

Indian River County, Florida
Solid Waste Disposal District
Board Memorandum

Date: March 24, 2022

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Sean C. Lieske, Director of Utility Services

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Subject: Final Pay to Geosyntec for Work Order No. 3 – Phase I Redevelopment for South Gifford Road Landfill

Descriptions and Conditions:

On May 22, 2018, the Indian River County (IRC) Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) Board approved the conceptual redevelopment plan prepared by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) for the former South Gifford Road landfill site (Gifford Landfill) and directed staff to obtain a cost proposal to implement Phase I. The Gifford Landfill covers approximately 115 acres, with the northern 55 acres owned by IRC, and the southern 60 acres owned by the City of Vero Beach. The environmental compliance of the Gifford Landfill is managed by SWDD.

On October 23, 2018, the SWDD Board approved Work Order No. 3 to Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec) in the amount of \$15,882 for the Phase I project. As a reminder, Phase I in the redevelopment plan was “Frontage Improvements and Open Field” and focused on the surficial land clearing and disposal of the brush on approximately eight acres, which would include the three acres in the front and a five-acre area to serve as an open field. Additionally, this phase included installing approximately 30 trees along the 41st Street frontage with an associated irrigation system for the frontage and open field areas.

On January 21, 2020, the SWDD Board approved Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 3 for \$21,948.58 to Geosyntec to complete the request for additional information by the IRC Community Development Department (CDD), which included the performance of a tree survey for the five-acre portion of the site to be cleared and changes to the landscape plan.

On November 16, 2021, the SWDD Board approved Amendment No. 2 to Work Order No. 3 to Geosyntec in the amount of \$82,054 to update the design plan for clearing, fencing, landscaping, Floridan aquifer well installation, irrigation system installation, and gravel parking. The ultimate goal was to finalize the bid specifications package and obtain recent pricing for the Phase 1 redevelopment work.

The total approved amount for Work Order No. 3 and Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 is \$119,884.58.

However, prior to finalizing the design plans and going to bid, SWDD staff met with representatives from the IRC Parks and Recreation department along with IRC Public Works and IRC CDD. As a group, it was determined

that the various improvements for this project along with future maintenance costs need to be further evaluated and budgeted prior to going out to bid.

Based on this understanding, SWDD staff requested Geosyntec to pause the project and submit a final invoice.

Analysis:

Since the complete scope of work authorized under Amendment No. 2 to Work Order No. 3 will not be fully implemented, Geosyntec has completed all of the tasks related to finalizing design plans for a total invoiced amount of \$75,458.45. The remaining contract balance is \$44,426.13. Attached is Geosyntec’s letter report describing in more details the services provided under this work order.

Funding:

Funding in the amount of \$19,809.66 for this work is budgeted and available in the Optional Sales Tax/Landfill Groundwater Testing account, number 31521734-033490-03004, which is the one-cent sales tax fund used for infrastructure needs of the County. Costs associated with the landfills are authorized uses of the one-cent sales tax, in addition to infrastructure.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Optional Sales Tax/Landfill/Landfill Groundwater Testing	31521734-033490-03004	\$19,809.66

Recommendation:

Solid Waste Disposal District staff recommends that its Board:

- a) Approve Geosyntec’s final invoice amount of \$19,809.66.
- b) Direct the funding of this project in a future Capital Improvement Element fund under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Department.

Attachment:

- 1. Geosyntec Project Completion Report & Final Invoice.