



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: May 12, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Set Hearing (May 12, 2026); Departmental
Hearing (June 9, 2026)
Estimated Time: 30 Minutes on June 9,
2026
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director
Contact: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, Deputy Director
SUBJECT: **Set Hearing to Adopt Resolutions to Establish Solid Waste Tipping Fees,
Maximum Franchised Collection Rates, and New Cuyama Parcel Fees for FY
2026/27; All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a public hearing for June 9, 2026, to consider the following:

- a) Adopt a resolution, to be effective July 1, 2026, setting the fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County solid waste facilities for Fiscal Year 2026/27;
- b) Approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 adjusted Per Ton Processing Rate of \$34.03 to be paid by the County to MarBorg Recovery, LP for the processing of municipal solid waste and source-separated recyclables at the ReSource Center Material Recovery Facility (MRF);
- c) Adopt a resolution, to be effective July 1, 2026, setting the Parcel Fee Schedule for the Cuyama Valley for Fiscal Year 2026/27;

- d) Adopt a resolution, to be effective July 1, 2026, setting the fee schedules for maximum franchised solid waste collection rates in the unincorporated Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 service areas for Fiscal Year 2026/27;
- i) Direct the Clerk to announce the close of the Public Hearing following the end of public comment for the departmental item, and that no additional protest votes will be accepted;
 - ii) Direct the Clerk to count the number of written protests specifically received for the Isla Vista service area of Zone 3 referencing newly restructured maximum rates for this community proposed for Fiscal Year 2026/27;
 - iii) Direct the Clerk to report the number protest votes counted as outlined above;
 - 1) If no majority protest on Isla Vista maximum franchised solid waste collection rates; adopt resolution.
 - 2) If a majority protest; adopt resolution for all other unincorporated Zone fee schedules but take no action on Isla Vista maximum franchised solid waste collection rates and provide direction to staff.
- e) Determine that the above-recommended actions are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guideline Section 15273(a) (1), (2), (3) and (4) because they are for the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses and that no expansion of services or facilities will result, and direct staff to file and post a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The Department of Public Works, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division (RRWMD) is setting a public hearing for June 9, 2026, to consider solid waste fees for Fiscal Year 2026/27 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). These fees include:

- Tipping fees charged at County-operated solid waste facilities
- Per Ton Processing Rate for the ReSource Center Material Recovery Facility
- Parcel fees for New Cuyama property owners to support local waste services
- Maximum rates the franchised (private) waste hauler can charge customers

Discussion:

This item is on the agenda in order to set a hearing to adopt resolutions to establish solid waste tipping fees and processing rates, maximum franchised customer collection rates, and New Cuyama parcel fees for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27. Additionally, newly restructured fees for Isla Vista customers are presented as part of the Zone 3 maximum franchised customer collection rates of which the unincorporated community of Isla Vista is a part.

These rates are developed and approved in accordance with Chapter 17 of the Santa Barbara County Code. A Board Letter providing the proposed fee schedules for these services and the CEQA Notice of Exemption will be submitted prior to the departmental hearing and will be available to the public

on June 4, 2026, on the County Clerk of the Board's website for the June 9, 2026, Board of Supervisors hearing. Copies of the maximum franchised collection rates specifically were posted by April 24, 2026, at <https://www.countyofsb.org/1112/Collection-ServicesRates>. Hard copies will be available on June 4, 2026, at the Clerk of the Board's office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, as well as the offices of the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division at 130 East Victoria Street, Suite 100 in Santa Barbara.

Background:

Each year, your Board adopts resolutions establishing fees charged at County-operated solid waste management facilities, as well as maximum rates charged by the franchised service providers to collect waste materials from residential and commercial customers. In addition, your Board sets the parcel fee schedule that is assessed to property owners in the New Cuyama Valley to pay for the operation of transfer stations in this rural community.

On June 3, 2025, your Board directed RRWMD to pursue restructuring of the fee schedule for maximum solid waste collection rates in Isla Vista within Zone 3 in order to provide expanded service options and clarify existing services for customers in that region. For example, under current FY 2025/26 maximum rates, multi-family customers in Isla Vista are restricted to 32-gallon can or bin (dumpster) service; however, inclusion of cart services, which come in sizes ranging from 35-gallon, 65-gallon, and 95-gallon carts, would allow for greater flexibility in service options, and is anticipated to increase container accessibility, reduce litter, and reduce space needed to store waste containers.

On February 24, 2026, your Board approved an ordinance amendment to Chapter 17-1 and Chapter 17-7 of the County Code as it relates to mandatory solid waste service in Isla Vista. The ordinance amendment, which will be operable on July 1, 2026, increased the minimum required service levels for residential premises based on a volume of 35-gallon carts, not 32-gallon cans, and also requires that waste service be consolidated into the largest possible containers. The new requirements of the ordinance amendment are not supported by the current customer rate structure which in many cases only offers 32-gallon cans for subscription.

Following the Board's approval on June 3, 2025, staff negotiated updated, competitive maximum rates with the franchised hauler (MarBorg Industries) for Isla Vista customers. The newly restructured fees presented as part of the Zone 3 maximum franchised customer collection rates for FY 2026/27 provide 35-, 65-, and 95-gallon cart costs for all customer types, as well as clarifies access to existing special solid waste services in Isla Vista to best support the new requirements of the approved ordinance amendment.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There will be changes to the existing rate schedules, which will be provided in detail in the subsequent departmental hearing Board Letter. There are no proposed facility impacts.

Fiscal Analysis:

There will be changes to the existing rate schedules, which will be provided in detail in the subsequent departmental hearing Board Letter.

Special Instructions:

Please direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A) in a publication regularly published once a week **five and ten days prior to the hearing**, per Government Code Section 6062a.

Please also direct the Clerk of the Board to count and report the number of written protests for the June 9, 2026, departmental hearing specifically received for FY 2026/27 Isla Vista solid waste maximum franchised collection rates.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Notice of Public Hearing, FY2026-27 Solid Waste Rates

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