November 16, 2021

Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. to consider a 3.2% Bay Cities Refuse Service rate increase effective January 1, 2022.

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Hold a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. to consider a 3.2% Bay Cities Refuse Service rate increase effective January 1, 2022.

SUMMARY: Effective April 1, 2014, Bay Cities Refuse Service (BCRS) has a Consolidated County Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste Collection and Removal (Agreement) with the County of Marin in the Southern Marin Franchise Area No. 1, which encompasses two unincorporated areas in southern Marin. One area includes the houseboat communities of Waldo Point Harbor, Kappa’s Harbor, and Yellow Ferry Harbor. The second area is located just south of Sausalito to the Golden Gate Bridge and west to Fort Cronkite.

According to the Agreement, rates shall be increased upon approval of your Board, after request from BCRS in writing. See Attachment 1 in which BCRS has made the request. The adjusted rates (Attachment 2) would become effective January 1, 2022 and based on a 3.2% increase according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics San Francisco – Oakland – Hayward Consumer Price Index (Attachment 3) pursuant to the Second Amendment to the Agreement. This public hearing was scheduled at your November 2, 2021 meeting.

EQUITY IMPACT: The nature of CPI rate adjustments makes no provisions for disadvantaged populations. However, the rate structure includes a “pay as you throw” model which incentivizes utilization of reduced service (composting, recycling, household hazardous waste) to avoid additional charges.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is an estimated revenue increase of approximately $3,000 in fees to the General Fund (1000) Waste Management Program.
Respectfully submitted,

Steve Devine
Program Manager

Attachments:

1. BCRS Rate Adjustment Request Transmittal.
2. Proposed Schedule of Rates.

cc: Bay Cities Refuse Service