Notice of Public Hearing
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

WHAT WE DO

The County of Santa Cruz owns and operates two recycling and solid waste facilities: the Buena Vista Landfill in south County, and Ben Lomond Transfer Station in north County. These facilities serve the recycling and refuse disposal needs for residents and businesses in the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County. In addition to maintaining and operating the disposal site facilities, Recycling and Solid Waste Services provides the following:

- Administration of the garbage and recycling collection franchise services
- Management of programs designed to meet statewide diversion goals and mandates including food waste and organic material per SB 1383 (Short-Lived Climate Pollutants)
- Operation of three Household Hazardous Waste facilities
- Implementation of County’s Zero Waste Goal Plan
- Green schools and business programs
- Report to State and Federal agencies regarding solid waste facilities compliance and environmental pollution control programs
- Beautification programs (litter and illegal dumping clean-up, graffiti abatement and street sweeping)
- Planning for future solid waste programs and facilities in coordination with the cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley and Watsonville through the Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force

Visit santacruzcountyrecycles.org for more information.
The Buena Vista Landfill is projected to reach maximum capacity in 6-8 years and will no longer be permitted to bury refuse at that time. In order to maintain the Buena Vista site as a location where residents’ solid waste and recycling can be taken, the County plans to construct two transfer stations (one for self-haulers and one for commercial haulers). Additionally, in order to meet SB 1383 requirements, an organics processing and composting facility is planned to be constructed. The County will need to bond for construction.

In order to pay for the construction and operations of these new facilities, the County is proposing to collect a Recycling and Solid Waste Infrastructure Services Charge beginning in fiscal year 2022-2023. The proposed charge reflects the estimated costs for two new transfer stations at Buena Vista Landfill, a new organics processing and compost facility, increased closure costs for the Buena Vista Landfill, and related operations and maintenance costs for the new facilities. The total new annual costs for these services have been apportioned to all developed parcels in the unincorporated County. A cost of service study was formulated to calculate these charges, and is available upon request from the Public Works Department, Recycling and Solid Waste Services Division, at 701 Ocean Street, Room 410, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

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The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, at their June 7, 2022 meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers at 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, in Santa Cruz, California, will hold a hearing to allow for public comment, and to consider adoption of a new rate charge for Recycling and Solid Waste Services Infrastructure. At the public hearing, the Board will accept oral and written testimony, as well as written protests, regarding the proposed charges. Written testimony, including protests, will also be accepted at the Department of Public Works, 701 Ocean Street, Room 410, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060. Items mailed must be received prior to the hearing in order to be considered by the Board.

Please check the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Meeting Portal web page for more information at: http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx?
Recycling Resources

Recycle Information Line .................................................. 831-454-2333
• What and where to recycle (recorded messages)

Curbside Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection ......................... 800-665-2209
(operated by GreenWaste Recovery)
www.greenwaste.com/santa-cruz-county
• Begin new service
• Report missed recycling or trash service
• Request delivery or removal of carts
• Obtain oil recycling jugs

County Public Works Dept. .................................................. 831-454-2160
www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org
• Apartments and business recycling inquiries
• Complaints, compliments or suggestions
• Report roadside trash .............................................. 831-477-3999
Download and use the “My Santa Cruz County” free mobile app

Household Hazardous Waste .............................................. 831-454-2606
(recorded messages)
• Schedule for free disposal
• Non-hazardous alternatives

Contact Zero Waste Outreach Team .................................... 831 454-2160
or ZeroWaste@santacruzcounty.us
• Questions
• Volunteer as a Zero Waste champion

Composting Resources ................................................. www.compostsantacruzcounty.org

Buena Vista Landfill & Recycling Center .................................. 831-454-5153
• Recorded information .............................................. 831-454-2430
1231 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville 95076
Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30
HHW Facility - Open Wed, Fri & Sat 7:30-3:30

Ben Lomond Transfer Station & Recycling Center ......................... 831-336-3951
• Recorded information .............................................. 831-454-2430
9835 Newell Creek Road, Ben Lomond 95005
Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30
HHW Facility - Open Thursdays 7:30-3:30

California Grey Bears Recycling Centers .............................. 831-479-1055 ext. 235
Mid County, 2710 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz 95065
Open 7:30-3:45 daily
Buena Vista Landfill - Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30
Ben Lomond Transfer Station - Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30

City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility & Recycling Center .................. 831-420-6270
• Open to unincorporated county residents in Davenport
  and Bonny Doon only
605 Dimeo Lane, Santa Cruz 95060
Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30
HHW Facility - Open Saturdays 7:30-3:30