



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Solid Waste Rate Increase

Date: June 24, 2025

Submitted By: Justin Nartker, Public Works Director

Department: Public Works

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing and, if there is No Majority Protest, Consider the Following Action:

- A. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving a Notice of Exemption (Solid Waste Collection Service Rates Amendment).
- B. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Amending Solid Waste Collection Service Rates within the Incorporated Limits of the City of Rocklin and Rescinding Resolution No. 2024-179.

Background:

On May 13, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-094 (Attachment 4), which established Tuesday, June 24, 2025, as a Public Hearing to allow an opportunity for owners of property and customers served by Recology Auburn Placer to appear and protest the proposed increase in fees.

The rate adjustment request consists of a Cost-of-Living Increase of 2.5%, which is less than the 4.0% maximum yearly increase allowed in the Franchise Agreement with the City of Rocklin. In addition, Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) is increasing the Landfill Rate by 2.58%, which is passed through the City's solid waste hauler and applies to Debris Boxes and Construction and Demolition (C&D) material.

Resolution No. 2025-094 also authorized the City Clerk to give additional notice of the proposed increase and Public Hearing, as required by law. Written notice of the proposed rates and public hearing was provided by Recology Auburn Placer to its customers, as required by law (Attachment 5). Written protest and comment letters received prior to the posting of the agenda are included in Attachment 7. As of the date of publication of the agenda, two protest letter have been received (Attachment 7).

Any protest and comment letters received after the agenda has posted will be provided to the City Council and made a part of the agenda packet.

Recology Auburn Placer continues to perform their obligations as outlined in the Franchise Agreement. They are responsive to citizen concerns and requests from the city. Beyond the

normal weekly service, Rocklin residents also receive green waste pickup, street sweeping, curbside e-waste recycling, spring cleanup, cardboard recycling and large dead animal pickup. The current and proposed collection rates for common items are reflected in Attachment 6.

Staff recommends the following process:

1. Open the public hearing and receive any further protests and comments.
2. Close the public hearing, have the City Clerk tally the protests, and consider the results.
3. If there is a majority protest (50% plus 1 of all customers), no further action will be taken.
4. If there is no majority protest, Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached resolution to adopt the solid waste fees as proposed.

Environmental Analysis:

The City of Rocklin’s Environmental Coordinator has reviewed the Solid Waste Collection Amendment and determined that it is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8); CEQA Guidelines, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption); and Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges) of the California Code of Regulations. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared accordingly.

Fiscal Impact:

The total increase from the Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) Adjustment and the Landfill rate Pass Through is 5.08%. The impact to the average residential end user approximately 2.5%.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution A - Notice of Exemption](#)
2. [Resolution B - Amending Solid Waste Collection Services Rates](#)
3. [Resolution B Exhibit A - Rates](#)
4. [Resolution No. 2025-094 Intent to Amend Solid Waste Collection Service Rates](#)
5. [Public Notice](#)
6. [Common Item Collection Rates](#)
7. [Protest Letters](#)