

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES *KMW*

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-5

Urgent \_\_\_\_\_ Routine X

AGENDA DATE April 10, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES ght NO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 1, 2001, 9:25 A.M., TO  
CONSIDER STANISLAUS COUNTY FRANCHISE REFUSE COLLECTION RATE  
ADJUSTMENTS FOR DROP BOXES

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 1, 2001, AT 9:25 A.M., TO CONSIDER  
STANISLAUS COUNTY FRANCHISE REFUSE COLLECTION RATE  
ADJUSTMENTS FOR DROP BOXES

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no impact to setting the Public Hearing. The proposed recommendations are attributable to costs of doing business; per analyses of the rate adjustment applications submitted by the franchise refuse haulers. If the Board approves staff recommendations that will be presented at the Public Hearing, refuse collection service charges for drop box service in the unincorporated county service areas would increase, in proportion to the level of refuse service.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-268

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Mayfield  
and approved by the following vote,  
Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul  
Noes: Supervisors: None  
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None  
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) X Approved as recommended
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

Motion:

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AND PLACED ON  
NON-CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk Christine Ferraro  
By: Deputy

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STANISLAUS COUNTY FRANCHISE REFUSE COLLECTION RATE ADJUSTMENTS  
FOR DROP BOXES

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**DISCUSSION:** The Department of Environmental Resources received refuse rate adjustment applications from Bertolotti Disposal, Gilton Solid Waste Management, Modesto Disposal Service and Turlock Scavenger. Department staff and the consulting firm of Hilton, Farnkopf & Hobson analyzed the applications. The analyses included thorough reviews of each hauler's reported revenues and expenditures, per the Stanislaus County Rate Adjustment Policy adopted by the Board on October 28, 1997. The recommended rate adjustments are shown in Attachment "A". The Department requests the Board to set a Public Hearing on May 1, 2001, to consider these adjustments. If approved, the rate increases noted in Attachment "A" would be effective June 1.

Prior to authorizing any adjustments to refuse collection rates, the County Ordinance requires the Board to set and hold a Public Hearing. The time and date of the Public Hearing is required to be properly noticed in a local newspaper of general circulation. A copy of the proposed notice is included as an attachment, and will be published per the requirements.

If the Board sets the Public Hearing as requested, Department staff will appear before the Board on May 1, and recommend the Stanislaus County Refuse Collection Rates for drop box service be adopted as shown in Attachment "A". Any franchise refuse service rate increases would affect only the customers in the unincorporated areas of the county.

**POLICY  
ISSUE:**

The Board is required to set and hold a Public Hearing prior to adjusting refuse collection rates. After the Public Hearing, the rates could be changed. Adjusting refuse service rates is consistent with the Board priority of delivering excellent community service.

**STAFFING  
IMPACT:**

None.

**ATTACHMENT "A"**

**PROPOSED DROP BOX RATES, 6/1/2001**

	Current Rate (7/1/99)	Results of Rate Adjust. Process (average)	Percent Change	Recommended Rate	Percent Change
10-19 yrd. boxes	\$75.00	\$83.75	11.66 %	\$84.00	12.0 %
20-29 yrd. boxes	\$100.00	\$111.50	11.50 %	\$112.00	12.0 %
30 yrd. and larger	\$120.00	\$133.75	11.45 %	\$134.00	11.66%

Note: While the rate adjustment process yielded different results for each company, staff has presented the average of individual company adjustments. Similarly, the recommended rates are to apply to all four companies, maintaining a zero spread in drop box rates between the companies.

	Current Rate (7/1/99)	Recommended Rate	Percent Change
Box rental per day	\$2.00/day (max. \$48.00 in 30 days)	\$3.00/day (max. \$78.00 in 30 days)	50 % in daily rate

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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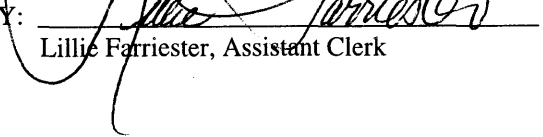
	Bertolotti Disposal	Gilton Solid Waste Management	Modesto Disposal	Turlock Scavenger
	Drop Box Service			
10-19 yard drop box haul charges	\$84.00	\$84.00	\$84.00	\$84.00
20-29 yard drop box haul charges	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00
30 yard and larger drop box haul charges	\$134.00	\$134.00	\$134.00	\$134.00
Drop box rental rate	\$3.00/day with a \$78 monthly maximum	\$3.00/day with a \$78 monthly maximum	\$3.00/day with a \$78 monthly maximum	\$3.00/day with a \$78 monthly maximum

**AT THE ABOVE NOTICED TIME AND PLACE**, interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Material submitted to the Board of Supervisors or the Department of Environmental Resources for consideration (i.e., petitions, etc.) will be retained by the county. If a challenge to the above process is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board or the Department of Environmental Resources. For further information call (209) 525-6700.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATED: April 10, 2001

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk of  
the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Stanislaus,  
State of California.

BY:   
Lillie Farriester, Assistant Clerk

**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION  
C.C.P. S2015.5)**

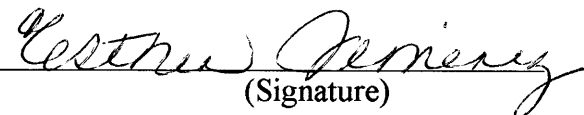
**COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident Of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of Eighteen years, and not a party to or interested In the above entitle matter. I am a printer and Principal clerk of the publisher of **THE MODESTO BEE**, printed in the City of **MODESTO**, County of **STANISLAUS**, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of **STANISLAUS**, State of California, Under the date of **February 25, 1951, Action No. 46453**; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue thereof on the following dates, to wit:

**APRIL 17, 23, 2001**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury That the foregoing is true and correct and that This declaration was executed at **MODESTO**, California on

**APRIL 23, 2001**  
(date)

  
(Signature)

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