REPORT TO COUNCIL 8
City of Sacramento

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Consent
October 24, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: North Area Transfer Station EIR - Potential Sites

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** amending Section 1 of Resolution No. 2006-303 adopted by the Sacramento City Council on May 4, 2006 in order to clarify that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall include the County of Sacramento's North Area Recovery Station (NARS) as an alternative to the proposed project.

Contact: Gary Reents, Director of Utilities, 808-1433
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Presenters: N/A

Department: Utilities

Division: Solid Waste

Organization No: 3361

Description/Analysis

Issue: The attached resolution amends Section 1 of Resolution No. 2006-303 adopted by the Sacramento City Council on May 4, 2006, in order to clarify that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall include the County of Sacramento's North Area Recovery Station (NARS) as an alternative to the project. This amendment is consistent with the City Council's direction to evaluate three potential sites for the project and NARS. Since the EIR is evaluating potential sites to construct a new solid waste transfer station and a materials recovery facility in the North area and NARS is an existing facility, NARS should be evaluated as an alternative to the proposed project and not a potential project site.

Policy Considerations: Adoption of the attached resolution supports the City Council's goals of achieving sustainability and livability.

Environmental Considerations: Adoption of the attached resolution does not constitute a "project" requiring environmental review pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 231065 of the Public Resources Code. The City, through its' consultant, will prepare an EIR on the sites the City Council

selected for further consideration. The approval of the attached resolution is a planning action as defined by CEQA and therefore, exempt from CEQA. Upon approval of the resolution a complete program EIR will be completed as required by CEQA that will analyze the sites selected by the City Council to be considered for a future North Area Transfer Station.

Rationale for Recommendation: The County of Sacramento's North Area Recovery Station (NARS) is an existing transfer facility and does not meet the Environmental Impact Report's Project Description of constructing a new solid waste transfer station and a materials recovery facility. The use of NARS would be an alternative to constructing a new facility and should be evaluated under the alternatives to the proposed project section of the EIR.

Financial Considerations: No direct impact on the Solid Waste Division's budget since the applicant for the project, BLT Enterprises Inc. of Sacramento, will assume the financial cost of the EIR as described in the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the City Council at the City Council meeting of April 11, 2006.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Sherill Huun
Senior Engineer, Engineering Services

Approved by: _____
Gary Reents
Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

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for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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BACKGROUND

On May 4, 2006, the Department of Utilities, Solid Waste Division, presented a report analyzing eleven potential sites for a City of Sacramento North Area Transfer Station and recommended the City Council select three sites to be further reviewed in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a preferred site to be fully analyzed. The other sites from the Siting Study will be discussed during the alternatives analysis for the project. The EIR will also contain an alternative to the proposed project section where options such as the no project alternative will be discussed.

On May 4, 2006, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2006-303, directing staff to proceed with the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and for the EIR to include four potential sites as preferred alternatives: Site 11, City's North Area Corporation yard, Site 6, Raley at Vinci and Site 2, main near Raley and the County of Sacramento's North Area Recovery Station (NARS) among 12 potential sites. However, NARS is an existing transfer facility and should be evaluated as an alternative to the proposed project, not a potential project site.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 1 OF RESOLUTION NO. 2006-303 ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 4, 2006

BACKGROUND

A. A City of Sacramento North Area Transfer Station will be beneficial to the City by providing for more efficient solid waste operations in serving the residents in the north area of the City.

B. The City of Sacramento adopted Resolution No. 2006-303 on May 4, 2006, directing staff to proceed with the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and for the EIR to include four potential sites as preferred alternatives: Site11, City's North Area Corporation Yard, Site 6, Raley at Vinci and Site 2, Main near Raley and the County of Sacramento's North Area Recovery Station ("NARS") among 12 potential sites.

C. The EIR is to evaluate potential sites to construct a new solid waste transfer station and a materials recovery facility in the North area. NARS is an existing facility and should be evaluated as an alternative to the proposed project.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Resolution No. 2006-303 shall be amended to read "The City Council directs staff to proceed with the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and for the EIR to include three potential alternative project sites: Site 11 - the City's North Area Corporation Yard, Site 6 - Raley at Vinci, and Site 2 - Main near Raley, and to include the County of Sacramento's North Area Recovery Station as an alternative to the proposed project."

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RESOLUTION NO. 2006-303

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 4, 2006

APPROVE THE POTENTIAL SITES FOR A CITY OF SACRAMENTO NORTH AREA TRANSFER STATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE DELEGATING ALL DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY CONCERNING THE NORTH AREA TRANSFER STATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

BACKGROUND

A) The City of Sacramento approved Amendment # 1 to the BLT Enterprises of Sacramento Agreement 98-131 on August 2, 2005.

B) City Council approved the Criteria to be used when screening sites for a City of Sacramento North Area Transfer Station at the November 29, 2005 City Council meeting.

C) A City of Sacramento North Area Transfer Station will be beneficial to the City by providing for more efficient solid waste operations in serving the residents in the North area of the City.

D) Limiting sole discretionary authority to the City Council will expedite the public process

E) The Planning Commission's role of public workshops will provide opportunity to the public for input throughout the process prior to the request for action by the City Council.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council directs staff to proceed with the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and for the EIR to include four potential sites as preferred alternatives: Site 11, City's North Area Corporation Yard, Site 6, Raley at Vinci and Site 2, Main near Raley and the County of Sacramento's North Area Recovery Station among 12 potential sites.

Section 2 Begin the public outreach process regarding the three potential sites

Section 3. The City council apply the same siting process followed in 1998, when it approved the Sacramento and Recycling Transfer Station by directing staff to prepare an ordinance granting all discretionary authority concerning the siting of a City of Sacramento North Area Transfer Station.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on May 4, 2006 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Fargo

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Pannell.

Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:

Shirley Concolino, City Clerk