



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Fee schedule amendment for solid waste collection rates for services provided by Waste Management.

CEQA: Not a project.

Recommendation: That Council 1) hold a public hearing, 2) consider public testimony and a tabulation of protest, and 3) adopt a resolution amending solid waste collection rates for the agreement between the City of Grass Valley and Waste Management.

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Council Meeting Date: 11/26/2024

Date Prepared: 11/20/2024

Agenda: Public Hearing

Background Information: All towns and cities in the State, including Grass Valley, face stringent solid waste legislation under State Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). These regulations aim to reduce methane emissions in landfills which are the third largest source of methane in California. For City residents and businesses to remain in compliance with this State Law, new organic waste services are necessary, none of which are funded by the State. Therefore, these services must be funded through an increase in the solid waste rates charged by the City's franchised waste hauler.

Attached to this report, are the proposed maximum rates for solid waste collection services considered as part of the amendment to the franchise agreement for solid waste services between the City of Grass Valley and Waste Management. The amended agreement will ensure the City will be in compliance with the State's SB 1383 requirements to implement organic waste recycling programs that includes a residential food waste recycling program.

While SB 1383 aims to enhance environmental sustainability, the upfront cost associated with its implementation lead to increased solid waste fees for consumers. The primary cost drivers being: 1) increased processing cost of mixed organic waste compared to clean green waste (e.g. approximately \$120 per ton vs \$70 per ton); and 2) increased collection frequency, which requires additional collection vehicles and associated costs such as maintenance, fuel, and additional staffing.

Waste Management is prepared to initiate the curbside collection of organic waste from residential and commercial customers beginning January 6, 2025, at which time the proposed rates will go into effect.

Council Goals/Objectives: High performance government and quality service.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Resolution 2024-80 and proposed fee schedule.