



Solid Waste

COUNTY OF TULARE

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 17, 2024

Public Hearing Required	Yes
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes
Published Notice Required	Yes
Advertised Published Notice	Yes
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Approve Tipping Fee Adjustments

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed Tipping Fee changes for the Tulare County Solid Waste Department.
2. Approve the Summary of Proposed Fees for the Tulare County Landfill System effective July 1, 2025.

SUMMARY:

On April 7, 1987, your Board approved the General Refuse fee increase to \$12.00/ton (Board Resolution 87-0455).

On June 13, 1989, your Board approved the General Refuse fee increase to \$23.00/ton (Board Resolution 89-0736).

On May 14, 1991, your Board approved the General Refuse fee increase to \$28.00/ton (Board Resolution 91-0530).

On June 7, 1994, your Board approved the General Refuse fee increase to \$31.00/ton (Board Resolution 94-0680).

On September 11, 2012, your Board approved the General Refuse fee increase to \$34.00/ton (Board Resolution 2012-0701).

The General Refuse rate has remained unchanged since 2012. Staff recommends annual adjustments of \$1.00/ton over the next 6 (six) years to account for increases to labor, operating, and landfill construction costs.

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On May 7, 2024, your Board approved Waste Disposal Agreements with the Cities of Porterville (31666), Tulare (31667), and Visalia (31668). These agreements included annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments to the Contracted Rate effective July 1, 2025, and on each July 1 thereafter. The Cities requested 6 months advance notice of any rate adjustments to allow for notices to be mailed out to constituents and finance departments to adjust their budgets.

On December 19, 1995, your Board established new tipping fees for Green Waste at \$20/ton (Board Resolution 95-1435). On August 28, 2012, your Board approved an increase to Green Waste tipping fees to \$22/ton (Board Resolution 2012-0670). On December 4, 2012, your Board approved the current Green Waste tipping increase to \$29/ton (Board Resolution 2012-0874).

On August 28, 2012, your Board established new tipping fees for Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste at \$39/ton (Board Resolution 2012-0670). This fee has remained unchanged since its adoption. The Green Waste fee has also remained unchanged.

On May 21, 2024, your Board approved fee adjustments to the Construction & Demolition (C&D) and Green Waste rates. These adjustments were incremental to reduce the financial strain on the public.

The recommended fees identified in Attachment A are below the current estimate to achieve full cost recovery. The proposed rates have been published pursuant to Government Code Section §6062a and §6066, in the Exeter Sun-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation, on December 4, 2024, and December 11, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is Zero Cost to the General Fund associated with this action. The proposed action will generate an estimated revenue of \$760,000 to the Enterprise Fund in the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Organizational Performance Initiative to continuously improve organizational effectiveness and fiscal stability. The requested action assists the County in its efforts to ensure greater cost recovery for material diversion activities and maintain fiscal stability for the Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Bryce Howard

Bryce Howard
Director- Tulare County Solid Waste

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachments:

Attachment A- Summary of Proposed Fees

Attachment B- Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment C- Presentation