



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Board Signature of Order No. 2022-015, Amending Franchised Solid Waste Collection Rates

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Consider versions of rate and service changes on the Order exhibits and move approval of Board Signature on Order No. 2022-015 with either Option 1 or Option 2 exhibits.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Over the past 2 months, the Board has held a Work Session, Public Hearing and Deliberations on changes to the services provided and rates charged by Cascade Disposal for waste and recyclables collection in their unincorporated Deschutes County franchise district.

At the February 28 deliberations session, the Board directed staff to prepare a Board Order accommodating the universal service proposal for Cascade Disposal's Sunriver service zone (includes a portion of the Crosswater subdivision), which adds weekly side yard comingle and glass collection for an additional \$14/month.

The Board also directed staff to work with Cascade Disposal to refine the proposal for Cascade Disposal's Rural and Distant Rural Zones as follows:

- Add glass as an addition to the existing universal service in Rural Zone
- Add comingle and glass as a new universal service in the Distant Rural Zone
- Add yard debris as a subscription service in the Rural and Distant Rural Zones.

Cascade Disposal has proposed the following rate and service changes for the Rural and Distant Rural Zones:

- Glass will be added to both the Rural and Distant Rural zones for an additional \$4.25/month as a universal biweekly service. As part of this service change, Cascade Disposal's Rural Zone will be expanded to include all of its Franchise Service District, excluding Sunriver. The Sunriver service zone will be the new Distant Rural Service Zone for purposes of the Board Order and rate exhibits (see attached maps). Distant

Rural customers that will be included in the expanded Rural Zone will receive biweekly comingle collection and will see variable changes in their rates, depending on the container size they have signed up for.

- Yard debris collection will be made available as a biweekly service to customers in the modified Rural Zone as a subscription service for \$7/month.

The overall changes to the rates that Cascade Disposal has proposed are summarized on the attached table.

Considering that the rate and service changes proposed by Cascade Disposal for the Rural and Distant Rural zones have not been deliberated by the Board, staff has prepared two options for the Board to consider for the exhibits to be attached to Order No. 2022-015:

Option 1: Order 2022-015 authorizes rate and service changes to Sunriver only. This exhibit option would add universal comingle and glass collection in Sunriver for an additional \$14/month (only Exhibit C is modified). With this option, the Board can deliberate further on the current proposal for the Rural and Distant Rural Zones and/or direct staff to revisit the Rural and Distant Rural proposal and return to the Board with an alternate proposal at a future Board Meeting.

Option 2: Order 2022-015 authorizes rate and service changes for all of Cascade Disposal's franchise district as currently proposed (Exhibits B and C are modified):

- Add universal comingle and glass collection in Sunriver for an additional \$14/month.
- Add comingle and glass as a universal service in an expanded Rural Service Zone for an additional \$4.25/month. Distant Rural rates and services will be normalized to the revised Rural Universal rate, resulting in some variation of rate changes as shown on the attached table.
- Add subscription yard debris collection in the expanded Rural Service Zone at a rate of \$7/month

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

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