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June 18, 2024

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Annual Adjustment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Held by Recology Eel River

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve the proposed rate adjustment with Recology Eel River and accept it as an amendment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Franchise Agreement, effective July 1, 2024.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Solid Waste Franchise Agreement for the City of Rio Dell is with Recology Eel River (RER).

As documented in the packet and submitted by Recology, the new overall disposal rate per ton is \$162.66 up from \$152.46 during the prior year. This equates to a 6.7 percent increase. The CPI increase calculation for the year is an increase of 3.1 percent, which is down from the prior two years that saw increases of the CPI calculation in the 6-7 percent range. While the CPI calculation (set in the franchise agreement) impacts overall rates, it is important to note that fees associated with the Humboldt Waste Management Authority represent the bulk of both the increase and overall per ton tipping fee. Roughly 89% of the tipping fee is HWMA related, and 10% is related to the franchise agreement with Recology, and the remainder is a small Fortuna Host fee associated with the Transfer Station on Riverwalk Drive. The current franchise agreement expires on December 31, 2026.

Frank Nelson from Recology will be available to present and answer questions.

Attachments:

Recology Eel River Cover Attachments.

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