

Environment Committee

Meeting date: May 13, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 28, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Amend Contract 12P213 with SKB Rosemount Industrial Waste for Transport and Disposal of Stabilized Biosolids

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 (Expenditures); MS 473.517 subd. 1 (contingency reserve)

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to amend Contract 12P213 with SKB Environmental, Inc. for transport and disposal of alkaline stabilized material from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000.

Background

Biosolids (sludge) at the Metro Plant is normally disposed of by incineration. In the event the incineration process capacity is reduced, the contingency plan is an alkaline stabilization process which processes the sludge for disposal in a landfill.

A major upgrade of the incinerators is currently in progress and has resulted in extended periods of reduced equipment availability. This contract allows for transport and disposal of biosolids exceeding process capacity during these extended periods. In addition, this contract provides a contingency disposal method in the event of unplanned down time at Metro, Blue Lake or Empire plants. Due to the wet soil conditions in spring 2013 and 2014 resulting limitations of the land-application program, a portion of the biosolids from the Empire plant were disposed under this contract.

This contract covers the period January 2013 through December 2015 and was originally authorized in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. Due to more and longer shutdown periods at Metro and the need to landfill sludge from Empire, additional funding is required for the remainder of the contract period.

Rationale

Contract amendments exceeding 10% over the Regional Administrator's signature authority require Council action.

Funding

Funds are available through the annual operating budget of each facility. However, due to the unplanned nature of this contingency process and to the extent that other offsetting operations cost reductions are not available, MCES is reviewing the need for a budget amendment to make Contingency Reserve funding available, and if needed will be presented as a separate business item.

Known Support / Opposition

None known