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June 24, 2008

Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
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Farhad Mansourian, RCE

Director

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

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 South Franchise Area. The area encompasses unincorporated areas commonly known as Kentfield, Greenbrae, Kent Woodlands and Del Mesa Heights.

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 \$74,000 annually.

REVIEWED BY:	[]	Auditor-Controller	[X]	N/A
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Respectfully submitted,

Michael Frost
Deputy Director

Attachment

C: Patricia Garbarino, Ray Holmes, Marin Sanitary Service

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