

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Solid Waste Tipping Fees and Solid Waste Collection Rates for Fiscal Year  
2001/2002  
All Supervisorial Districts

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Set a Public Hearing for July 3, 2001 to consider the proposed tipping fees for solid waste received at the Santa Barbara County landfills and the South Coast Transfer Station, and fee schedules for Fiscal Year 2001/2002 solid waste collection rates;
- B. Direct Clerk of the Board to Notice the Public Hearing in the Santa Barbara News-Press twice prior to the hearing, in compliance with Government Code Section 6062a;
- C. Accept the Public Works Department's Notice of Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines;

## 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:**

The County's Solid Waste Enterprise is a self-sustaining operation funded by revenue received from fees collected at County disposal facilities. The Solid Waste tip fee is an integrated disposal fee that includes the provision for beneficial programs to the community such as Code Enforcement, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, hazardous waste collection days in Santa Ynez and Cuyama, public awareness and educational programs, as well as many other programs. Each year the disposal fees are set in accordance with Chapter 17 of the Santa Barbara County Code. Your Board sets both the rates that waste collection companies may charge customers in the unincorporated areas of the County in addition to the fees collected at County-operated disposal facilities.

### Disposal Rates

Your Board sets the rates that are charged to solid waste collection companies and residents to accept various materials at County solid waste facilities. The per ton tipping fee is incorporated into the disposal component of the residential and commercial collection rates discussed below. Staff is proposing increases to the disposal rates for general trash, organic materials, and construction and demolition materials. In addition, nominal charges will also be applied to incoming loads of soil and for the handling and transportation of commingled recyclables.

### Collection Rates

Your Board also sets the rates that solid waste collection companies may charge customers in the unincorporated areas of the county for trash collection services. Several factors go into the calculation of residential and commercial collection rates, including a consumer price index (CPI) adjustment to the collection of trash, changes in the disposal fees charged by County solid waste facilities, and a franchise fee

### Other Fees

Pursuant to section 17-29 (a)(2) of County Code Chapter 17, a franchise fee is collected from solid waste collection companies that have an exclusive franchise agreement with the County for the provision of solid waste collection services. Your Board has the authority to adjust the franchise fee. Staff is proposing to increase the franchise fee in order to cover costs of solid waste management programs.

## **Mandates and Service Levels:**

Based on the proposed rates, residents of Summerland will be provided recycling service.

## **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The increase in revenues generated from the 2000/2001 tip fee increase will offset increases in operating expenses for the upcoming fiscal year as well as the ten year projected costs associated with closed landfill management.

**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, as per Government Code Section 6062a.

**Concurrence**

Auditor Controller

County Counsel