



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Fee Waivers for Fiscal Year 2025

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Resolution No. 2024-036 approving Solid Waste Disposal Fee Waivers for Fiscal Year 2025.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Board of Commissioners has established a policy where non-profit organizations that 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 Board authorized thrift store fee waiver program. For FY24, eleven non-profit organizations have applied for the program and the department is proposing a total of \$41,000 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. Additionally, this past Spring the department began a new program with the Forester to provide fee waivers for the disposal of materials collected through Fire-Wise Community fuel reduction activities. Through May of FY24, \$2,605, \$922, and \$2,771.60 in fee waivers were granted for these programs respectively (see attached table).

The Solid Waste Department is working with a growing number of community groups and individuals who are conducting cleanup activities on public lands. Due to these increased demands the department is seeking to modify the authority granted to the Director of Solid Waste to increase individual event awards to \$2,000 per event and a cumulative total of fee waivers to \$10,000 for the fiscal year.

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