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Director

September 14, 2010

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

**SUBJECT:** Mill Valley Refuse Service – Request for Rate Increase  
Schedule Public Hearing for 10:30 AM –September 28, 2010

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Schedule a public hearing for September 28, 2010 at 10:30 AM for a requested 15.5% rate hearing for Mill Valley Refuse Service for Southern Marin franchise areas 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
2. Instruct your Clerk to advertise this rate hearing in a local publication on September 18 and September 23, 2010.

**SUMMARY:** Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc. provides collection and disposal of refuse in the unincorporated areas known as Southern Marin franchise areas 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. These franchise areas, established in 1993 by your Board, encompass 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.

The community has requested additional services which will provide a higher level of service and further County Zero Waste goals. We have negotiated with Mill Valley Refuse Service to include a number of new services in the proposed agreement:

- Foodwaste collection
- Composting of collected organics (food waste and yard waste) verses their being utilized as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC). Historically, Green Waste has been used as ADC, which is a required daily cover on landfills.
- Zero Waste Public Education funding

The new program of weekly collection of food waste (vegetable, meat, dairy and food-contaminated paper products) will compost these materials along with

residential green waste. The Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste JPA's Zero Waste Study identified 49% of residential waste going to landfill as consisting of food waste and other compostable organics. It is anticipated this new method of combining food and green waste to create compost will be a significant contribution toward meeting the County's goal of reducing materials to the landfill.

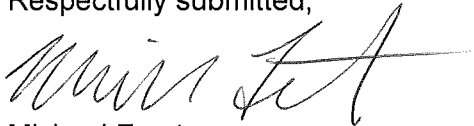
Mill Valley Refuse Service will also contribute \$13,350 annually to further the County's Zero Waste goal. Additionally, they will pay an annual Vehicle Impact Fee of \$19,541 in 2010, and \$39,082 annually thereafter to mitigate damage from heavy refuse vehicles to County roads.

A 15.5% rate increase is proposed to fund these service improvements bringing the average cost of a 32-gallon garbage can to \$33.10 per month. This amount is in line with the Bay Area average for similar service and will cost each residential customer an additional one dollar (\$1) per week for all the new services mentioned above.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The proposed rate increase will increase revenues by \$32,892.00. There is no impact to the General Fund.

<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,



Michael Frost  
Deputy Director

Attachment

c: Jim Lavarone, Mill Valley Refuse Service

