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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

Item Number: 2.1

MEETING DATE: 06/23/2026

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Kathryn Ramirez

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Deems Katada

SUBJECT:

(THE PREVIOUSLY NOTICED PROP 218 PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23, 2026 HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND A NEW HEARING DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR AUGUST 11, 2026)
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PUBLIC WORKS – D. KATADA

(To Be Heard at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard)

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors Hold a Public Hearing to:

1. Accept public input and testimony on a proposed increase on the maximum allowable rates for solid waste collection, to be effective July 1, 2026., and:
2. Adopt the proposed maximum allowable rates.

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AGENDA SECTION:

PUBLIC HEARING

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Recology San Benito County submitted its annual rate adjustment application on March 23, 2026. The application was reviewed by Integrated Waste Management (IWM) staff and the Regional Agency's consultant, R3 Consulting Group. Following review and requested revisions, the application was finalized on April 22, 2026.

Pursuant to Article 9 and Attachment E (Contractor Compensation and Rate Setting) of the Franchise Agreement, Recology is entitled to an annual rate adjustment based on an index-based methodology that accounts for year-over-year changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fuel costs, disposal costs,

and processing costs. The proposed rates support the collection, recycling, organics, disposal, education, and compliance programs necessary for the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency (Regional Agency) members, the County of San Benito, the City of Hollister, and the City of San Juan Bautista, to meet state solid waste and recycling mandates, including AB 939, AB 341, AB 1826, and SB 1383.

Each Regional Agency member is required to consider the proposed rates through a public hearing process. In accordance with Proposition 218, notices will be mailed to affected property owners and customers at least 45 days prior to the public hearing. The notice includes proposed maximum rates for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and establishes not-to-exceed rates for a five-year period. Actual rates charged to customers may be lower than the maximum rates identified in the notice.

The proposed rates fund services, including garbage collection and disposal, recycling collection and processing, organics collection and processing, residential bulky-item collection, compost giveaway programs, environmental collection events, document shredding services, landfill collection events, and public outreach and education. These services support the Regional Agency's compliance with state regulatory requirements and provide environmental benefits to residents and businesses throughout San Benito County.

At the public hearing, interested persons may provide written or verbal comments for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Consistent with Proposition 218 requirements, only written protests submitted by property owners are counted toward determining whether a majority protest exists. However, the Board may also consider comments and protests submitted by tenants responsible for paying solid waste service charges. If a majority protest does not exist, the Board may approve the proposed maximum rates.

If approved, the Fiscal Year 2026-27 rates will become effective July 1, 2026. Pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, Recology will continue to provide annual courtesy notices of approved rates, and rate information will be made available on both the County's and Recology's websites. The rate tables included in the public notice identify the most common residential and commercial service levels; the complete rate schedule is available through Recology San Benito County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Prop 218 Recology Rate Increase](#)
[County August 11, 2026 Public Hearing Notice Recology Rate Adjustment](#)
[County June 23, 2026 Public Hearing Notice Recology Rate Adjustment](#)
[Recology Franchise Agreement](#)