COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Solid Waste Management	Presenter(s):	Vanessa Birrell
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 12, 2010	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's recommendation to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified environmental firms to conduct post-closure environmental monitoring and compliance activities at the County's solid waste facilities on First Manassas Mile Road.

Background/History/Details:

Solid Waste Management includes overseeing and monitoring post-closure compliance activities required by Georgia Solid Waste Management Regulations (391-3-4.14) and complying with other regulatory programs. Current groundwater and methane monitoring networks provide required compliance with post-closure care plan permits for both north and south side facilities. Recently promulgated, federally-mandated greenhouse gas regulations require the county to determine the amount of carbon dioxide generated from these facilities, and, dependent on the amount, may require annual carbon dioxide emissions reporting. Recent methane-monitoring reports and maintenance conducted at the north side facility has demonstrated a need for minor upgrades to venting systems be conducted in order to maintain the county's compliance status. In anticipation of this RFP, staff retained an environmental consultant versed in Georgia solid waste compliance management to conduct an oversight audit. The audit's purpose was to determine compliance requirements with this new greenhouse gas regulation, possible sustainability options with methane emissions, and any compliance requirements not currently being conducted that could be identified as deficiencies in future EPD inspections. This audit listed additional compliance activities that should be considered in the scope of work in addition to the environmental and compliance activities currently conducted.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval to proceed with issue of a Request for Proposal to perform environmental monitoring and compliance activities.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding for environmental monitoring and compliance activities is allocated in the 2011 Solid Waste Management budget.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	No

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes: