



May 9, 2017

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to renew the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the California Department of Justice and U.S. Customs and Border Protection for a period of one year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, to continue law enforcement incineration of controlled substances at the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF). (District 2)

DISCUSSION

Law enforcement agencies have determined that incineration is the most economical, legally feasible and, from a technological standpoint, the best method of destroying seized drugs that are no longer needed for legal proceedings. Currently, SERRF is one of two commercial incinerators within California permitted to burn controlled substances.

Due to its size, location and adaptability to security, California's Attorney General requested the use of SERRF for the destruction of drugs seized by any law enforcement agency in California. Under an agreement last approved by the City Council on May 6, 2014, for the period July 2015 through June 2017, SERRF will have burned 1,600,000 pounds of controlled substances delivered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and State and local law enforcement agencies.

It is proposed that these two separate MOUs be extended another year, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, with a two-year renewal option, for the destruction of narcotics at SERRF: one with the California Department of Justice and another with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The City's MOU fees remain unchanged. To keep administrative costs to a minimum, the City will continue to bill flat rate billings of \$12,000 and \$75,000 annually, respectively.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on March 29, 2017 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on March 30, 2017.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 9, 2017, to ensure the MOUs are in place before the current MOUs expire.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$87,000 in annual revenue generated from the MOUs will be deposited to the SERRF Fund (EF 331) in the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (GO). There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF LONG BEACH GAS AND OIL

APPROVED:


PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER