



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER



Agenda Number:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 06/16/15
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes
Continued Item: yes
If Yes, date from: 05/12/15
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Scott D. McGolpin, P.E. Director, ext. 3010 
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director, ext. 3605 

SUBJECT: Parcel Fees for the Cuyama Valley for FY 2015/16
First Supervisorial District

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 considers the following recommendations for setting parcel fees for solid waste management services in the Cuyama Valley for Fiscal Year 2015/16:

- A. Adopt a resolution (Exhibit 1), effective July 1, 2015, setting the Parcel Fee Schedule for the Cuyama Valley for Fiscal Year 2015/16;
- B. Find that the proposed action is for the establishment of solid waste management fees by the County which are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses; 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); and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis (Exhibit 2).

Summary Text:

Each year, your Board approves the schedule of parcel fees assessed to property owners in the Cuyama Valley to offset the cost to operate and transport material collected from two remote transfer stations in the region. These fees are developed and approved in accordance with Chapter 17 of the Santa Barbara County Code. This Board Letter provides the proposed schedule of parcel fees for FY 15/16.

Background:

The Cuyama Valley is served by two County-operated transfer stations built in 1996, which replaced the local landfills upon their closure. In accordance with Section 25830 of the California Government Code, property owners in the Cuyama Valley pay for solid waste disposal services through parcel fees according to a schedule that was established with the adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors in 1982 (Resolution Number 82-360). The amount of the parcel fees have been adjusted by your Board over the years. The last adjustment to the parcel fees was made in FY 1992/1993. The current single-family occupied dwelling rate is \$77.00 per year. Other fees are based on a waste generation factor, comparing the single family dwelling rate to that of waste generated by other land uses.

The fee schedule was originally established to generate revenue to pay for the cost to provide solid waste disposal services in the Cuyama Valley, however the fees currently collected do not cover the cost to operate the transfer stations and transfer the waste material collected to be processed for recovery or disposed. Four years ago, changes were made to the methods used to collect and transport the waste from this area that helped to decrease this shortfall. Last year, the Division reviewed the list of Cuyama Valley Refuse Fee parcels. The review identified previously omitted parcels and other parcels with incorrect land use designation for the purpose of the refuse fee. The data base was corrected and resulted in an additional \$10,000 in revenues. The Department is proposing no increase in the Cuyama Valley parcel fees for FY 2015/2016. The Public Works Department requests that the Treasurer-Tax Collector continue to bill and collect the current fees as part of the regular County property tax system. The entire proposed parcel fee schedule for waste handled at the Cuyama Valley transfer stations is included as Exhibit 1 to this Board Letter.

Performance Measure:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: Revenue collected from the parcel fees assessed in the Cuyama Valley is anticipated to be \$41,522 in FY 15/16. The total cost to operate the two transfer stations during this same time period is anticipated to be \$219,000. The shortfall in revenue to serve this area is included in the budget prepared for the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division for FY 15/16.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please send an executed copy of the Resolution to the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department, attn: Leslie Wells.

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

Attachments:

- 1) Exhibit 1: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors regarding parcel fees for waste disposal in the Cuyama Valley for FY 15/16.
- 2) Exhibit 2: Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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