CITY OF CASA GRANDE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Mayor and City Council authorize the purchase of one (1) 40’ ATM landfill automatic tarping machine from Tarpomatic, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $71,108.

DISCUSSION:

The landfill is required to place a minimum six inch soil cover over exposed waste at the end of each operating day. The tarping machine is used to provide an alternative daily cover, resulting in reduced use and purchase of cover soil, and associated extension of landfill life. The requested tarping machine will replace the existing machine purchased from Tarpomatic in 2001.

Two bids were received from out-of-state vendors in response to the City’s solicitation for the automated tarping machine. The lower of the two bids submitted by Southwestern Sales Company did not meet the minimum requirements specified in the bid document (i.e., 40 ft. wide tarping capacity, electric start diesel engine, and removable tarp spool). Staff considered rebidding the item but concluded these are the only daily cover alternatives that come close to meeting our operational requirements. Based on the difference in bid prices, staff researched the other equipment and concluded it would not be a cost effective purchase based on feedback received from the references provided to the City through the bid process. Therefore, staff concluded the operational efficiencies and dependability of the tarping machine presented by Tarpomatic, Inc. outweigh the difference in purchase price.
FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff budgeted $80,000 for the automated tarping machine in FY14 CIP budget (12-LAN-2964). Total cost will be $71,108, to be funded from account 540-35-425-2225-10. The existing tarping machine will serve as a backup unit for the landfill in accordance with the city’s equipment replacement policy (maintenance cost must not exceed 5% threshold of equipment worth per year) and has little to no resale value based on its current condition.

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Finance Director:  Doug Sandstrom  
Reviewed by  
City Attorney:  Brett Wallace

ALTERNATIVES:

Deny this purchase.

Prepared by:  Recommended by:  Approved by:

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Sanitation Superintendent  Public Works Director  City Manager