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To: Board of Commissioners
From: Josh Estey, Director of Compliance
Date: February 23, 2024
RE: Request for Authorization - Three-Year Hazardous Waste Disposal Contract

CSWD recently went out to bid for hazardous waste disposal services at the Environmental Depot. RFPs were sent to five known and trusted vendors as well as posted on the Vermont Business Registry bids website. Questions were received by two potential respondents and ultimately bids were received back from two haulers.

Historically CSWD has established contracts with multiples hazardous waste transporters. Not only does this allow for some level of protection from a redundancy standpoint but the pricing from different vendors varies by hazardous waste stream. The two respondents to this most recent RFP, Tradebe Environmental Services and US Ecology, are no different and thus, staff are recommending entering into a three-year contract with both respondents.

Tradebe Environmental Services has an excellent reputation in the hazardous waste world, and their compliance record as outlined in their response speaks to their focus on health and safety. US Ecology and the District have been working together for years and we have a great working relationship. Their national reputation and compliance records are also stellar.

The value of the contract is based on the volume and type of hazardous waste received at the Environmental Depot in the next fiscal year and is, thus, unpredictable. In FY23 hazardous waste disposal costs totaled ~\$250,000, though that number also includes disposal of other materials such as waste oil, some paints, and anti-freeze among others – the budgeted amount for FY24 was \$356,000 taking into account estimated cost increases in this contract. An annual offset exists in the form of a grant from Vermont ANR – the annual SWIP grant is earmarked in the District's case for the express purposes of hazardous waste disposal. The award amount for CY24 is \$111,323.

Board Action Requested

Be it resolved that the Chittenden Solid Waste District's Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Executive Director to enter into three-year contracts with both Tradebe Environmental Services of Merrillville, IN and US Ecology of Boise, ID, both with two optional one-year terms, for hazardous waste disposal services at the Environmental Depot.