

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** APRIL 10, 2024  
**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER  
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**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SOIL PRODUCTS FROM AGROMIN

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Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act of 2016, provides a complex array of mandatory requirements for cities to comply with a rigorous organic recycling program designed to fight the effects of climate change in California. In November 2020, the California Department of Resources Recovery and Recycling (CalRecycle) adopted regulations pursuant to SB 1383 in order to divert seventy-five percent of organic waste from landfills by 2025.

In accordance with SB 1383, Article 12 Procurement of Recovered Organic Waste Products, public agencies are required to procure a specified amount of recovered organic waste products. It should be noted organic waste placed in landfills leads to the anaerobic breakdown of the material which in turn creates methane gas that is 84 times more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide over a 20-year time frame. The recycling of organic waste can significantly reduce this short-lived pollutant and is one of the fastest ways to reduce the effects of climate change.

Staff recently reached out to Oxnard-based distributor Agromin. With facilities throughout California, Agromin is the largest organic materials processor in the State serving more than 50 cities and jurisdictions. It should be noted, staff has been purchasing the bark currently being used in the City's street medians and parkways in bulk quantities directly from Agromin for the past few years in order to save on material and delivery costs.

Due to the completion of various landscape maintenance projects throughout the City, along with the current SB 1383 procurement requirements, the cost to purchase mulch will exceed the City Manager's \$25,000 authority. Staff is requesting the City Council authorize the purchase of additional soil products in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 in order to meet the SB 1383 requirements for this fiscal year.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional fiscal impact to the City Council 2023-2024 adopted Budget, as this was a planned expense, and \$80,000 was appropriated in the Public Works Department's Special Supplies Account, 010-4520-5424.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of soil products from Agromin in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to approve soil product orders on behalf of the City of Agoura Hills.