# Review of Proposals and Award of Contract: Biosolids Facility Plan

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### Introduction



MMSD Biosolids Facilities

#### Three primary functions:

- 1. Biosolids production
- 2. Biosolids storage
- 3. Biosolids distribution

#### **Project Background**

- Due to environmental, regulatory, and market changes the District is approaching the end of its ability to maintain the legally required amount of biosolids storage.
- A biosolids management plan from 2021 recommended that we:
  - Modernize and improve Metrogro's data management.
  - Research the viability of other biosolids products.

## **Facility Plan**

- Required by the DNR for CWF loans
- Purpose of facility planning is to:
  - Perform a condition assessment on present assets;
  - Establish the need for improvement;
  - Evaluate options; and
  - Identify cost-effective alternatives.
- The focus of the Biosolids Facility Plan is to recommend facilities and systems
  necessary to ensure an economical and environmentally sustainable process for
  managing the District's biosolids.

#### **Project Scenarios**

Examine the costs, benefits, and management difficulties of four disposal strategies:

- 1. Maintaining the biosolids operations status quo;
- 2. Pursuing Class A Liquid land application;
- 3. Pursuing Class A thermo-dried product; and
- 4. Consider non-land application/disposal.

#### **Received Proposals and Consultant Selection**

Consultant Firms	Proposed Budget	Total Scores	Rank
Strand	\$ 448,246	412	1
Jacobs	\$ 499,488	408	2

#### Strand provided:

- A grounded, practical approach based on proven technologies
- Current management of the Heat and Power project—which is closely related and crucial to the overall success of the biosolids program
- A deep history with the District and familiarity with our current system

#### **Requested Action**

Approval of resolution 2025-02-13-XX awarding engineering professional services for development of a facilities plan for biosolids management to Strand and Associates for \$500,000.

## Questions?

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