

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **MAY 22, 2012**

From: **JJ JAMES DURFEE / BILL ZIMMERMAN** *Z*

Subject: **FORESTHILL TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS,
PROJECT 04848**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that your Board take the following actions with regard to the Foresthill Transfer Station Improvements, Project 04848 (Project):

1. Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Project and authorize staff to solicit bids.
2. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to award and execute the resulting construction contract, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, upon Risk Management's and County Counsel's review and approval, and approve any required change orders consistent with the County Purchasing Manual and Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code.
3. Authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Placer County Clerk-Recorder.

BACKGROUND: The Foresthill Transfer Station (FHTS) is located at the end of Patent Road in Foresthill and provides solid waste disposal services to approximately 6,000 Placer County residents in the Foresthill area. The public tipping area was constructed in 1984 and consists of four bays for tipping mixed solid waste, two bays for tipping green waste, and other bins for electronic waste, appliances, metal, and tire disposal. The public tipping area currently experiences traffic congestion due to a limited turn around area. In addition, the existing transfer truck turn around area consists of base rock over native clay soil which has led to storm water runoff exceedances for iron. County staff has developed this Project to increase the public turn around area and pave the existing transfer truck turn around area. This work will improve the flow of public traffic through the site and improve the quality of storm water discharged from the FHTS.

In order to proceed with the Project, staff recommends that your Board approve the Plans and Specifications, authorize staff to solicit bids, authorize the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to execute the resulting construction contract and authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption. Copies of the Project Plans and Specifications are available for review at the Clerk of the Board and the Department of Facility Services.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: This project is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. This exemption allows for minor alteration of existing facilities which do not result in an expansion of the existing use. Section 15301(b) specifically refers to alterations to existing public facilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Engineer's Estimate for the project is \$365,000. Staff recommends a total construction budget of \$400,000, which includes an approximate 10% contingency. Funding for this Project is included in the FY 2012/13 Requested Capital Project Budget.

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COPIES OF THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION DELEGATING
AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY
SERVICES, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO AWARD AND
EXECUTE A CONTRACT UPON RISK
MANAGEMENT'S AND COUNTY COUNSEL'S
REVIEW AND APPROVAL AND APPROVE ANY
REQUIRED CHANGE ORDERS CONSISTENT
WITH THE COUNTY PURCHASING MANUAL AND
SECTION 20142 OF THE PUBLIC CONTRACT
CODE FOR THE FORESTHILL TRANSFER STATION
IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 04848

Resolution _____

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on
roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California that this Board authorizes the Director of Facility Services, or his designee, to award and execute the contract for the Foresthill Transfer Station Improvements, Project 04848, in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000, upon Risk Management's and County Counsel's review and approval, and grant the authority to execute required change orders consistent with the County Purchasing Manual and Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Placer County Clerk
2952 Richardson Dr.
Auburn, CA 95603

From: Placer County Department of Facility Services
11476 C Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: Foresthill Transfer Station Improvements

Project Location: 6699 Patent Road, Foresthill, CA

County: Placer

Description of Project: The project consists of new paving, improved drainage, and other site improvements at the solid waste transfer station with the primary goal of improving water quality and site circulation. The total area of disturbance is estimated at approximately 0.85 acres. Work will include paving the upper deck of the tipping area 4,800 square feet to the north. Areas covered in base rock on the lower deck will be replaced with pavement to eliminate the exposure of base rock and the native soils to the forces of erosion.

Additional site improvements will include installing a perimeter asphalt concrete dike, constructing a retaining wall between the upper and lower decks to minimize erosion, and replacing the existing retention basin with a stormwater treatment unit to decrease the potential for the discharge of pollutants from the site. Relocating the service pole and associated underground electrical, attendant booth, facility gate and chain link fencing will be necessary as well. Some tree removal will be required; a tree permit is not required for removal necessary to comply with safety requirements or for routine maintenance of public utilities, pursuant to County Code 12.16.050.

Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Placer County Department of Facility Services

Exempt Status: (check one and cite)

Ministerial -

Declared Emergency -

Categorical (cite) - CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15301, Existing Facilities

Statutory (cite) -

Reason Why Project is Exempt: This project is exempt from further CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. This exemption allows for minor alteration of existing facilities which result in negligible or no expansion of use. Section 15301(b) specifically refers to existing facilities of publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

The project is intended to improve on-site drainage and water quality by minimizing the potential for the discharge of iron and oils and greases from the Foresthill Transfer Station (FHTS) to offsite surface waters. The lower deck of the FHTS is currently constructed of a layer of base rock over native soils that have high iron content. Exposure of this material to the forces of erosion has caused EPA benchmark exceedances for iron in the site storm water runoff.

Relocating the existing attendant booth will improve traffic flow by increasing the turning radius for both incoming and exiting traffic. Average daily tonnage received at the site is 24.87 tons per day and average vehicles per operating day is 226; both far below the permitted capacity of 82.1 tons/day and 549 vehicles per day. The project will not increase traffic volumes or tonnage received beyond the permitted capacity.

Lead Agency Contact: Rebecca Lillis, Environmental Resource Specialist

Signature: _____

Date: _____

James Durfee, Director
Placer County Department of Facility Services