



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:** 06/2/15  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Tme:** 30 minutes  
**Continued Item:** Yes  
**If Yes, date from:** 5/5/15  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, P.E. Director, x3010  
Director(s)

Contact Info: Mark Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director, x3603

**SUBJECT:** Solid Waste Tipping Fees and Collection Rates for FY 2015/16  
All Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations for setting fees and rates for solid waste management services for Fiscal Year 2015/16:

- A) Adopt a resolution (Exhibit 1), effective July 1, 2015, setting the fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County facilities For Fiscal Year 2015/16;
- B) Adopt a resolution (Exhibit 2), effective July 1, 2015, setting the fee schedule for solid waste collection rates in the unincorporated areas in Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 for Fiscal Year 2015/16; and
- C) Find that the proposed action is for the establishment of solid waste handling, disposal and collection fees and rates by the County which are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses and financial reserves; that no expansion of services or facilities will result; that the proposed action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR 15273(a)(1)(2)(3) & (4); and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis (Exhibit 3).

**Summary Text:**

Each year, your Board approves fees charged at County-operated solid waste management facilities as well as rates charged by the franchised service providers to collect waste materials from residential and commercial customers. This Board Letter provides each of these proposed fee and rate schedules for FY 15/16.

**Background:**

Each year, your Board adopts fees charged at County-operated solid waste management facilities as well as rates charged by the franchised service providers to collect waste materials from residential and commercial customers. Detail associated with the proposed rate changes is provided below.

Tipping Fees at County Facilities

Most fees for services at County-operated facilities will not be changing. The most notable proposed change is to raise the rate for the disposal of municipal solid waste at the Tajiguas Landfill from \$82 per ton to \$84 per ton. Additionally, for the first time since 2009 there are also increases proposed for some of the services provided to commercial customers at the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center that the County operates at UCSB. For example, the price to dispose of motor oil would go from \$.27 to \$.30 per gallon while the rates for the recycling of batteries and antifreeze would remain the same. The center continues to be free for residents.

The requested increase for the proposed facility rate schedules is consistent with the long-term financial plan for funding of capital, regulatory compliance, and closure/post-closure requirements. The entire proposed fee schedule for waste handled at County facilities is included in Exhibit 1 attached to this Board Letter.

Residential and Commercial Collection Rates

Annually, your Board sets the rates charged to residential and commercial customers in the unincorporated areas of the County by the solid waste collection service providers. These rates are affected by the cost of collection and processing or disposing of waste material.

Pursuant to the County's franchise agreements with the service providers, a consumer price index (CPI) adjustment is required on the collection portion of each rate to reimburse the service providers for their operational costs of collection. The CPI adjustment is based on the index for "All Urban Consumers" according to the U.S. Department of Labor Los Angeles-Riverside CPI from February 2014 to February 2015. For this time period, the CPI is .01%, which was applied to the collection portion of the proposed FY 15/16 rates in all collection zones.

The second component of the rate charged to customers is the cost to process or dispose of waste. In FY 15/16, the County is changing the tipping fee at the Tajiguas Landfill from \$82 to \$84 per ton. The City of Santa Maria will keep its tipping fee at \$71 per ton, and the City of Lompoc is expected to raise their landfill tipping fee from \$76.34 to \$78.34 per ton.

The overall effect of these rate adjustment factors is low this year, with impacts on residential and commercial rates falling between .1% and 1%. Examples of the rate percentage changes are provided below.

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Avg. % Change in Rate</b>
Zone 1 (Montecito, Summerland)	
Residential	Increase of .4%
Commercial	Increase of 1%
Zone 2 (Goleta Valley N of Hollister)	
Residential	Increase of .7%
Commercial	Increase of 1%
Zone 3 (Goleta Valley S of Hollister, Mission Canyon, IV, Hope Ranch)	
Residential	Increase of .5%
Commercial	Increase of 1%
Zone 4 (Santa Ynez Valley)	
Residential	Increase of .7%
Commercial	Increase of 1%
Zone 4 (Lompoc Valley)	
Residential	Increase of .7%
Commercial	Increase of 1%
Zone 5 (Santa Maria Valley)	
Residential	Increase of .1%
Commercial	Increase of .1%

**Performance Measure:**

County solid waste facilities and contracted waste collection service providers charge rates identified in the attached rate schedules.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: Tipping fees charged at County-operated solid waste management facilities are revenue to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. Fees proposed in this Board Letter are included in the Division’s budget for FY 15/16 and total \$17,406,341. Rates charged to residential and commercial customers for the curbside collection of waste material are charged by the service providers who receive payments directly from their ratepayers. These costs are not included in the budget of the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division.

**Staffing Impacts:** None

**Special Instructions:**

Please send an executed copy of the Resolutions and a Minute Order to the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department, attn: Leslie Wells.

Following Board approval, Clerk of the Board to please post the Notice of Exemption and forward a stamped copy to the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department, attn: Joddi Leipner.

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**Attachments:**

- 1) Exhibit 1: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors regarding solid waste handling and disposal fees at County owned/operated facilities for FY 15/16
- 2) Exhibit 2: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors establishing solid waste collection rates for the unincorporated areas for FY 15/16
- 3) Exhibit 3: Notice of Exemption

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