



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 6, 2026

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Recology Rate increase 2027

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the City Council receive and consider the proposed Recology rate increase for garbage collection services within the City of Colusa, effective January 1, 2027.

BACKGROUND . The City of Colusa has a franchise agreement with Recology to provide garbage collection and related solid waste services to residents and businesses within the City.

Under the terms of the City's agreement with Recology, the company is permitted to request adjustments to its rates when warranted. As part of the rate adjustment process, Recology is required to provide supporting documentation demonstrating the need for the proposed increase.

Recology has submitted the required documentation supporting its request for a rate adjustment beginning January 1, 2027. Staff have reviewed the proposed adjustment and is bringing the request forward to the City Council for consideration.

The proposed rate adjustments are as follows:

- Residential Rates: Average increase of 4.57%
- Commercial Rates: Average increase of 4.56%

The proposed rate adjustment would become effective January 1, 2027.

The actual dollar amount of the increase will vary depending on the customer's existing service level, container size, frequency of collection, and applicable service type.

The City's agreement with Recology provides a process for periodic rate adjustments to ensure that garbage collection services can continue to be provided in accordance with the

terms of the contract. The contract requires Recology to provide documentation supporting the need for a requested rate increase.

Recology has provided documentation in support of the proposed 2027 adjustment. The requested increase represents an average adjustment of 4.57% for residential customers and 4.56% for commercial customers.

The new rates will take effect on January 1, 2027.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no direct impact to the City's General Fund from the proposed Recology rate increase. The adjustment applies to the rates charged by Recology for garbage collection services pursuant to the City's agreement with the company.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the City Council receive and consider the proposed Recology rate increase for garbage collection services within the City of Colusa, effective January 1, 2027.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution, Rate Application letter and the Franchise Agreement letter

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