Environment Committee

Meeting date: July 8, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Waste Incinerator Ash Disposal Services at the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 (Expenditures)

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a Contract with SKB Environmental Inc. of St. Paul, MN not to exceed $1,400,000 to provide waste incinerator ash disposal services at the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants for the period August 15, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Background

A formal Invitation for Bids for ash disposal services was issued June 10, 2014 allowing bidders to submit a unit price bid for this service. SKB Environmental was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The unit price for waste ash disposal will be fixed at $20.86 per ton for the term of the contract.

SKB Environmental is the current disposal vendor for waste incinerator ash. The SKB landfill is located in Rosemount, MN and is permitted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Dakota County. MCES staff have visited the landfill as part of the previous contract and made inquiries to the MPCA and Dakota County in regards to the operation of the landfill.

Total cost for this service during the term of the contract is dependent on waste ash production, which is estimated at up to 30,000 tons per year.

Rationale

The Metropolitan and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants require waste incinerator ash disposal services on a continuous basis. The current contract for these services will terminate August 15, 2014.

Contracts with an amount exceeding $500,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funds are available in the annual operating budgets of the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment plants.

Known Support / Opposition

None