



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: DPW: Recycling

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Subject: Public Hearing for New Infrastructure Service Charge for Recycling and Solid Waste Services

Meeting Date: June 7, 2022

Recommended Actions

- 1) Open a public hearing to take objections or protests, if any, to the proposed charge for recycling and solid waste services infrastructure; and
- 2) Close the public hearing and upon its conclusion, adopt the attached resolution approving establishment of a charge for recycling and solid waste services infrastructure.

Executive Summary

A public hearing is required to adopt a resolution to establish a charge for recycling and solid waste infrastructure that would fund the construction and operation of a transfer station and organics facility at the Buena Vista landfill as well as increased closure costs for the Buena Vista Landfill. The per parcel charge was developed by the County's Recycling and Solid Waste Strategic Planning consultant, HF&H Consultants. Revenues from said charge shall be directed to the County Service Area (CSA) 9C.

Background

On April 12, 2022, the Board approved setting a public hearing for June 7, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m., or thereafter, to consider approving a resolution establishing a charge for recycling and solid waste services infrastructure at the County's Buena Vista Landfill. The Board also approved the Notice of Public Hearing, directed Community Development and Infrastructure to mail the Notice to all affected property owners within the unincorporated County at least 45 days before the public hearing, and directed the Clerk of the Board to publish the Notice of Public Hearing once per week for two weeks before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation.

Analysis

A Notice of Public Hearing (attached) regarding the proposed new recycling and solid waste services infrastructure charge was mailed to parcel owners in the unincorporated County on April 14, 2022. The Notice was also posted on the Recycling and Solid Waste Services web page along with the Cost of Service Report (attached) and responses to frequently asked questions. Additionally, Recycling and Solid Waste Services staff responded to inquiries regarding the charge.

The proposed recycling and solid waste charges are shown in the table below. The charges only apply to parcels in the unincorporated County. Revenues from said

charge shall be directed to the County Service Area (CSA) 9C.

Proposed Charge Per Parcel Per Year

Fiscal Year:	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
Amount:	\$110	\$125	\$140	\$155	\$175.36

Financial Impact

The charge is expected to result in the following capital contributions:

- Fiscal Year 2022-23: \$775,926 to the Buena Vista Closure Fund, \$1,559,701 to transfer station operations, and \$2,616,243 to capital reserves.
- Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$775,926 to the Buena Vista Closure Fund, \$1,627,483 to transfer station operations, and \$3,223,716 to capital reserves.
- Fiscal Year 2024-25: \$775,926 to the Buena Vista Closure Fund, \$1,698,869 to transfer station operations, and \$3,827,586 to capital reserves.
- Fiscal Year 2025-26: \$775,926 to the Buena Vista Closure Fund, \$1,773,728 to transfer station operations, and \$4,427,981 to capital reserves.
- Fiscal Year 2026-27: \$775,926 to the Buena Vista Closure Fund, \$1,236,251 to transfer station capital costs, \$3,343,859 to transfer station operations, \$722,684 to compost facility capital costs, \$1,749,953 to compost facility operations, (\$577,647) from self-haul tip fees to MRWMD, and \$643,122 for trucking to MRWMD.

Strategic Plan Element(s)

4C and D (Sustainable Environment: Local Conservation and Climate Change)
Adding a new solid waste infrastructure charge will allow the County to continue to have a local waste sorting facility which will further allow the County to meet its goals of recycling and reuse, and by reducing the impacts of methane gas production by locally composting organic materials.

6C (County Operational Excellence: County Infrastructure)
Adding a new solid waste infrastructure charge allows the County to meet the goal of maintaining County assets which includes local recycling and solid waste collection at the Buena Vista Landfill.

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Recommended by:

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Attachments:

- a** Resolution - Recycling and Solid Waste Services
- b** Cost of Service Study
- c** Notice of Public Hearing