

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: July 10, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Approve an Amendment to the Construction and Operating Agreement for the Continued Operation of the Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility**

Recommendation:

Approve an amendment to the construction and operating agreement with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), City of Palmdale, and Waste Management of the Antelope Valley (WM) and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents for the continued operation of the permanent household hazardous waste collection facility, known as the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC).

Fiscal Impact:

Approving this amendment will not have a fiscal impact to the City. The County and Waste Management have agreed to each fund an annual contribution ranging from \$180,000.00 to \$210,000.00 toward the operation and maintenance of the facility until August 31, 2013, or the effective date of the revised conditional use permit issued by the County governing the operations of the Lancaster Landfill and Recycling Center.

Background:

In 2002, the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster were successful in obtaining a \$698,667.00 grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to establish a permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) center in the Antelope Valley. The purpose of the AVECC is to enhance the level of service to Antelope Valley residents by providing a convenient drop-off location for HHW and electronic waste (E-Waste). The grant funded the engineering, design, and construction costs of the AVECC.

The AVECC began operation in August 2005 and is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. As part of a cooperative agreement, WM and LACDPW agreed to fund the facility during the first three years of its operation and suspend the mobile RoundUp collection events. After the initial three year period, all parties reconvened to evaluate the success of the facility based upon pre-established criteria to ensure outreach and service to area residents were equitable to the mobile RoundUp collection events. LACDPW completed a feasibility study in 2008 and determined that the AVECC operation was a success.

In 2008, Amendment No. 1 was approved to extend the construction and operating agreement an additional four years or until the effective date of a revised Conditional Use Permit No. 93-070 (5) is issued by the County governing the operations of the Lancaster Landfill and Recycling Center (Landfill CUP), whichever occurs later. The Landfill CUP expires on July 31, 2012, which will terminate Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement and ceases operation of AVECC. Waste Management has agreed to continue funding the center until July 31, 2013, or a new agreement is effectuated. Amendment No. 2 would extend the operations beyond the Agreement's amended expiration date and would allow time for Waste Management and the County to continue negotiating the terms of a new agreement and will permit the AVECC to remain in operation.

The AVECC has proven to be very successful in effectively and conveniently serving the Antelope Valley residents for the proper disposal of HHW and E-Waste. This facility reduces the safety risks involved with residents storing HHW in their homes for a long period of time, the chances of disposing of the waste illegally and improperly, and eventually avoiding harm to the environment. It would be to everyone's benefit to continue the operations of the AVECC by making the center a permanent operation.

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