



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Zero Waste Advisory Commission

**FROM:** Mike Personett, Assistant Director  
Watershed Protection Department

**DATE:** May 31, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Rapid Response Remediation Services and Transportation and Disposal of Non-hazardous and Hazardous Solid Wastes

### **Purpose and Need**

In order to meet the requirements of various Federal, state and local laws and regulations, the City requires rapid response services for the remediation, transportation, and proper disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous regulated materials found on City of Austin Rights of Way (ROW), such as roadways and drainage-ways, and that are not the responsibility of a specific city department. This contract will specifically apply to incidents where the primary responsible party cannot be identified, cannot or will not respond, or when circumstances necessitate immediate action. In addition to remediation and ultimate disposal, these services also include a variety of support services, such as sorting, packaging, lab-packing, characterizing, profiling, manifesting, transporting, and recycling.

The City has been contracting for these services since 1998 and during that time over 15,000 gallons and over 360 cubic yards of pollutants have been recovered and disposed of properly. The majority of these incidents have involved petroleum products spilled, dumped, or otherwise released to City roadways and creeks.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends execution of a contract a 36-month service agreement with GRUENE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANIES, New Braunfels, Texas, for rapid response remediation services and transportation and disposal of non-hazardous and hazardous solid wastes for the

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Watershed Protection Department in an initial amount not to exceed \$145,500, with three each 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$48,500 per option for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$291,000. Of two qualified respondents to the Invitation to Bid, GRUENE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANIES is recommended on the basis of low acceptable bid.

**Requested Action**

ZWAC approval of the staff recommendation.

**cc:** Victoria J. Li, Director, Watershed Protection Department

Bob Gedert, Director, Austin Resource Recovery

Sharon Cooper, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Watershed Protection Dept.