



San Diego Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project

As part of its 25-year representation of the City of San Diego in solid waste matters, Hawkins served as special counsel to the City on two major landfill-related projects. Hawkins played a central role in the structuring, procurement and contracting for a major landfill gas cogeneration project, delivered at the City's Miramar Landfill on a design-build-finance-operate-maintain (P3) basis by a private owner. This project was San Diego's first P3 project. Our work included landfill lease negotiations with the U.S. Navy as well as gas lease and power purchase contract negotiations with the developer, which resulted in emissions reductions at Miramar and a supply of low cost electric power to be used at the City's North City wastewater reclamation facility.

Clients: City of San Diego

Role: Owner's Lead Counsel

Distinction: San Diego's First P3 Project

Delivery Method: Design-Build-Finance-Operate Maintain (P3)

Project Size: 15 MW

Capital Cost: \$30 Million

Contract Value: \$300 Million

Contract Term: 20 Years

Contract Counterparties: Minnesota Methane, Fortistar and US Navy

Award: Federal Energy and Water Management Award

Practices

- Alternative Project Delivery
- Project Finance
- Public-Private Partnerships

Industry

- Solid Waste