



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT:** Rate Increase for Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc.

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Hold the scheduled hearing at 10:30 a.m. for a requested 4.78% rate increase for the Southern Marin franchise areas serviced by Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc.

**SUMMARY:** Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc. provides collection and disposal of refuse in certain southern Marin unincorporated areas 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 800 accounts in these areas that include residential and commercial customers. A 4.78% rate increase is consistent with an independent rate consultant's analysis last year. The new rate will bring the average cost of 35-gallon cart service to \$46.76 per month for the franchise areas. In this year's rate application letter, MVRS notes its prior year efforts to keep rates low and significantly less revenue from recycled materials as reasons to justify this year's rate increase.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The proposed rate increase will increase General Fund franchise fee revenues by approximately \$3,000. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

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

Very truly yours,  
  
Steve Devine  
Program Manager

Attachments:

1. MVRS Rate Request Letter.
2. New County Residential, Commercial and Debris Box Rates,
3. County – Residential Miscellaneous Terms and Conditions

cc: Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc

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