



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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General Manager

DATE: April 13, 2007  
TO: Assistant General Manager  
FROM: MRF Manager  
SUBJECT: Ratify Extension of Vision Recycling Wood Grinding Contract

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board ratify the extension of Vision Recycling contract for necessary additional grinding services in the amount of \$21,417, resulting from the unanticipated breakdown and delayed repairs of the wood grinder rotor. This unanticipated expense will be charged to the Recycling Services Expense Budget.

### BACKGROUND

The new electric grinder is not scheduled for delivery and installation until June 2007. In early February, staff made a decision to have the existing grinder repaired to carry operations through the installation of the new grinder. The original time for repair was estimated at 2-3 weeks, with the rotor to be returned to the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) on March 30, 2007. However, scheduling problems beyond our control, involving specialized equipment needed to repair the rotor, have extended the delivery date to sometime around late April 2007.

Due to the unanticipated repair to the wood line rotor there is a huge accumulation of material to be ground. In addition, there is an increased volume of green waste coming into the site due to the time of year and increased volumes of green waste being collected. The District has already accumulated over 2,500 tons of material and the backlog presents a potential fire danger, makes storage of incoming material complex, and operations in the wood yard area potentially unsafe. The District historically brings in a portable grinder two to three times per year in order to process any backlog of material or accumulation of oversized material. Due to all of these factors, staff decided to bring in a portable grinder to process the material as soon as possible. Additionally, the sludge composting operation is out of feedstock (ground-up green waste) to mix with the sludge. Funds were included in the current budget under Operating Expenses - Recycling Services in the amount of \$40,000. Using the District's standard RFP for grinding services, staff solicited proposals from three companies who specialize in grinding materials. Their respective proposals to complete the work are shown in the following table:

Company	Estimated Cost
Colorscape, Inc. Chowchilla, CA	Chose not to bid at this time as his grinder is too busy.
Randazzo Enterprises, Inc., Castroville, CA	Approximately \$50,000 (based on 6,000 tons of material and a grinding rate of 60 tph for green waste material @ \$450/hr, including \$1,000 to move equipment in/out plus tax).
Vision Recycling, Fremont, CA	Approximately \$38,000 (based on 6,000 tons of material and a grinding rate of 60 tph for green waste material @ \$350/hr, including \$1,000 to move equipment in/out plus tax).

Vision Recycling of Fremont, CA has consistently provided the most competitively priced proposal and has been awarded the bid. They have performed at or above their proposed price and exceeded the District's expectations. Their work is turn-key, in that they provide all the equipment and manpower necessary for the operation and maintenance of the grinder, including fuel, all for a low hourly fee and at a high production rate. Vision Recycling was selected to grind the huge backlog of material in accordance with their proposal of March 23, 2007. By the time the grinding of the current backlog of material is complete, Vision Recycling will have processed approximately 3,500 to 4,000 tons of material. Vision Recycling arrived at the District on Tuesday, March, 27, 2007.

The FY 2006-2007 Budget included \$40,000 for contract grinding in the Operating Expenses portion of the budget, a Recycling Service expense. These funds have been expended for other contract grinding work occurring earlier in the FY 2006-2007. With this unanticipated expense, an additional \$21,417 in contract grinding services will be charged to Recycling Services. The District will realize some off-setting savings from reduced equipment usage, additional power sales availability from not operating the electric grinder, fuel savings, and some labor savings from elimination of shift overlap and overtime. No future contract grinder services are anticipated in this year's budget.

## CONCLUSION

Staff requests that the Board ratify the extension of the contract with Vision Recycling to provide wood grinding services in the amount of \$21,417.

  
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