



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** GOVERNING BOARD

**File #:** 22-547

Board Meeting Date: 7/12/2022

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Governing Board of County Service Area No. 8

**From:** Carolyn Bloede, Director, Office of Sustainability

**Subject:** Setting a Public Hearing to Adopt the Garbage and Recyclables Collection Service Charges Report in County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks Area)

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Acting as the Governing Board of County Service Area No. 8, adopt a resolution setting Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting, as the time and place for a public hearing on the filing of the Garbage and Recyclables Collection Service Charges Report for County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks) for fiscal year 2022-23.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On October 20, 2009, this Board adopted Resolution No. 070423, which approved a franchise agreement with Recology San Mateo County (Recology) to provide services for the collection of recyclable materials, organic materials, and garbage from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2020. On June 4, 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. 076641, approving the amended and restated Recology Franchise Agreement for an additional 15-year term expiring on December 31, 2035.

On February 11, 2020, this Board adopted Resolution No. 077212, setting the garbage and collection rates for County Service Area No. 8. These same rates were applied and used for calendar year 2021 and then again in 2022.

On July 20, 2021 at 9:15 am this Board adopted Resolution No. 078315, adopting the 2021-22 Fiscal Year Garbage and Recyclables Collection Service Charges Report for County Service Area No. 8.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The County generates revenue to pay Recology for service to residential dwellings in County Service Area No. 8 by charging fees based on pick-up units for each affected parcel that meets the criteria outlined in County Ordinance Code 4.04.220. These fees are defined and adopted each fiscal year in the Collection Service Charges Report (Charges Report) and placed on the subsequent County tax roll. Recology directly bills commercial and industrial customers that do not have the charges placed

on the County tax roll and customers receiving additional services pursuant to the franchise agreement.

The County Ordinance Code requires this Board to hold a public hearing to consider public testimony prior to adopting the Charges Report. The recommended action, adopting a resolution setting the time and place for the public hearing, is the first step in the process and is procedural.

Adoption of the Charges Report for fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 and its filing with the Clerk of the Board will result in the user charges contained therein being placed on the County tax roll for County Service Area No. 8. These charges will appear on the FY 2022-23 tax bill of each affected property and will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. The rates adopted by this Board on February 23, 2021, will be used to perform the calculation for the FY 2022-23 residential and multi-family dwelling charges that will appear on the property owner's FY 2022-23 tax bill. Commercial parcels and additional services provided to customers will continue to be billed separately based on the current rates by Recology.

The remaining unincorporated county areas covered by the franchise agreement are billed directly by Recology and the garbage and recyclables collection service charges are not placed on the tax bill.

The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action of setting a public hearing.

Staff time involved in preparing the Charges Report for County Service Area No. 8, administrative documents, and public advertisement of the hearing is part of the administrative cost associated with managing the garbage collection and recycling services in County Service Area No. 8 and is financed from franchised fees.

**Attachments:**

- Exhibit A, FY 2022-23 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Rates in County Service Area No. 8,
- Draft Notice of Public Hearing with the County of San Mateo, Board of Supervisors for July 26, 2022.