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**TO:** LOCSD Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jose Acosta, Utility Systems Manager *JA*  
**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 12D – 2/7/2019 Board Meeting**  
Discussion Regarding Bayridge Estates Septic Tanks  
Decommissioning Process

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### DESCRIPTION

Bayridge Estates septic tanks have been out of service for approximately 2.5 years. There are approximately 11 tanks in need of disposal and cleaning. The waste product will need to be hauled to City of Bakersfield Wastewater facility.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board make the following motion:

***Motion: I move that the Board authorize staff to accept the estimate submitted, at the quoted price of \$17,300.00, from R.P. Environmental Inc. and direct staff to coordinate and make payment for permitting and disposal fees to City of Bakersfield at the estimated costs of \$6,000.***

### DISCUSSION

In November of 2017, Frank Asuncion, Water Resource Crew Leader, reported that we still had approximately 10 septic tanks in need of disposal at the Bayridge Estates wastewater septic tank site. Each tank contains 5,000 gallons of waste product.

Bayridge Estates wastewater septic system was removed from service once all Bayridge Estates residents were connected to the County sewer collection system; this occurred in May of 2016. The tanks were isolated and sitting with the waste since this time.

Staff immediately began looking into cost estimates in order to get this project moving in an efficient manner. As this is a project that MUST be completed, staff initiated the process of requesting and receiving quotes and contacting septic sludge hauling service companies. A staff report for the disposal of the waste was presented to the Board at your November 1, 2018 meeting. Direction provided to staff was to begin the compilation of an RFP to solicit bids to complete the project.

After further staff collaboration and discussion, it was discovered that East Bay Municipal Utilities District and City of Bakersfield Wastewater facilities would be willing to accept the product. Staff began soliciting estimates from individual haulers to pump, transport and dispose of the waste product to both facilities. As the City of Bakersfield is closer in proximity those estimates have been considered and are being presented. The estimates received were far lower than the original estimates provided in the November staff report.

Attached is a copy of lowest estimate, with all specifications, being satisfied, as well as correspondence from all vendors contacted. The following vendors were contacted and their responses:

1. Speeds – Provided a quote to haul and dispose of the product at City of Bakersfield WWTP. Their estimate was compiled on a per load basis. Their tanker would hold approximately 4800 gallons of product, which would require at least 13 trips. Their quote was \$2,400 per load, for a total of **\$31,200.00**.
2. San Jose Tallow Co. – Provided a quote to haul and dispose of the product at EBMUD, in Oakland Ca, in the amount of **\$31,000.00**.
3. R.P. Environmental Inc. – Provided a quote to haul and dispose for the product at City of Bakersfield WWTP, in the amount of **\$17,300.00**.
4. ACT Environmental – Was contacted again and could not adjust their initial quote of **\$103,000.00**.
5. Rocking CJ Transport – Was contacted and did not submit a quote.

Hauling and disposal fees will be billed directly with the company selected to perform the services. The District will coordinate with City of Bakersfield to directly invoice and arrange payment for disposal fees at their facility. Staff is looking to save any added costs by direct invoicing and payment. The costs associated with acquiring an original discharge permit with the City of Bakersfield, health permit with Kern County Environmental Health, and discharge rates should not exceed \$6,000.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The financial impact is estimated to be \$23,300.00, for the pumping, hauling and disposal of the wastewater at the Bayridge Estates collection facility. Funding for the project will come from Fund 200.

Attachment



# Estimate

Date	Estimate #
12/28/2018	1482

Name / Address
Los Osos Community Services District 2122 9th St., Ste 102 Los Osos, CA 93402

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
<p>60,000 gallons abandoned septic waste pumped and hauled for disposal at City of Bakersfield</p> <p>Price includes mixing contents of tanks into a slurry, pumping all contents and pressure washing all visible areas of tank to remove as much buildup on walls and floor of tank as possible, as well as transport of waste to City of Bakersfield for disposal</p> <p>Price does not include any permitting, waste testing, disposal costs incurred at East Bay MUD, which will be handled by customer separately.</p> <p>RP Environmental, Inc will pay for the cost of an updated Kern Co. Health permit needed for disposal for the City of Bakersfield</p>		17,300.00	17,300.00
		<b>Total</b>	\$17,300.00