



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution 2023-040 establishing Solid Waste Disposal Fee Waivers for Fiscal Year 2024

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Resolution 2023-040.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Board of Commissioners has established a policy where non-profit organizations which reuse or resell used goods, such as thrift stores, are allowed solid waste disposal fee waivers. Qualified organizations benefit the solid waste system by diverting waste from disposal at Knott Landfill. The policy establishes a maximum amount of \$5,000 for participating organizations, with total funding of \$45,000 this program. For FY24, eleven non-profit organizations have applied for the program and the department is proposing a total of \$40,000 in fee waivers, with six of the organizations receiving the maximum \$5,000 amount (see attached table for historical use and distribution summary).

In addition to the thrift store fee waivers, the Board has given the Director of Solid Waste authority to grant fee waivers on a case-by-case basis. Typically, these waivers are granted to groups doing clean-up projects on public lands or similar efforts. The Solid Waste Department also works with the Community Development Department to provide fee waivers to assist in solid waste code enforcement efforts. In FY23, \$4,791 and \$2,783 in fee waivers were granted for these programs respectively (see attached table).

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The fee waivers do not result in any expenditures by the Department and are considered lost revenue.

ATTENDANCE:

Tim Brownell, Director of Solid Waste