



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONRABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Carl W. Mosher

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** 6-7-04

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**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide

**SUBJECT: FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, SANTA CLARA**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of the fifth amendment to the consultant agreement with the University of California Cooperative Extension, (UCCE) Santa Clara for research on the use of municipally generated yard waste and food waste products, as well as composting of on-site business waste, to extend the term for twelve (12) months from August 1, 2004 to August 1, 2005 and to increase the compensation by \$30,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$181,000.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City's collection of yard trimmings and commercial food waste continues to increase each year. This creates the need to find additional markets for the organic products made from yard trimmings and composted food waste. The Agriculture in Partnership program (AIP) was created to facilitate the expansion of agricultural markets through the establishment of a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) which ran from 1994 through 1997. The initial field trials showed significant benefits of compost for agricultural use and the need for additional research. In June of 1997, the City Council approved an agreement for \$61,000 with UCCE to continue compost-product market research and development. The current amended agreement will expire on August 1, 2004.

**ANALYSIS**

In order to investigate ideas and issues that affect local businesses and stakeholders, City staff recommends an extension of one year for additional data collection in target areas. Research conclusions and recommendations made during this time will be made available to compost users through field days, newsletters, web pages and compost journals. Additional funds are required to focus research on compost use at school and community gardens, as well as compost use for stream restoration and erosion control. Research in these areas will support local education and demonstration, as well as business development in new areas of compost use, and environmental protection.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

At the project's inception, the proposal for the hiring of a consultant was made available on Virtual Valley as well as being announced at numerous Farm Advisors' meetings. UCCE was the only respondent interested in conducting research for the project.

**COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Budget Office, Risk Management and Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department.

**COST IMPLICATIONS**

The total amount of this amendment is not to exceed \$30,000. Sufficient 2003-2004 funding in the Integrated Waste Management Fund is available to fund the total amount of amended contract.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

| Fund # | Appn # | Appn. Name                 | RC #   | Total Appn. | Amt. for Contract | 2003-2004 Adopted Operating Budget Page | Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)     |
|--------|--------|----------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|---|---|
| 423    | 0762   | Non-Personal/<br>Equipment | 500545 | \$4,256,111 | \$30,000          | 195                                     | 10/14/2003<br>02/17/04, Ord<br>No.71966 |

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Not a Project.

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