



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: May 13, 2025
Placement: Administrative - Set
Hearing (May 13,
2025); Departmental
Hearing (June 3, 2025)
Estimated Time: 30 Minutes on June 3,
2025
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Chris Sneddon, P.E., Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
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Info:

SUBJECT: Set Hearing to Adopt Resolutions to Establish Solid Waste Tipping Fees,
Maximum Franchised Collection Rates, and New Cuyama Parcel Fees for
FY 2025/26 - All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a public hearing for June 3, 2025 to consider the following:

- a) Adopt a resolution, to be effective July 1, 2025, setting the fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County solid waste facilities for Fiscal Year 2025/26;
- b) Adopt a resolution, to be effective July 1, 2025, setting the Parcel Fee Schedule for the Cuyama Valley for Fiscal Year 2025/26;

- c) Adopt a resolution, to be effective July 1, 2025, 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 2025/26;
- d) Direct Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division staff to pursue restructuring of the fee schedule for maximum solid waste collection rates in Isla Vista within Zone 3 in order to provide additional services and clarify existing services for customers in that region; and
- 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 3, 2025, to consider solid waste fees for Fiscal Year 2025/26. These fees include:

- Tipping fees charged at County-operated solid waste facilities
- Parcel fees for New Cuyama property owners to support local waste services
- Maximum rates the franchised (private) waste hauler can charge customers

The RRWMD is also seeking the Board's approval to pursue changes to the way waste collection rates are structured in Isla Vista (Zone 3). The goal is to improve service flexibility for multi-family properties, reduce litter, make waste storage easier, and increase access to services.

Background Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to set a hearing to adopt resolutions to establish solid waste tipping fees, maximum franchised customer collection rates, and New Cuyama parcel fees for Fiscal Year 2025/26. 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.

Additionally, this item seeks the Board's approval to pursue restructuring of the fee schedule for collection rates in Isla Vista in Zone 3 to allow for expanded service options and to clarify existing services. For example, currently multi-family customers in this region 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 rather than being restricted to 32-gallon cans, and also is anticipated to increase container accessibility, reduce litter, and reduce space needed to store waste containers.

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 May 29, 2025, on the County Clerk of the Board's website for the June 3, 2025, Board of Supervisors hearing. Copies of the maximum franchised collection rates specifically will be posted by April 17, 2025, at <https://www.countyofsb.org/1112/Collection-ServicesRates>. Hard copies will be available by May 29, 2025 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.

Performance Measure:

The tipping fees, maximum franchised customer collection rates, and New Cuyama parcel fees are based on the cost to provide these solid waste management services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

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

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.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Notice of Public Hearing

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