



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001478

MEETING DATE: 08/25/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): District 1 and District 3
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: OC Waste & Recycling
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Tom Koutroulis, 714-834-4122
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SUBJECT: Approve Amendment Number Two for Groundwater Control and Monitoring Systems

CEO CONCUR

Concur

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

Approve agreement to form

CLERK OF THE BOARD

DISCUSSION

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: Yes

Current Year Cost: \$300,000

Annual Cost:
FY 2027-28 \$300,000

Staffing Impact: No

Current Fiscal Year

Revenue: N/A

Levine Act Review

Completed? Yes

Prior Board Action: 9/12/2023 #11

Funding Source: Fund 299: 100%

Sole Source: No

**County Audit in Last 3
years:** No

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment Number Two with Civil Environmental Survey Group Inc. DBA CES, for operations and maintenance services of various groundwater systems at Central Region Landfills, to renew the contract for two years, effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028, with unused funds to be carried over from year to year, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, for a revised cumulative contract total not to exceed \$1,500,000.
2. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to make ministerial or non-material changes to the contract.

SUMMARY:

Approving amendment two with Civil Environmental Survey Group Inc. DBA CES to provide operation and maintenance services of the groundwater control and monitoring systems and water supply systems will support compliance with state and federal regulations for landfill operations at Central Region Landfills.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) is responsible for managing the County's solid waste disposal system including Central Region Landfills that consist of the active Frank R. Bowerman (FRB) Landfill and five closed solid waste disposal sites. The FRB Landfill was opened in 1990 to meet the solid waste disposal needs of the central portion of Orange County.

Approval of Amendment Number Two to MA-299-23011468 (Contract) with Civil Environmental Survey Group, Inc. dba CES (CES) will provide ongoing operation and maintenance services of the leachate (liquid that drains from a landfill) groundwater extraction systems and all various liquid conveyance systems at Central Region Landfills. Services by CES support continued landfill operations, including post-closure requirements. Under the Contract, CES provides central region landfills such services as maintenance and repair of the potable/non-potable water system, leachate collection and removal system, groundwater extraction system and as-needed services to support compliance with regulatory requirements at the FRB Landfill. Also included are general pumps, odor neutralizer misting systems, annual and five-year fire pump testing, potable/non-potable yearly exterior tank inspection, five-year interior potable/non-potable tank inspection and groundwater monitoring and well maintenance at FRB, Santiago Canyon, Gotthard Street and Cannery Street.

The leachate system provides collection and storage of leachate water. The groundwater control and monitoring system is used to extract, collect and store groundwater. Both systems support compliance with all applicable California Code of Regulations Title 27. The water supply system provides potable/non-potable water for landfill operations, organics processing, fire protection and landscape irrigation. This system was installed to provide an adequate water supply at the landfill in compliance with Final Environmental Impact Report No. 604 and Orange County Fire Authority requirements. The water supply is also used to prevent, reduce and mitigate dust and odors at the landfill in compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rules.

Water and environmental maintenance control systems at the landfill benefit Orange County's residents by controlling the disposal of liquids that are byproducts of refuse (leachate & condensate) or storm water that may have come in contact with refuse. Operation and maintenance of these systems is necessary to ensure system reliability and is vital to protect the public and the environment.

On September 12, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the first three-year term of the contract with CES for operations and maintenance services of various groundwater systems at Central Region Landfills, effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, with excess funds to be carried over from year to year, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000, with an option to renew for a two-year term. Since Board approval of the first three-year term of the contract, one amendment was executed to revise invoicing instructions. This administrative amendment did not require Board approval.

OCWR is currently requesting authorization to renew the contract with CES for the final two-year term, effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028, in an amount of \$600,000, with unused funds to be carried over from year to year, for a revised cumulative amount not to exceed \$1.5 million. Approving this renewal will support compliance with state and federal regulations for landfill operations at Central Region Landfills. Prior to this contract's expiration, the department plans to issue a solicitation to continue services for operations and maintenance of various groundwater systems at Central Region Landfills.

The contractor's performance has been confirmed as satisfactory. OCWR has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to contractor's ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interest.

This contract does include subcontractors. See Attachment B for the Contract Summary form.

The Orange County Preference Policy (OCPP) was not applicable to this amendment.

Compliance with CEQA: This action is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA, since it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The approval of this agenda item does not commit the County to a definite course of action in regard to a project since execution of amendment number two with Civil Environmental Survey Group Inc. DBA CES leads to the potential execution of an agreement. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any future action connected to this approval that constitutes a project will be reviewed for compliance with CEQA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for the Contract are included in the FY 2026-27 Budget for OCWR Enterprise Fund 299 and will also 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 the 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-299-23011468 Civil Environmental Survey Group Inc dba CES Amendment Two

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form