



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 23, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Solid Waste Disposal Fee Waivers for Fiscal Year 2026

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of Resolution No. 2025-026 approving solid waste disposal fee waivers for Fiscal Year 2026.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Board of Commissioners has established a policy whereby 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 an overall funding of \$45,000 for the program. For FY26, ten non-profit organizations applied for the program and the department is proposing a total of \$43,000 in fee waivers, with seven 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. Additionally, this past spring the department provided the County Forester with fee waivers for the disposal of materials collected through Fire-Wise Community fuel reduction activities. Through June of FY25, \$5,764, \$304, and \$9,517.45 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