

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 10/17/05
Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: 11/8/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works Department

STAFF CONTACT: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, ext. 3603
Leslie Wells, Program Manager, ext. 3611

SUBJECT: Tipping Fees for Cathode Ray Tubes and Other Electronic Waste

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a Public Hearing for November 22, 2005 for 10 minutes to consider adjustments in rates for accepting waste containing cathode ray tubes and other electronic waste, as follows:

- a) Adopt a resolution (Exhibit 1), effective December 1, 2005, setting the attached fees for electronic waste collected at County facilities (Attachment A).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In accordance with Chapter 17 of the County Code, your Board shall adjust tipping fees at County facilities by resolution. Beginning in August 2001, the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) ruled that waste containing cathode ray tubes were hazardous and could no longer be landfilled. The primary sources of this waste are television screens and computer monitors. Lap top computers have recently been added to the list. To cover costs associated with handling this newly designated hazardous waste, your Board established a rate for cathode ray tubes at its facilities effective July 2002. Additionally, a rate for other electronic waste (not yet designated by DTSC as hazardous waste) was also established if a customer chose to bring the material in to be recycled.

In September 2003, the legislature approved SB20 which essentially allowed the collection of an up front fee from customers purchasing materials that contained cathode ray tubes (CRTs). The fees were effective January 2005. The fees collected through this program are distributed to collectors and recyclers of these materials to cover handling and processing costs. The County Public Works Department has applied for and been approved as a Collector of CRTs. As such we are eligible to receive a rebate of \$.20 per pound to cover our collection costs and no longer have to pay a disposal cost for this waste. Therefore, we are now able to reduce our rate charged to the customer from \$16.50 per unit to no charge.

The Department of Toxic Substance Control has issued a second mandate expanding the disposal prohibition to most other electronic waste. This mandate is scheduled to go into effect in February 2006. Currently, the rebate program has not been expanded to include this additional part of the electronic wastestream so the County will need to continue to charge for these materials. The County has received a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to cover the cost to purchase equipment and develop and implement a countywide public outreach campaign explaining the new mandate. This grant will help defray future costs associated with the new mandate but does not cover the cost to dispose of the material. As such, Attachment A contains the new proposed rates for collecting these wastes at County facilities. The rates were developed based on actual costs to collect and dispose of this waste last fiscal year.

Mandates and Service Levels:

In response to mandates issued by the Department of Toxic Substance Control, the County is establishing programs to appropriately manage electronic waste. The attached rates have been developed to acknowledge receipt of funds through the SB20 rebate program as well as establishing rates for the future prohibition of electronic waste.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The attached rates will cover the costs to manage electronic waste. The rates for CRTs are decreasing and the other electronic rates are increasing based on actual costs incurred. In addition, more tiers were established to meet customer needs.

Special Instructions:

Please direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a Notice of Public Hearing in the Santa Barbara News Press North County and South Coast editions five and ten days prior to the hearing, as per Government Code Section 6062a. Please send an executed copy of the resolution and a Minute Order to Georgia Navarro & Leslie Wells in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department.

Concurrence:

Auditor Controller
County Counsel

EXHIBIT 1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF REVISING THE TIPPING)
FEES FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTED)
AT COUNTY FACILITIES AS PROPOSED BY) RESOLUTION NO. _____
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,)
RESOURCE RECOVERY & WASTE MANAGEMENT))
DIVISION)

Whereas, according to Chapter 17 of the Santa Barbara County Code, the Board of Supervisors may revise tipping fees charged at County facilities upon the recommendation of the Public Works Department Director; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors finds that the revised tipping fees, Attachment A, will be just, fair, reasonable and sufficient to provide service to the public,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, pursuant to state law and Chapter 17 of the Santa Barbara County Code, hereby, revises the tipping fees for electronic waste charged at County Facilities (Attachment A), upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Works. Each of the rates established by the Resolution supersedes the rates established previously. Each of the rates established by this resolution will be effective December 1, 2005 and will continue to be in effect until revised, repealed, or otherwise amended.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of November 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Electronic Waste Tipping Fee Resolution
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ATTEST:
MICHAEL BROWN

CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
STEPHEN SHANE STARK
COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO FORM
ROBERT W. GEIS
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY _____
Deputy

BY _____
Deputy

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed electronic tipping fee changes would be effective at the Tajiguas Landfill, South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, and the Santa Ynez Valley Recycle and Transfer Station.

<u>Material</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	
Cathode Ray Tubes	\$16.50 per unit	No charge	
Other Electronics (Non-CRTs)	\$80 per ton	0 – 10 lbs	\$2.50 per item
		11 - 25 lbs	\$5.00 per item
		26 - 50 lbs	\$10.00 per item
		50 - 100 lbs	\$15.00 per item
		Over 100 lbs	\$640/ton
Flourescent lighting tubes	No rate	\$1 per tube	

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2005 AT 9:00 A.M. OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER, IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM, 105 EAST ANAPAMU STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, ON PROPOSED TIPPING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED RATES CAN BE REQUESTED FROM THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, RESOURCE RECOVERY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION, 130 E. VICTORIA STREET, SUITE 100, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93101. THE PROPOSED RATES CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED DURING BUSINESS HOURS BY A TELEPHONE CALL TO (805) 882-3600.