

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Date: July 13, 2001
Board Meeting Date: August 7, 2001

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Neil R. Cullen, Director of Public Works

Subject: Adoption of the 2001/2002 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Charges Report for County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks Area)

RECOMMENDATION

Hold a public hearing then adopt a resolution adopting the 2001/2002 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Charges Report for County Service Area No. 8 and directing its filing with the Clerk of the Board.

Previous Board Action

Set August 7, 2001, at 9:00 A.M. in your Chambers as the time and place of a public hearing on the 2001/2002 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Charges Report for County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks)(CSA8).

Key Facts

- The County Ordinance Code requires that garbage and recyclables collection charges for a minimum level of service be collected on the tax roll from each parcel in CSA8 receiving service.
- The County-BFI Franchise Agreement requires payment by the County to BFI for the cost of this minimum level of collection service.
- The Ordinance Code requires a public hearing before your Board prior to adopting the 2001/2002 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Charges Report.
- The adopted 2001/2002 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Charges Report must be filed with the County Controller by August 15.

Discussion

CSA 8 provides garbage and recyclables collection service in the North Fair Oaks area through a franchise agreement with BFI. The County generates the revenue to pay BFI for the service through the County Ordinance Code by charging each parcel a user fee. The adoption of the 2001/2002 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Charges Report and its filing with the Clerk of the Board will result in these

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user charges being placed on the tax roll, also as required by County Ordinance. The charges will appear on the tax bill of each affected property and be collected in the same manner as the property tax.

After the close of the public hearing on the user charges report your Board may adopt the individual charges as presented therein, or revise, change, reduce or modify any charge in the report, or overrule any or all objections. We believe that the individual garbage collection charges are equitable since they were calculated in accordance with the San Mateo County Garbage Collection Ordinance. Therefore, we recommend that you adopt the report as presented.

Occasionally, data, data entry, computation, or other errors occur during the annual updating and preparation of this report. The proposed resolution authorizes the Director of Public Works to refund any overcharges resulting from any such errors in the 2001/2002 report.

Fiscal Impact

The current user charge base rate is \$13.90 per month. We are recommending that the current user charge base rate remain unchanged for the 2001/2002 user charges report. The individual charges that appear in the user charge report are based on this base rate. At \$13.90 per month the cost of residential garbage and recyclables collection for a typical household in the North Fair Oaks area is lower than the cost of similar service in surrounding communities. There is no impact to the County's General Fund.

A form of Resolution has been approved by County of this staff report has been sent to the Fair Oaks Community Council.



Neil R. Cullen
Director of Public Works

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cc: Fair Oaks Community Council

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Resolution No. _____

Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California

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**Resolution Adopting the
2001/2002 Garbage and Recyclables Collection Charges Report
for County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks Area)**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, as the governing board of San Mateo County Service Area No. 8, that

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works of San Mateo County has prepared the report described in San Mateo County Ordinance Code Section 4100.36 relating to the collection of garbage and recyclables collection charges on the tax roll in County Service Area No. 8; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing as required by Section 4100.37 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code was duly held on August 7, 2001, in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers; and

WHEREAS, this Board heard and considered all protests and objections to said report and has determined that said report should be confirmed as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. This Board of Supervisors does hereby confirm and adopt said report and declare the charges set forth therein to be, and the same are hereby, established and set for the 2001/2002 Fiscal Year.

2. The Clerk of this Board is directed to record this Resolution with the Recorder of the County of San Mateo, and further, immediately thereafter, to file with the Controller a copy of the report with a statement endorsed thereon that the charges set forth therein have been finally adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

3. The Director of Public Works is authorized to refund, as appropriate, any overcharge contained in said report to the owner of the parcel so overcharged when the overcharge resulted from data, data entry, computational or other errors associated with the preparation of said report as determined by the Director of Public Works.

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