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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-276**

MEETING: June 25, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director

RE: Public Hearing to Approve a Rate Increase for Solid Waste Removal Services in Wawona

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Public Hearing to Approve Annual Rate Increases for Solid Waste Removal Services in the Wawona County Service Area (CSA) 2-W beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2018.

#### Current Situation

In January 2009 the Board approved the current rate structure for Solid Waste Disposal Services for CSA 2-W in Wawona. Per Board Resolution 2009-16. Wawona residents currently pay a quarterly fee of \$71.25 (\$23.75 per month) for solid waste disposal services. These services include pickup of trash in community dumpsters by Total Waste Services Inc. (TWS), pine needle pickup in the spring by County staff and bulky item pickup in September each year by County staff. It has become evident that the current rate structure of \$71.25 per quarter is no longer collecting enough funds to cover the cost for all of the services provided to this Service Area.

#### Rate increase request by TWS

On April 29, 2013 the County received a letter from TWS requesting a rate increase for providing Solid Waste Removal Services to the Wawona County Service Area 2-W. Section 12 of the Solid Waste Handling Agreement between TWS and the County allows TWS to request a yearly rate increase that is no more than the Consumer Price Index (CPI). TWS is requesting an increase of \$2.00 per unit per month which would increase the monthly charge for services from the current rate of \$21.50 per unit per month to \$23.50 per unit per month. This increase is based on the cumulative four year total increase in the CPI from 2009 to 2013. This is the first request from TWS to increase their rates since the Board approved the current rate of \$21.50 in January 2009.

Staff has reviewed the request from TWS and their Consumer Price Index information which accompanied it and finds the request is consistent with the Solid Waste Handling Agreement

provisions.

Proposed increase in County administration cost from \$2.25 per month to \$2.50

The County currently charges a \$2.25 per month administrative fee to receive and process the payments from each of the Wawona households that are provided solid waste services. Staff are proposing a \$0.25 increase to this monthly fee. If approved, the monthly administrative fee will rise to \$2.50 per month to offset the increase in County costs over the past four years to process these payments and administer the programs.

Proposed rate increase for cost of pine needle pickup and bulky item pickup

Since January 2009 the County has been providing the residents of the Wawona CSA 2-W with a yearly opportunity to pile their pine needles at the curb in front of their house and have them picked up by the County as part of the overall monthly fee that they pay for solid waste services. In addition, the residents are allowed to put out one bulky item (couch, refrigerator etc.) each September that is picked up and disposed of by the County as part of the same monthly fee. In the 2012/13 fiscal year the total amount paid by Wawona residents for solid waste services was insufficient to cover the cost of the contract with TWS and the additional cost of providing the pine needle and bulky item pickup services.

Summary of proposed rate changes

Staff has estimated the cost of continuing to provide all existing services to Wawona CSA 2-W for the fiscal years 2013/14 through 2017/18 and have proposed a rate schedule to show the costs of continuing to provide these services. The proposed rate schedule for fiscal years 2013/14 through 2017/18 is shown in the attached spreadsheet and includes the cost of the TWS trash pickup, the cost of the pine needle pickup and the cost of the bulky item pickup in the proposed monthly bill.

An example for 2013/14 is as follows:

	Current	2012/13	2013/14 Proposed
Total Waste trash pickup cost	\$64.50 per quarter		\$70.50 per quarter
County Administration cost	\$ 6.75 per quarter		\$ 7.50 per quarter
Pine Needle pickup cost	Included		\$ 7.00 per quarter
<u>Bulky Item pickup cost</u>	<u>Included</u>		<u>\$ 1.50 per quarter</u>
Total cost per household	\$71.25 per quarter		\$86.50 per quarter

Proposed rates in future years

If approved by the Board the next five fiscal years rates would be as follows:

2013/14	\$86.50 per quarter
2014/15	\$89.00 per quarter
2015/16	\$91.50 per quarter
2016/17	\$94.00 per quarter
2017/18	\$96.50 per quarter

Consideration by the Wawona Town Planning Advisory Committee (WTPAC)

At their Saturday May 18, 2013 meeting, the WTPAC approved the proposed rate increases for 2013/14 through 2017/18 by a 5-0 vote.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

The Board could choose to not increase the rates. This would mean that other sources of funding would need to augment the quarterly payments made by the members of CSA 2-W and/or the services would need to be reduced.

Alternatively, the Board could choose to direct staff to work with the residents to find another way to manage their solid waste disposal needs.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Letter from TWS Dated April 29, 2013 (PDF)**  
**Minute Order Dated January 13, 2009 (PDF)**  
**Wawona CSD Fee Structure (PDF)**  
**Public Hearing Notice-Wawona Solid Waste Fee Increase (PDF)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

  
Rick Benson, County Administrator/Office

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** John Carrier, District V Supervisor  
**SECONDER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor  
**AYES:** Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier

MARIPOSA COUNTY TOTAL WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.

c/o Stuart H. Katte  
4 Cedar Lane  
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020-1960  
phone/fax 920-876-2718  
cell 707-479-0005  
April 29, 2013

Peter Rei, Director  
Mariposa DPW  
4639 Ben Hur Road  
Mariposa, CA 95338

RE: Wawona County Service Area 2-W  
Solid Waste Handling Agreement

Dear Peter:

Section 12 of the captioned agreement sets forth the calculations for annual rate adjustments in the captioned contract based upon the CPI. The CPI to be used is the one for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All items (1982-84=100).

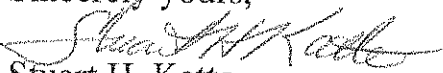
The current rate for collection is \$21.50 per unit. This was the rate established in February, 2009. We are now requesting that the monthly per unit rate be increased to \$23.50. This is based upon the CPI increase from February, 2009 to February, 2013. According to the Agreement this rate would be effective January 1, 2014.

I have calculated the CPI increase during the period mentioned above to be 9.41%. This actually calculates out to a new rate of \$23.52 per unit but for ease in calculating the quarterly bills, I would propose we establish a rate of \$23.50 per month, per unit.


Enclosed is the table from the CPI data base that I used in my calculations.

Please feel free to call me with any questions you have regarding our request.


Sincerely yours,

  
Stuart H. Katte


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### Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers

**Series Id:** CUUR0000SA0  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted**  
**Area:** U.S. city average  
**Item:** All items  
**Base Period:** 1982-84=100

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Year	Feb
2009	212.193
2010	216.741
2011	221.309
2012	227.663
2013	232.166

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### Month Percent Change

**Series Id:** CUUR0000SA0  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted**  
**Area:** U.S. city average  
**Item:** All items  
**Base Period:** 1982-84=100

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Year	Feb
2009	0.2
2010	2.1
2011	2.1
2012	2.9
2013	2.0

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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MINUTE ORDER

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TO: DANA HERTFELDER, Public Works Director  
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING to Consider a Proposed Increase for Solid Waste Removal Services in the Wawona County Service Area (CSA) 2-W  
RESOLUTION 09-16

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on January 13, 2009

#### ACTION AND VOTE:

**10:15 a.m.** PUBLIC HEARING to Consider a Proposed Increase for Solid Waste Removal Services in the Wawona County Service Area (CSA) 2-W

**BOARD ACTION:** Dana Hertfelder presented the staff report; and he advised that sixty cents is held out of the \$15.00 rate to cover administrative costs and the balance of \$14.40 is paid to Total Waste Systems (TWS) for solid waste collected and disposal services and this rate has not been increased since 1999. He reviewed the history of the rate increase discussions, and he advised that one letter was received in opposition to the proposed increase. Supervisor Allen advised that he received one letter and two emails opposing the proposed increase, and he advised that the Wawona Committee voted to accept the increase and he thanked everyone for attending the meeting in Wawona on Saturday. Dana Hertfelder responded to questions from the Board relative to including a CPI increase in the new contract with TWS; and relative to the original contract with TWS and subsequent extensions and the plan for the new contract. Dana Hertfelder recommended that the fee increase be effective February 1, 2009. The public portion of the hearing was opened and there was no public input. The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. (M)Bibby, (S)Cann, Res. 09-16 was adopted approving the recommended rate increase to \$23.75 effective February 1, 2009/Ayes: Unanimous. The hearing was closed.

Cc: Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO  
Chris Ebie, Auditor  
Jeff Green, Interim County Counsel  
File

**WAWONA FEE STRUCTURE**  
**FY 13/14 - 17/18**

	TRASH PER QTR	ANNUAL COST FOR PINE NEEDLE PICKUP	PINE NEEDLE COST PER QTR	ANNUAL COST FOR BULKY ITEM PICKUP	BULKY ITEMS COST PER QTR	TOTAL COST PER QTR
FY 13/14	\$ 78.00	\$8,100.00	\$ 7.00	\$1,600.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 86.50
FY 14/15	\$ 80.25	\$8,325.00	\$ 7.25	\$1,650.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 89.00
FY 15/16	\$ 82.50	\$8,550.00	\$ 7.50	\$1,700.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 91.50
FY 16/17	\$ 84.75	\$8,775.00	\$ 7.75	\$1,750.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 94.00
FY 17/18	\$ 87.00	\$9,000.00	\$ 8.00	\$1,800.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 96.50

\*Please note that increases are based on a 2.5% annual Consumer Price Index (CPI)

\*\*All fees have been rounded up to the nearest quarter dollar



## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

On Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing in the Board Chambers of the Government Center at 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, California, to consider a proposed rate increase for fees charged for solid waste removal services in the Wawona County Service Area (CSA) 2-W.

Any member of the general public may appear at the hearing and be heard or provide written input. You may also mail a letter to the Clerk of the Board (P. O. Box 784, Mariposa, California, 95338) stating your opinions that will be included as part of the public hearing.

Information on the proposed fees is available at the Public Works Department, 4639 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa, CA, 95338, phone number (209) 966-5356.

Peter M. Rei  
Public Works Director

Publication dates: 5/30/13 and 6/6/13