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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

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AGENDA TEXT: DISCUSSION ON TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss two requests from Waste Management in regard to proposed changes to trash and recycling collection services in Fruita. Waste Management is interested in transitioning all Fruita households to automated trash collection service (through the use of 96-gallon containers) and also implementing single-stream recycling (also through the use of a similar 96-gallon containers) for residents. Waste Management is requesting these changes to help with operational challenges. After this discussion, if the City Council is interested, representatives from Waste Management will provide a presentation on the two requests and then the Council can provide staff with direction on moving forward.

BACKGROUND

The City of Fruita contracts with Waste Management for residential trash and recycling collection services. The current contract between the City of Fruita and Waste Management was approved in 2019 after a formal procurement process was administered. The contract is a five-year term, from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. After this, the City, if interested, has the ability to renew the contract for up to two years, two times. When the City of Fruita went out to bid for trash and collection services in 2019, the City received two responses to the bid. Waste Management was the low bidder of the two responses and offered to continue with unlimited trash collection services for the term of the new contract.

Last year however, due to operational challenges, Waste Management transitioned around 2,000 Fruita households from unlimited trash collection services to automated collection through using a 96-gallon container. The households that were impacted were referred to as a “pilot area.” Since implementing this pilot program, Waste Management has requested to transition all Fruita households to the automated trash collection service. This request, staff has been told, is due to staffing challenges that Waste Management is facing as it is easier for their employees to collect trash and recycling through the automated service, as compared to manually loading trash.

In addition to this request, Waste Management is also requesting moving all Fruita residents that participate in dual-stream recycling to single-stream recycling. Residents will be offered a similar container (to the 96-gallon container) to place all recyclables in, and this can be collected in an

automated manner. Waste Management is requesting that this is implemented at the same time as moving all households to the automated trash collection service, to cut down on the amount of trash that is being collected.

This agenda item will allow the City Council to discuss the two requests, and to also consider when it would be appropriate for Waste Management to present on them.