

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
FROM: JOSEPH SCHWALL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, UTILITIES
OPERATIONS, WATER DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT – AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE
OF BIOSOLIDS AND LAND APPLICATION No. F001429 WITH
GILARDI & JACOBSEN AG SERVICES, INC.

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Water Department that the Board, by motion, approve a one-year amendment to Agreement No. F001429: Agreement for Acceptance of Biosolids and Land Application with Gilardi & Jacobsen Ag Services, Inc., and an associated increase of total compensation of \$47,951.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed amount of \$180,537.00.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agreement No. F001429 between the City and Gilardi & Jacobsen Ag Services, Inc., as approved by the City Manager, was executed on June 16, 2017, for a not to exceed compensation amount of \$43,395.00, for spreading of biosolids and agricultural lime at BBRRBR Farm, 3900 Highway 37, during the 2017-2018 Land Application season. (See attached.) The First Amendment to Agreement was executed by the City Manager on April 27, 2018 to extend the term for one year. The Second Amendment to Agreement was approved by the Board of Public Utilities on April 18, 2019 to extend the term for one year. The Water Department and the Contractor have mutually agreed to extend the term of the Agreement for one additional year and increase compensation by \$47,951.00. With this Amendment, the Contractor shall continue to provide the necessary equipment and personnel for spreading biosolids generated at the Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant (“LTP”) and agricultural lime purchased by the City at BBRRBR Farm through April 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND

Santa Rosa Water's Biosolids Management System includes beneficial reuse of approximately 2/3 of the biosolids generated at the LTP via direct application of biosolids to Sonoma County farmlands. Land application of biosolids supplies valuable nutrients to croplands and ultimately enhances fodder crop production.

The Federal 503 regulations for biosolids agricultural land application require the addition of agricultural lime for pH adjustment as needed. The agricultural lime is purchased by the City and delivered to the farms, where it is staged for spreading.

As a result of biosolids application, excessive weeds tend to grow on croplands, primarily because of the added nitrogen and moisture. Herbicide spraying on the areas of the farm that receive biosolids is therefore typically required. The City reimburses the contractor for herbicide spraying of farmland onto which biosolids have been applied.

An outside contractor, through agreement with the City, spreads the staged agricultural lime onto the farmlands, then spreads the biosolids onto the fields, and applies herbicides as needed. Gilardi & Jacobsen Ag Services, Inc., has performed services satisfactorily in the past and is familiar with and adheres to Federal 503 and State General Order regulations.

BBRRBR Farm, located at 3900 Highway 37, Sonoma, CA 95476, has received biosolids through the City's Land Application program on an annual basis since 2016. Biosolids are applied to various fields on a rotating basis as arranged between the City's Biosolids Coordinator and the farm owner and user.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

None.

ANALYSIS

Based on a comparison of pricing for Biosolids Land Application services provided to the City in recent years by another local contractor typically responsive to the City's requests for such services (Poncia Fertilizer & Spreading), the Gilardi & Jacobsen Ag Services, Inc., after increased amendment compensation, is considered fair and reasonable.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this operational expense have been allocated in the fiscal year 2019-20 and 2020-21 budgets of the Water Department Operational Key number 130807-5321, and will be similarly proposed in the 2021-2022, 2022-23, and 2023-24 budgets of the Water Department Operational Key number 130807-5321.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Spreading of City-generated biosolids and agricultural lime is part of the City's Biosolids land application project on City-owned and private lands, which has been reviewed consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to (1) Residuals Processing Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted in 1997, (2) the Santa Rosa Subregional Sludge Beneficial Use Project Program EIR certified in 1991, (3) the Management Plan for the Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids by Land Application CEQA TM 2.2 adopted in 1993, and (4) the South County Biosolids Reuse MND adopted in 2010. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no additional environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Agreement for Acceptance of Biosolids and Land Application Number F001429
- Attachment 2 – First Amendment to Agreement for Acceptance of Biosolids and Land Application Number F001429 With Gilardi & Jacobsen Ag Services, Inc.
- Attachment 3 – Second Amendment to Agreement for Acceptance of Biosolids and Land Application Number F001429 With Gilardi & Jacobsen Ag Services, Inc.
- Attachment 4 – Third Amendment to Agreement for Acceptance of Biosolids and Land Application Number F001429 with Gilardi & Jacobsen Ag Services, Inc.

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