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Preparation Date: 7/14/16	Department: Solid Waste
Meeting Date: 7/19/16	Department Head: Mark Westenskow
	Presenter: Mark Westenskow & Chris Meats

Subject:

Consideration to Approve an Agreement with NewGen Strategies & Solutions for an operational review study for the Solid Waste Fund

Background/Alternatives:

For the last several months the City has been working with NewGen on a utility rate review. As we have been working with the study we have found the operations of the Water and Wastewater Funds are correlating well with the expected best practices operational ratios.

While the Solid Waste Fund is not necessarily operating outside of the best practices operational ratios, we are finding the Fund is consistently trending on the high side. Also with the aspect of a new transfer station coming on line we feel we need some additional guidance to review the operations.

NewGen and the City also believe an operational review will take several of the unknown calculations out of the rate review and allow the City to get a more accurate rate. Given the underlying rate review and the information received last week about the diminished capacity of the landfill, staff believes it would be better to have the operational review done as soon as possible.

Attachments:

Proposal to be provided at meeting

Fiscal Impact:

$60,000 was budgeted for the initial study and we were able to trim the initial cost to $48,000. We would like to take additional funds from the Solid Waste Fund to pay for the operational review. The estimated amount of the review is $27,000 to $35,000.

Staff Impact:

There are significant current and future impacts from reviewing the operations for the Solid Waste Fund. With transfer station coming on board, an internal evaluation of our processes has been underway. However, with newly identified need to direct haul to Rock Springs

several months early and some technical changes in waste management, the timeframe for this evaluation has been accelerated to the point where staff will need additional resources to accomplish this evaluation in a timely manner. The impact of this review will help staff prepare the Fund for substantially different future processes.

Legal Review:

Legal Counsel will need to review the final contract from the consultant.

Suggested Motion:

I move to accept the proposal from NewGen Strategies & Solutions for an operational review for the Solid Waste Fund, pending legal approval.