potable water system, leachate collection and storage system and landfill gas condensate collection and storage system.

This contract is designed to support ongoing and future landfill operations and compliance with local, state, and federal regulations across all sites in the South Region

On November 24, 2025, OCWR released a Request for Proposal via the County’s online bidding system to solicit proposals from interested parties to provide South Region groundwater and liquid conveyance systems maintenance.

The Orange County Preference Policy (OCPP) was applicable and incorporated into this solicitation. No OCPP-qualified proposals were submitted. OCWR received two proposals. The evaluation panel, consisting of five members, evaluated the proposals and conducted interviews resulting in a recommendation of award of contract to Civil Environmental Survey Group, Inc.

Respondent	Aggregate Score (Max Score 1,000)
Civil Environmental Survey Group, Inc.	921.6
Stearns, Conrad & Schmidt Consulting Engineers, Inc.	825.6

OCWR procurement has conducted due diligence on CES and has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to the contractor’s ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests. Reference checks were satisfactory and completed with Los Angeles County Unified School District, Bowyer Environmental Consulting, Inc. and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department regarding similar projects.

OCWR is requesting the Board approve this contract with CES for South Region groundwater and liquid conveyance systems maintenance, effective June 13, 2026, through June 12, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000, which will provide support for landfill operations as well as maintain compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements.

An analysis was completed to verify the contract provides the County with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services in accordance with the law.

This contract includes subcontractors. See Attachment B for information regarding subcontractors and the Contract Summary Form.

Compliance with CEQA: The proposed action was previously determined to be Categorical Exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, 15304, 15307 and 15308 (Classes 1, 4, 7 and 8) of the CEQA Guidelines on May 25, 2021, when it was originally approved. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities) provides for the exemption of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. In addition, the proposed action was also determined to be Categorical Exempt (Class 4) from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines, since Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) involves minor alterations to land. Also, the proposed action was previously determined to be Categorical Exempt (Class 7) from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), since Class 7 consists of actions taken by a public agency for the protection of natural resources. The proposed action was also previously determined to be Categorical Exempt (Class 8) from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment), since Class 8 consists of actions taken by a public agency for the protection of the environment. This Contract Amendment will allow for the continued operation and maintenance of the leachate collection/extraction and groundwater monitoring/extraction systems and all various liquid conveyance systems at South Region Landfills which is consistent with the original Class 1, Class 4, Class 7 and Class 8 Categorical Exemption determination.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this contract are included in the FY 2025-26 Budget for OCWR Enterprise Fund 299 and will be included in the budgeting process for future years.

The contract includes provisions that the contract is contingent upon the availability of funds and inclusion of sufficient funds in the budget approved by the Board for each fiscal year the contract remains in effect or operation. In the event such funding is terminated or reduced, the County may terminate this contract, reduce the County's maximum obligation or modify the contract, without penalty.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - MA-299-26010502 Civil Environmental Survey Group, Inc.

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form

Attachment C - Individual Scoring

Attachment D - Rating Summary