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# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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June 24, 2008

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

Farhad Mansourian, RCE

Director

**SUBJECT:** 10% Franchise Fee and Rate Adjustment  
Marin Sanitary Service – Ross Valley North

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended your Board:

1. Schedule a Rate Hearing for 11:30 a.m., July 15, 2008 to consider raising the franchise fee from 5% to 10% with a corresponding rate increase of 5.56%.
2. To advertise the hearing, instruct your Clerk to publish the attached Public Notice in a local publication

## SUMMARY:

The County's franchise fee on solid waste haulers has historically been set at 5% for most haulers, and 3% in West Marin. The majority of cities in Marin have set their franchise fee at 10%.

Franchise fees are one of the component costs in setting garbage rates. In the current budget environment, establishing a 10% franchise fee consistent with the cities equalizes the fee charged to the community for municipal services. Most of the franchises granted by the County of Marin are in unincorporated pockets surrounding the local cities and towns.

Please note the rate increase charged the customers is slightly larger than the increase in franchise fee. This difference is necessary to mathematically allow the hauler revenue to stay revenue-neutral with a higher franchise fee.

This specific franchise area is known as Ross Valley North Franchise Area. The area encompasses unincorporated areas commonly known as Sleepy Hollow and Oak Manor.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Cumulatively, it is anticipated increasing all of the County's solid waste franchise fees to 10% will increase revenue \$300,000 annually. This specific franchise will participate with increased revenue of \$25,000 annually.

<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auditor-Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Director

Attachment

C. Patricia Garbarino, Ray Holmes, Marin Sanitary Service