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**SUBJECT:** Schedule Hearing for Rate Increase  
Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc. – Southern Region

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) Schedule a public hearing for July 9, 2013 at 10:30 AM for a requested 2.7% rate increase for the Southern Marin franchise areas serviced by Mill Valley Refuse Service; and; 2) Instruct your Clerk to advertise this rate hearing in a local publication on June 24 and July 6, 2013.

**SUMMARY:** Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc. (MVRS) provides collection and disposal of refuse in certain Southern Marin unincorporated areas known as Southern Marin franchise areas 2,3,4,5,6 and 7 which were established by your Board in 1993. These areas include unincorporated areas near Mill Valley and Tiburon known as Shoreline and Gibson, Paradise Cay, Paradise and Mar East. There are approximately 500 accounts in these areas that include residential and commercial customers.

Enclosed is a letter from MVRS requesting this rate increase which coincides with the 2012 consumer price index published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. MVRS is also proposing to implement a new service and rate to allow for commercial facilities to compost food waste. The compost rate is 35% of the normal disposal rate for commercial disposal. This new commercial compost option will dovetail with the County of Marin's zero waste goals and may result in commercial facilities requiring less disposal service.

A 2.7% rate increase will bring the average cost of a 32-gallon garbage can to \$40.90 per month. This amount is in line with the Bay Area average for similar service and will cost each residential customer an additional \$1.08 per month. The majority of the cities and special districts serviced by MVRS have already approved this rate increase.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The proposed rate increase will increase general fund franchise fee revenues by approximately \$4,000. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

**REVIEWED BY:**       Department of Finance                       N/A  
                                  County Counsel                                       N/A  
                                  Human Resources                                       N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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