



**SUBMITTAL TO THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 18.1
(ID # 28212)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 29, 2025

FROM : RUHS-MEDICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM-MEDICAL CENTER: Ratify and Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with Mediwaste Disposal, LLC for Biohazardous Waste and Hazardous Waste Removal and Disposal Services, All Districts. [Total Cost, \$5,900,000 ; \$590,000 in additional compensation; 100% Hospital Enterprise Fund 40050]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with Mediwaste Disposal, LLC for biohazardous waste, and hazardous waste removal and disposal services ("Amendment No. 2") to increase the total annual compensation by \$600,000 from \$700,000 to \$1,300,000, and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County and
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved as to form by County Counsel, to (a) sign amendments that make modifications of the scope of work that stay within the intent of the Agreement, and (b) sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed the sum total of ten percent (10%) of the total annual cost of the amendment and
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Orders for payment of services performed within the approved compensation aggregate amount.


ACTION:Policy

Jennifer Cruikshank
Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer - Health System 7/10/2025

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Medina and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: July 29, 2025
xc: RUHS-MC

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$5,900,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Hospital Enterprise			Budget Adjustment: Yes	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25 – 29/30	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Riverside University Health System – Medical Center (RUHS-MC) is requesting additional funding to address an unforeseen increase in waste management costs. A recent rise in the volume of waste requiring specialized treatment and regulated disposal, including incineration, has resulted in higher service charges from our contracted provider, Mediwaste Disposal LLC.

This change in medical waste handling was necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with regulatory and public health requirements. Failure to properly manage and dispose of medical waste would expose RUHS-MC to the risk of citations and penalties from regulatory agencies, jeopardizing both compliance and patient safety.

Since regulated waste disposal incurs significantly higher costs than standard disposal methods, the requested funding increase is essential to maintain uninterrupted, compliant, and safe waste management services. Without this additional financial support, RUHS-MC faces potential service disruptions that could compromise regulatory compliance, public health, and the quality of care provided to our patients.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

These services are a component of RUHS’s system of care aimed at improving the health and safety of its patients and the community.

Additional Fiscal Information

There are sufficient appropriations in the Department’s FY24/25 budget. No additional County funds are required.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

The Professional Service Agreement with Mediwaste Disposal LLC was Executed on May 18, 2023, utilizing Resolution number 2021-126

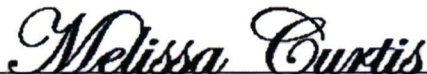

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Amendment number 1 to the Professional service agreement was executed on August 16, 2023, to increase the maximum annual compensation by \$150,000 from \$550,000 to \$700,000. The Scope of Services was amended to add services for comingled sharps and pharmaceutical waste management.

The agreement requires Board approval as the compensation provision exceeds the Purchasing Agent's authority and \$750,000 threshold for services per the Patient Care Resolution 2024-127.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: # AMENDMENT_NO_2

 Melissa Curtis, Deputy Director of Purchasing and Fleet	7/9/2025	 Jacqueline Ruiz, Principal Analyst	7/22/2025
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 Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel	7/10/2025
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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT
WITH
MEDIWASTE DISPOSAL, LLC

Original Contract Term:	05/18/2023 through 05/17/2028
Contract Term Extended To:	Not applicable
Effective Date of Amendment:	May 18, 2024
Original Annual Maximum Contract Amount:	\$700,000
Amended Annual Maximum Contract Amount:	\$1,300,000
Contract ID: MCARC-94893-003-05/28	

This Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Service Agreement for Bio-Hazardous and Hazardous Waste Removal and Disposal Services is entered into by and between County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the state of California on behalf of its Riverside University Health System Medical Center (COUNTY) and MediWaste Disposal, LLC, a California limited liability company (CONTRACTOR). COUNTY and CONTRACTOR may be referred to collectively as the “Parties” and or individually as a “Party.”

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR entered into that certain Professional Service Agreement for Bio-Hazardous and Hazardous Waste Removal and Disposal, effective May 18, 2023 (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement to add Rider B – Scope of Service – Commingled Reusable Sharps & Rx Management and Exhibit A.1 (Payment Provisions) (“Amendment No. 1”) effective August 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend the Agreement to update the compensation provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. **Compensation Section 3.1** of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided and expenses incurred in accordance with the terms of Rider A and B (Scope of Service) and Exhibit A.1 and B (Payment Provisions). Maximum payments by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed one million three hundred thousand (\$1,300,000) annually including all expenses. The COUNTY is not responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the contracted amount and shall have no obligation to purchase any specified amount of services or products. Unless otherwise specifically stated in Exhibit A.1 and B, COUNTY shall not be responsible for payment of any of CONTRACTOR’s expenses related to this Agreement.”

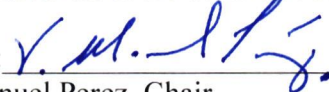
3. This Amendment No. 2 shall be deemed effective as of May 18, 2024.

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MEDIWASTE DISPOSAL, LLC

4. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement not modified herein shall remain unchanged and in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Amendment No. 2.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California

By: 
Manuel Perez, Chair
Board of Supervisors
Dated: JUL 29 2025

MEDIWASTE DISPOSAL LLC, a California limited liability company

By: *Richard Brager*
Name: Richard Brager
Title: Chief Operating Officer
Dated: Jun 26, 2025

ATTEST:

Kimberly Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Minh C. Tran
County Counsel

By: *Esen Sainz*
Esen Sainz,
Deputy County Counsel