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Independent Third-Party Audit of SBWMA Collection Services RFP Process Confirms Process as Fair and Equitable to All Proposers

SAN CARLOS, CA – September 26, 2008 – The SBWMA Board of Director’s yesterday received an independent third-party audit, performed by Environmental Planning Consultants (EPC) for the City of San Mateo, of the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) Collection Services request for proposals (RFP) process. The audit performed by EPC from San Jose, concludes that the SBWMA RFP evaluation process was fair with the scoring of all proposers done independently among the five evaluators. The City of San Mateo commissioned the report to ascertain whether the evaluation process was fair and equitable to all four of the private firms that submitted proposals in response to the RFP. The City has scheduled consideration of the recommendation to select Norcal Waste Systems of San Mateo County (“Norcal”) for solid waste, recycling and organics collection services for its October 6, 2008 City Council meeting. A copy of the report is attached.

The report’s conclusion reads as follows:

Based on my review of the proposals, interviews with the members of the Evaluation Committee, and review of the reports on the proposal evaluation provided to me by the SBWMA staff, it is clear to me that:

- *The selection process provided multiple opportunities for each of the Proposers to provide details on their proposal.*
- *The Evaluation Committee members rated the proposals independently, not in a group setting.*
- *The Evaluation Committee did not come to agreement before the scores were tallied.*
- *When the scores were compared, each of the evaluators had ranked each of the Proposers in the same order.*
- *The Cost Proposals were fairly evaluated.*
- *The process for the evaluation of the proposals was fair.*
- *The evaluation of the proposals was fair.*

The SBWMA Board received and discussed the audit at its September 25, 2008 meeting. Larry Patterson, SBWMA Chair and Public Works Director for the City of San Mateo stated: “In an effort to bring to closure issues raised regarding the fairness and integrity of the collection RFP process, an independent third-party audit was performed which determined that all aspects of the process were fair and equitable to all four companies that submitted proposals.”

At the SBWMA Board meeting on August 28, 2008, the Board approved the Collection Services RFP Selection Committee recommendation for selection of Norcal as the Collection Services contractor for both the North and South Districts (entire SBWMA service area). The Selection Committee was comprised of staff representatives and SBWMA Board members representing six SBWMA member agencies.

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After SBWMA Board approval, each of the SBWMA's 12 member agencies will separately vote on whether to approve the SBWMA Board recommendation. The City of Redwood City approved the SBWMA recommendation to select Norcal at its September 8, 2008 City Council meeting by a 7-0 vote. The governing bodies of the other SBWMA Member Agencies are expected to consider this item at their respective meetings in October and November. Each of the Member Agencies currently has a franchise agreement with Allied Waste of San Mateo County that expires on December 31, 2010. The new franchised collection contract will have a ten-year term.

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Formed in 1982, the SBWMA is a joint powers authority comprised of 12 member agencies (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos and San Mateo along with the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County and is a leader in implementing innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. The SBWMA also owns and manages the Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center (SRDC) in San Carlos consisting of a permitted solid waste transfer station and a materials recovery facility. For more information on the SBWMA please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org.

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