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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET

LANDFILL OPERATIONS MANAGED COMPETITION YIELDS AT LEAST \$2.7 MILLION IN ANNUAL SAVINGS

Mayor also announces managed competition of trash pickup services

Mayor Jerry Sanders announced today that the City of San Diego is expecting to reduce its landfill operation costs significantly following the city's most recent round of managed competition. The winning proposal, submitted by the city's employees, will save the city at least \$2.7 million annually and \$14.4 million over five years.

By reducing positions and equipment costs, city employees won their bid to continue all landfill, weigh-in facility and green operations at the Miramar Landfill, as well as monitoring of the city's 10 closed landfills, including two burn sites.

"Managed competition has already saved this city millions of dollars and contributed to our projected budget surpluses in the coming years," said Mayor Sanders. "By sending city services out to bid, we have cut costs and improved efficiency. I'm proud of the hard work and sacrifice from our city employees, who are striving to do their jobs the best way possible."

The proposal from the city's Environmental Services Department team reduces staffing by more than 11 full time positions. It also reduces the amount of equipment used. It includes restructured staff schedules, and reduces consulting services for landfill maintenance and monitoring.

The work performed by landfill operations includes taking fees from refuse vehicles, checking waste for hazardous materials, moving and packing waste, turning green waste into compost and mulch for sale, as well as monitoring closed sites for methane gas leaks and sink holes.

"Competition spurs creativity and innovation, and it is what will continue to move this city forward, out of the financial problems of the past decade," said City Councilmember Lorie Zapf. "This year the public is able to see the results of the financial reforms we have implemented. For the first time in recent memory, we are expanding core city services instead of reducing them."

This is the fourth city function that has gone out to bid through managed competition. Combined with savings from publishing services, fleet maintenance and street sweeping, managed competition now stands to save the city **\$8.4 million annually**.

Due to the success of the managed competition program, the city is planning on applying it to other city services. Street and sidewalk maintenance has already gone out to bid, and public utilities customer service, stormwater facilities operation and maintenance, transportation engineering, and capital improvement program delivery are all going through managed competition analysis.

Mayor Sander announced on Friday that the next city service to go through the process will be trash collection.

“I believe trash collection could be done more efficiently and at a substantial cost savings to our taxpayers,” Mayor Sanders said. “I look forward to seeing the proposals.”

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