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SUBJECT: Disposal of Tree Services Wood Waste

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the disposal of wood waste generated by Tree Services activities in the Department of Parks and Community Services.

BACKGROUND

The activities of Tree Services section of the Parks Division produces wood wastes estimated at 2,000 tons annually. To date, the wood wastes have been disposed of in the City Landfill. However, the Landfill is expected to close in 1991. Also, as the Landfill approaches the final elevations, it is increasingly difficult to handle bulky tree trunks and limbs since the final surface must be uniform and graded to drain. Therefore, alternate disposal options must be found for the wood waste.

If the wood waste were to be disposed in the County's landfill upon closure of the City Landfill, the City would face an estimated annual cost of \$50,000 and a loss of 972 hours of productive tree trimming time. In light of these costs and the City's recycling goals, the Parks Division and the Solid Waste Division have cooperated to investigate other alternatives.

A thorough search for local vendors interested in obtaining this product identified K.M. Industries - Sacramento Bio Mass Division, Ore Cal Firewood, and NPC Firewood. All expressed an interest in accepting the city's wood waste material excluding palm materials. Bids have been solicited from all three. Both K.M. and NPC submitted minimum bids of \$1.00 to accept all of the city's wood waste in chip form for a period of one year. NPC also submitted a bid of \$5,000 to accept all of the city's wood waste in log form for a period of one year. This was the only bid for logs. Ore Cal declined to submit any bid but expressed an interest in future bid opportunities.

NPC will be awarded a one year contract based on their bid.

FINANCIAL DATA

The city will realize \$5,001 in revenue over the 12 month period following acceptance of the NPC bid. Additionally, the disposal method will minimize increased costs which would result with the City landfill's impending closure and increase the possibility for future revenues should other vendors become interested in the City's wood waste products.

POLICY MATTERS

Not applicable

MBE/WBE

Bidders were solicited from recyclers and firewood vendors listed in the Sacramento Pacific Bell Yellow Pages. Additional sources were sought through the State of California Energy Commission and State of California Waste Management Board. All potentially interested vendors were contacted and only three expressed interest. In an attempt to attract minority vendors, all potential bidders were contacted. No other special efforts were made to encourage minority bidders.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.

Respectfully submitted,

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