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SBWMA RECEIVES CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT ON SOLID WASTE RFP PROCESS

Board of Directors Consideration of SBWMA Reply Scheduled for July 23 Meeting

SAN CARLOS, CA – July 9, 2009 – The South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) announced that it had received a copy of the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report yesterday on the Authority's Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select companies to provide higher levels of solid waste collection and recycling services, as well as the operation of its Shoreway Environmental Center. The report will be reviewed by the SBWMA Executive Committee along with the Agency Counsel and Staff as they develop a reply to the report that will be presented to the SBWMA Board of Directors for consideration and action at the Board's next meeting on July 23rd. The Executive Committee is comprised of Board Chairperson Martha DeBry, Vice Chairman Brian Moura and SBWMA Counsel Bob Lanzone.

"I look forward to working on SBWMA's reply to the recent Civil Grand Jury report and the Board's action on it later this month. Those of us who have been working on the RFP project since its beginning in 2005 have many insights that we can share with the Civil Grand Jury about the RFP process and the Board's decisions to select the top-rated firms to bring these new services to the community," said Moura, who is also the assistant city manager for the City of San Carlos.

In 2005, the SBWMA began the first comprehensive RFP process in the Authority's history for future recycling, organics and solid waste services set to start in January 2011. During the development of the RFP process, the SBWMA Board heard presentations from other jurisdictions with award-winning solid waste RFP procurements. The SBWMA Board, through its professional staff, implemented many of the "best practices" from these procurements during the current SBWMA RFP process. In addition, the SBWMA took unprecedented steps to invite the companies and subcontractors who would likely submit proposals to review, critique and offer language which ultimately became part of the final RFP documents. Additional stakeholders, including equipment manufacturers, employee unions, elected officials and ratepayers participated in this RFP development process through a series of meetings held by two SBWMA subcommittees. These subcommittees – the Programs and Facilities Committee, and Process and Contract Committee – were advised by SBWMA Staff, industry experts and experts from neighboring solid waste agencies.

Ultimately, a total of 16 public meetings were held and over 50 staff reports were prepared on the RFPs. The result was a comprehensive and detailed set of RFP documents and options for the proposing firms that were highly praised by the Member Agencies and proposing companies until the recommendations for the selected companies were announced.

The goals of the SBWMA process included obtaining multiple RFP responses for both contracts (solid waste collection and Shoreway operations), a detailed and open review process of the responses through two selection subcommittees, and recommendations of companies to the SBWMA Board based on this process. These goals were achieved.

The SBWMA received 11 RFP responses from the industry (4 for the Solid Waste Collection procurement and 7 for the Shoreway Operations procurement), presentations were made in public for SBWMA Board members, staff, elected officials and the public last May, and videos of each presentation were made available on the RethinkWaste.org web site. At the end of the process, the RFP rating criteria developed and agreed to by the SBWMA and the proposing companies were used to select a top-rated company in each category – Solid Waste Collection (Recology/Norcal Waste Systems of San Mateo County) and Shoreway Operations (South Bay Recycling.) These two top-rated companies were presented to the SBWMA Board of Directors for consideration and ultimately approved following an exhaustive process. Final action on the individual agency franchise agreements with Recology and South Bay Recycling will be coming before each SBWMA's Member Agency's elected officials and the SBWMA Board of Directors over the next few months for the planned January 2011 rollout of new services.

“The SBWMA RFP process has been a very thorough and intensive effort by the SBWMA Board members, staff, Agency elected officials and the participating companies. Everyone involved has participated in many hours of presentations and detailed review and study of all 11 RFP responses,” said Moura. “The goal of the two RFPs was to select the best companies who could provide the future services our Member Agencies and the public have been asking for in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible, and we believe that the goal was accomplished. Ratepayers in San Mateo County that have been asking for services like single stream recycling, weekly residential food scraps and organics recycling, and easier solid waste collection services for many years will be excited to hear that all of these services, which are commonplace elsewhere in the Bay Area, will soon be arriving at their doorsteps.”

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The SBWMA is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) comprised of 12 member agencies (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County. SBWMA is a leader in implementing innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. The SBWMA also owns and manages the Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center in San Carlos consisting of a permitted solid waste transfer station and a recycling processing facility. For more information on the SBWMA, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org.

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