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Staff Report

ITEM 3M

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Kristie R. Baley, City Clerk 
Date: July 31, 2013
Subject: Letter of Support for Waste Management Expansion

Discussion:

On May 1, 2012, Council approved a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in support of the expansion of the B-18 hazardous waste landfill at Waste Management's Kettleman Hills Facility. A copy of that letter has been provided with this staff report. Waste Management is now seeking approval from the Department of Toxic Substances Control to grant necessary permits for the continued operation and expansion of its B-18 landfill.

As previously presented in May of 2012, the expansion is necessary because the Facility is nearing its allowable capacity. A Draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR) was prepared in 2008 and subsequently revised, recirculated, finalized and amended, as shown in Waste Management's website: <http://kettlemanhillslandfill.wm.com/facility-expansion/index.jsp>.

Waste Management has been an integral part of Kings County for over 32 years. It is one of the County's largest employers with approximately 90 employees from Lemoore and the surrounding communities. Information gathered from its website boasts that when operating at its normal capacity, economic benefits to the local economy total \$17.5 million each year through payroll and the purchase of goods and services, while nearly \$3 million goes directly to the County General Fund.

It should be noted that the Kettleman Hills Facility has proven to be a safe facility. As shown in the attached Fact Sheet, the facility has undergone rigorous State and Federal analyses to determine any health or environmental risks to Kettleman City or the surrounding communities. The findings indicate that the Facility's risk levels were well below the benchmarks set by the State and Federal agencies.

Waste Management asks that the City of Lemoore show its support again by approving the attached draft letter to the Department of Toxic Substances Control in support of the proposed expansion, as written or amended.

Waste Management Senior District Manager Bob Henry and Kettleman Hills Facility Community Relations Manager Cecilio Berrera will be present to answer any questions you may have.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

That Council consider Waste Management's request for support in favor of the proposed expansion of the B-18 hazardous waste landfill at its Kettleman Hills Facility and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter.