



City of Pittsburg

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The Honorable John Gioia, Chair
Contra Costa County
Board of Supervisors
651 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Subject: Proposal for City of Pittsburg as Local Enforcement Agency Designation for Keller Canyon Landfill

Chair Gioia and Board of Supervisors:

Pursuant to the Board of Supervisor's request on December 16, 2014, the City of Pittsburg is providing a proposal for solid waste inspections and enforcement for Keller Canyon Landfill. The proposal will provide a brief background of the Pittsburg Local Enforcement Agency (Pittsburg LEA), reasoning for the designation of the Pittsburg LEA for Keller Canyon Landfill, and potential resource savings for the County.

The City of Pittsburg was formally designated a Local Enforcement Agency by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (presently known as CalRecycle) on December 15, 1993. The City has all the proper certifications by CalRecycle to inspect Keller Canyon Landfill and is in good standing with the State with commendable evaluations. In addition, Pittsburg currently employs three qualified staff members with a combined 85 years of experience.

The Pittsburg LEA is typically the first agency approached in the local community when issues arise concerning Keller Canyon Landfill. Designation of the Pittsburg LEA over Keller Canyon Landfill would eliminate the additional step by residents contacting the County LEA. Being in closer proximity to the Keller Canyon Landfill will enable a more efficient handling of community issues. The designation will also provide a local contact in the community that is the most impacted due to the landfill residing in Pittsburg's sphere of influence. The Keller Canyon Landfill will have a long legacy for Pittsburg and local oversight will ensure its short-term and long-term influences are safe for the local community most impacted.

The Pittsburg LEA has experienced staff available immediately to begin solid waste inspections and enforcement. Enforcement activities will comply with State regulations and permit requirements. This proposal will allow for a transitional period of three years from the County LEA to the Pittsburg LEA and will be reflected in a resource friendly package to the County. During the transitional period, joint inspections by the Pittsburg LEA and County LEA will occur to ensure a smooth transition for Keller Canyon Landfill as well as to provide transparency during the process. Throughout the term of Pittsburg acting as Keller Canyon's LEA, Pittsburg will submit an annual report to the County.

Based on all present conditions, the following fees would apply from the present Keller Canyon generated LEA fees for the designation of the Pittsburg LEA for the Keller Canyon Landfill:

Year	Fees
1 st year	\$ 2,200.00 per month
2 nd year	\$ 2,350.00 per month
3 rd year	\$ 2,500.00 per month
4 th year and beyond	To be determined.

Additional services will be billed on a time and material basis.

In recognition of the expenses the City will invest to take on the additional duties and responsibilities of the LEA designation, if Contra Costa County retracts the Pittsburg LEA designation during the transitional period, the Pittsburg LEA will be paid a "wind-down fee" equivalent to fifty percent of the Keller Canyon generated LEA fees collected for that three-year period. This payment would offset investment costs incurred by the City during the start-up, management, wind-down period, and afterward, including but not limited to expenses for outreach to the community, staff transition, equipment, and implementation of necessary organizational changes.

This proposal will require approval by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the City of Pittsburg City Council, and CalRecycle before it can proceed. We anticipate that the proposal will be incorporated into a negotiated Memorandum of Understanding that is fair and reasonable to all parties.

The Pittsburg LEA appreciates the opportunity to provide this proposal and looks forward to future discussions. Please feel free to call me at (925) 252-4850 if you have questions on the above information.

Sincerely,



Joe Sbranti
City Manager

cc: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
City of Pittsburg City Council
David Twa, County Administrator
Garrett Evans, Assistant City Manager