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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 3, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** David Garcia, Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving a Contract with Zero Foodprint (ZFP) to meet 2025 SB1383 Procurement Targets of 2,330 tons of Compost for an amount not to exceed \$90,870 – Districts I, II, III, IV

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** There are sufficient funds in the FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 Solid Waste (40402) budget to cover the full contract expenses to meet State requirements under SB1383. No additional general funds are required.

**BACKGROUND:** In September 2016, Governor Brown set methane emissions reduction targets for California (SB 1383 Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). Effective January 1, 2022, the law mandates that businesses and governments divert organic waste away from landfills and instead use composting, anaerobic digestion, and other methods to recycle organic waste. As part of this effort each Jurisdiction in California is required to procure quantities of Recycled Organic Waste Products (ROWP) based on their population. Compost, one of four acceptable ROWPs, is valued at the highest equivalent, meaning that .58 tons of compost is considered 1 ton of ROWP. The per capita procurement target equals 0.08 tons of organic waste per resident per year. In September 2024, California passed AB2902, which allows the jurisdiction to reduce the procurement target by the number of residents in low population or high elevation waiver census tracts. Thus, Unincorporated Nevada County's 2025 procurement target is 4,017 tons ROWP or 2,330 tons compost.

The County evaluated and identified Zero Foodprint as the most cost-effective and practical method of funding this mandate by convening an internal working group with members of various County Departments. ZFP is a California nonprofit organization with the goal of reducing the carbon footprint of the food industry in California. ZFP created a farmer-facing program, Compost Connector, to match farms and ranches seeking compost with funding from jurisdictions looking to meet SB1383 procurement targets. Under the program, farmers enter into an agreement that allows them to procure SB1383 compliant material (ROWP) from any permitted transfer/processing facility in California. Farmers then receive a rebate up to \$39/ton once they provide documentation that they meet the

minimum requirements of the program. In addition to procurement services, ZFP maintains all records of the compost purchases, providing required documentation under SB1383 provisions.

In March 2024, the County entered a Contract with ZFP to meet our 2024 procurement target of tons of compost at \$39 per ton for a total cost not to exceed \$76,947.00. Staff recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve a 2025 contract with ZFP to procure 2,330 tons compost (2025 target). To increase local participation the County has worked with ZFP to create a program that gives incentives to Nevada County Farms including:

- ZFP will host a Nevada County specific website.
- Reduction of the minimum procurement requirements for participating Nevada County farms from the standard 20 tons to 5 tons.
- Increased rebates for Nevada County Farms, i.e., the average incentive for Nevada County Farmers would be approximately \$39 per ton, vs approximately \$14 per ton for farmers outside of the County.
- Open the program early to Nevada County farmers (April to August), before making any remaining funds available for use on farms outside of the County to ensure we meet our minimum procurement targets.
- Staff will be doing community outreach to encourage local participation.

Staff recommend approval of a contract with ZFP for an amount not to exceed \$90,870 (2,330 tons x \$39/tons) to meet our 2025 SB1383 procurement targets. The minimum contract amount would be \$61,745 (1,165 tons x \$39/ton for Nevada County Farmers, or 1,165 tons x \$14/ton for Non-County Farmers if applicable). Staff recommends approving up to three (3) one-year contract renewals ending on FY 28/29 as long as the amount does not exceed 10% from the prior year, and the department budget is approved for each subsequent fiscal year.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution approving a Contract with Zero Foodprint (ZFP) to meet 2025 SB1383 Procurement Targets of 2,330 tons of Compost for an amount not to exceed \$90,870 – Districts I, II, III, IV
2. Standard Contract Zero Foodprint

Item Initiated by: Stacy Manning, Senior Community Development Technician  
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