

# SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
May 3, 2010

**FROM:** Waste Management Department

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of Ordinance No. 779.12, Amending Ordinance No. 779, Relating to County Solid Waste Facilities and Establishing Fees

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduce and set for public hearing those changes set forth in Appendices A & D of Ordinance No. 779 related to the establishment of a Departmental Overhead and Hourly Service Rate; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a notice of the public hearing date of June 8, 2010 and the proposed Waste Management Department charges, as provided in Government Code Section 6066; and
3. Adopt Ordinance No. 779.12 at the close of public hearing on June 8, 2010 with the changes to the appendices to be effective July 8, 2010.

**BACKGROUND:** Ordinance No. 779 outlines the General Manager-Chief Engineer's (GM-CE) authority to operate the County disposal sites and transfer stations. In addition to establishing fees and penalties, this ordinance includes the basis for operation regulations including waste inspection, salvaging, and safety. (Continued)

Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	FY 10/11
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Waste Management Department Disposal Fees				<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
				<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:   
Alex Gann

**County Executive Office Signature**

☐ Consent  
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Dep't Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:**  
All

**Agenda Number:**

12.1

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED  
 ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
 BY: NEAL R. KIPNIS  
 DATE: 5/5/10

## **F11 - Introduction of Ordinance 779.12, Relating to County Solid Waste Facilities and Establishing Fees**

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The Waste Management Department (Department) is limited to annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases for all its long-term, contracted transfer station haulers and the contract franchise area direct haulers. These haulers represent approximately 87% of the tonnage accepted at County landfills. It is the Department's recommendation that the disposal rate remain at FY 2010 levels without a CPI adjustment. While the Department has seen a significant decline in tonnage over the past three fiscal years, the Department has been able to respond effectively to the reduction in revenue and has significantly cut operating expenses to 2004 levels. Based on the current tonnage levels, it appears that tonnage has stabilized. With the anticipated leveling of the tonnage and the Department's effective cost-cutting strategies, a ten-year economic projection of the County's waste system indicates that a CPI increase can be avoided this year.

The Department has been involved in assisting outside business entities with special projects and is requesting the establishment of a base hourly service rate for staff in conjunction with an overhead rate. The Department has never requested the establishment of an overhead rate and has been paying for indirect costs by the use of reserve funds and other miscellaneous revenues. The indirect costs are expenses incurred by the Department that are not directly related to waste stream operations. The base hourly service rates are for Engineering, Environmental, Planning, Waste Inspection, and Recycling divisions to ensure that the Department is recouping costs incurred that are not directly related to the Department's primary operations. These rates will increase or decrease based on staffing necessary to meet program needs. At the request from landfill customers, the Department proposes to offer an additional variation of the safety vest available at the landfills. The current vest is a light plastic that meets landfill safety requirements; however, it is not meant for prolonged use. The Department recommends adding a rate to Appendix D for a more durable Polyester Safety Vest in the amount of \$9.00 per vest. The Department will continue providing the plastic safety vest at the current price of \$0.75 per vest.

On July 1, 2009, the Department implemented the Board approved rate of \$10/ton for processed green waste used as Alternative Daily Cover (previously accepted at no-charge). The amount of this material delivered to the landfill system has declined approximately 66%, in part due to the new fee (based on discussions with the providers of the material), the increased use of tarps to cover trash at the landfills to maximize operational efficiencies and very likely also due to the current state of the economy. It is, therefore, recommended that the current fee remain unchanged.

The Department constantly strives to curtail illegal dumping and, to that end, recommends that there also be no change in the minimum load fees for routine miscellaneous refuse and that the County continue its policy of allowing for the disposal of no more than two cathode ray tube (CRT) appliances (e.g. televisions or computer monitors) per customer per day at no charge. In addition, the Department recommends that those residents in exempt collection service areas and charged under Appendix B of the Ordinance have no increase in their disposal rate and no changes in the discount schedule. The disposal fees for commercial hauling cards within the rural areas (Appendix C) are recommended to also remain at Fiscal Year 2010 levels without a CPI adjustment.

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Attachment 1 has been provided to outline the recommended changes to the WMD fee structure.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15273, the proposed changes to County Ordinance No. 779, Relating to County Solid Waste Facilities and Establishing Fees, are found to be statutorily exempt from CEQA, because the proposed changes are for the purpose of:

- Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits,
- Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials,
- Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, and
- Obtaining funds for existing capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

A Notice of Exemption to this effect will be filed with the County Clerk upon adoption of Ordinance 779.12.

# ATTACHMENT 1

## Summary of Changes to Disposal Rates

**Effective July 8, 2010**

### Appendix A:

#### Rates to Remain Unchanged

	<u>Fiscal Year 10</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 11</u>
• Routine Refuse	\$34.37/ton	\$34.37/ton
• Hard-to-Handle Refuse	\$45.83/ton	\$45.83/ton
• Loads of more than 9 tires	\$96.85/ton	\$96.85/ton
• 3 holiday trees for recycling (residential customers only)	N/A	No Charge

### Appendix D:

#### Other Changes to Fee Schedule

• Overhead Rate –	49%
• Base Hourly Rates for Services	
- Engineering	\$60.71
- Environmental	\$71.57
- Environmental Waste Inspection	\$40.31
- Planning	\$58.20
- Recycling	\$42.19
• Polyester Safety Vest	\$ 9.00

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

Section 1: Appendices A and D to Ordinance 779.11 are replaced in their entirety with the attached Appendices A and D.

Section 2: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

May 2 2010  
By: *Neel R. Kipnis*  
NEAL R. KIPNIS  
Deputy County Counsel

**APPENDIX A TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 779.12**  
**SCHEDULE OF WASTE DISPOSAL FEES**  
**FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 8, 2010**

The following gate fees will be applicable at El Sobrante, Badlands, Lamb Canyon, and Blythe Landfills	
WASTE GROUP DESCRIPTIONS	RATE
1. Any vehicle hauling: (a) 2 or less large trash bags, or (b) up to 2 cathode ray tube (CRT) devices (e.g. tvs or computer monitors) per day (c) 3 holiday trees for recycling (residential customers only), or (d) any vehicle hauling clean concrete/asphalt pre-approved by the General Manager-Chief Engineer or designee as needed for beneficial use in landfill operations	No Charge
2. Vans, pickup trucks or any vehicle pulling a two-wheel trailer or any other vehicle: (a) hauling miscellaneous waste not exceeding .4 ton (b) hauling 50% or more wood or yard waste not exceeding .4 ton (c) hauling Hard to Handle refuse waste not exceeding .25 ton (d) hauling miscellaneous waste exceeding .4 ton	\$ 8.00 /load \$ 11.00 /load \$ 11.00 /load \$ 34.37 /ton*
3. Transfer Trucks	See Note #1
4. Added to the charges listed herein will be a charge of: (a) \$1.00 per tire up to 9 tires (Individual tires cannot exceed 4 feet in diameter.) (b) \$10.00 per uncovered load of refuse which has exposed material which in the opinion of the General Manager-Chief Engineer may litter access routes to the landfill (c) \$10.00 per ton for loads which are judged to be 50% or more wood waste/yard waste by volume (d) \$5.00 per ton for out of county incidental amounts of refuse	
5. Vehicles hauling loads of more than 9 tires (Tires cannot exceed 4 feet in diameter or weigh more than 200 pounds each.)	\$ 96.85 /ton**
6. All other vehicles carrying wastes requiring special handling or immediate burial and all end dump type vehicles	\$ 45.83 /ton*
7. All vehicles not described in any other provision of this fee schedule	\$ 34.37 /ton*
8. Emergency towing services: (a) 10 minutes or less (b) over 10 minutes	\$ 20.00 \$ 35.00
9. For customers unloading: (a) 16 to 30 minutes past closing (b) 31 minutes or more past closing	\$ 60.00 \$ 120.00
10. Bottom ash from an approved biomass facility	\$ 19.50 /ton
11. Any vehicle hauling greenwaste material which has been recognized by the General Manager-Chief Engineer or designee as Alternative Daily Cover	\$ 10.00 /ton
<b>Notes:</b> 1) Rate for Transfer Trucks to be determined by individual contracts. 2) Loads of dead sheep or small calves from the Blythe service area separated from other waste will be received at no charge at the Blythe Landfill (daily from 8am to 9am) due to health and safety risk in the vast open canal system in the area. 3) Certified loads of illegally dumped nonhazardous municipal solid waste retrieved along open flowing irrigation canals which are delivered by the agency responsible for maintaining the canals shall be received at no charge at the Blythe Landfill. 4) The General Manager-Chief Engineer is authorized to recoup costs associated with the segregation of unauthorized waste commingled with routine refuse.	
* Cash customers prorated to the nearest \$.25	
** Cash customers prorated to the nearest \$.25 with a minimum charge of \$20.00 per vehicle	

APPENDIX D TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 779.12  
SCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS FEES  
FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY WASTE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE July 8, 2010

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FEES FOR DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS

Document Name	Document Fee	Mailing/Handling Cost
Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)	\$60.00	\$10.00
Source Reduction and Recycling element (SRRE) and Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE)	\$60.00	\$10.00
Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE)	\$10.00	\$5.00
Countywide Disposal Tonnage Tracking System (CDTTS) Procedure Manual	\$50.00	\$10.00
Additional copies of quarterly Disposal Reports	\$10.00	

FEES FOR DEPARTMENTAL COPY SERVICES

Copy Service	Copy Fee
Plotter Printer (Map copies):	
Size D	\$4.50
Size E	\$9.00
Specialty Sizes	\$2.65 a linear foot
Note: all map copies are on bond unless special request is made. Extra charge for special materials.	
Black & White copies:	
8-1/2"x 11"	.15 per side
8-1/2" x 14"	.15 per side
11" x 17"	.30 per side
Color Copies	
8-1/2"x 11"	\$1 per side
8-1/2" x 14"	\$1 per side
11" x 17"	\$2 per side
Request for Extra Ticket Copies	10¢/page w/ \$1.00 minimum
Request for Extra Billing Statement copies	10¢/page w/ \$1.00 minimum
Requests for Document Copies in Electronic Format (e.g. CD)	\$5.75/disc + \$2.25 for postage & mailer

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OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Service	Fee
Replacement of Rural Site Access Cards	\$10.00
Cards ordered after initial setup of a deferred billing account or sub-account	\$3.00/each
Setup fee for each deferred billing account	\$50.00
Setup fee for each deferred billing sub-account	\$25.00
Administrative Charge for Delinquent Deferred Account Payment	1-1/2% per billing period on unpaid balance if payment is not made within 15 days from billing.
Checks returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF)	\$20.00 per occurrence
Account correction due to hauler/driver error	\$25.00 per occurrence
Late ticket submittals as described in the CDTTS Procedure Manual	\$25.00 per day
ATM/Debit Terminal Use	.75 per transaction
Base Hourly Rates for Services Rendered	Engineering - \$60.71 Environmental - \$71.57 Environmental Waste Inspection - \$40.31 Planning - \$58.20 Recycling - \$42.19
Departmental Overhead Rate applied to Basic Hourly Rates	49%
Special FAX Requests for Accounts Receivable	\$3.00 for the 1st page \$1.00 for each additional page
Special Accounts Receivable Research Requests	No charge within 30 days of statement date; \$3.75/qrtr hr if requested past 30 days
Sale of Orange Polyester Safety Vest to landfill visitors	\$9.00
Sale of Orange Plastic Safety Vest to landfill visitors	\$0.75
Sale of Compost Bins to Riverside County residents only	Biostack bin -- \$50      Presto Bin -- \$12 Worm Bin -- \$65