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MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Home of the Last Chance Mercantile

DATE: June 4, 2013
 TO: District Customers
 FROM: General Manager
 SUBJECT: Notice of Public Hearing Scheduled on June 21, 2013

On June 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District will hold a scheduled public hearing to accept public comment on and consider changes to certain tipping fees and changes in hours of operations. The proposed changes are summarized in the tables below.

PROPOSED TIPPING FEE INCREASES & DECREASES			
<i>Approved Changes Would be Effective January 1, 2014</i>			
MATERIAL	CURRENT RATE PER TON	PROPOSED RATE PER TON	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Solid Waste (Basic Rate)	\$48.25	\$51.75	\$3.50
Clean Yard/Wood Waste	\$23.50	\$30.00	\$6.50
Food Scraps	\$38.00	\$42.00	\$4.00
Drilling Muds/Petroleum Contaminated Soil (PCS)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
Clean Sheetrock/Drywall	\$48.25	\$30.00	(\$18.25)

PROPOSED CHANGES IN HOURS OF OPERATION			
Department	Current Hours	Proposed Hours	Effective Date
Household Hazardous Waste Facility	Mon-Fri: 6:30 am - 5 pm Sat: 8 am - 4:30 pm	Mon-Tues: CLOSED Wed-Sat: 9 am - 4 pm	July 1, 2013
Last Chance Mercantile	Mon-Fri: 8 am - 5 pm Sat: 8 am - 4:30 pm	Mon: CLOSED Tues-Sat: 9 am - 4 pm	July 1, 2013
Administrative Office	Mon-Fri: 8 am - 5 pm	Mon-Fri: 8 am - 4 pm	November 4, 2013
Scales	Mon-Fri: 6:30 am - 5 pm Sat: 8 am - 4:30 pm	Mon-Fri: 7 am - 4 pm Sat: 8 am - 4 pm	November 4, 2013
Site Gate	Mon-Fri: 6:30 am - 5 pm Sat: 8 am - 4:30 pm	Mon-Fri: 7 am - 4 pm Sat: 8 am - 4 pm	November 4, 2013

Background information on the proposed changes is included on the reverse. All persons interested in this matter are invited to appear at the above-mentioned meeting to present testimony regarding the proposed changes or to provide written comments in advance.

Written comments to the Board may be emailed to info@mrwmd.org or mailed to Post Office Box 1670, Marina, California, 93933, and must be received at the District offices prior to June 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in the Monterey Regional Waste Management Board Room located at the Administration Building at 14201 Del Monte Blvd., Marina, CA 93933.

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Monterey Regional Waste Management District

DISPOSAL FEE FACT SHEET

Background Information on the Proposed Changes to Fees and Operating Hours

June 4, 2013

Effective January 1, 2014, the Monterey Regional Waste Management District proposes to increase the Basic Rate for Solid Waste Disposal by \$3.50/ton from \$48.25/ton to \$51.75/ton, and the Green Waste rate by \$6.50/ton from \$23.50/ton to \$30.00/ton. Combined, this disposal fee increase would raise the monthly charge for residential trash service by approximately 2% or 50 cents for a single family household with a 35-gallon waste cart, 64-gallon recycling cart and 96-gallon yard waste cart. The following information is provided as background for the proposed 7.25% disposal fee increase:

- 1) Over the past seven years, annual refuse tonnage has decreased by 36% as a result of changes to the economy and increased recycling efforts. This reduction in tonnage equates to an annual loss of over \$4 million in revenues.
- 2) The District continues to be impacted by the cost of unfunded State mandates including: AB32 air emission regulations, hazardous materials management, and landfill gas management and monitoring, among others. The cost of these unfunded mandates is in excess of \$5.00 per ton.
- 3) Since 2007, the District has worked to reduce operating expenses and offset the cost of unfunded mandates with:
 - Revenue Enhancements
 - Regional waste disposal contracts.
 - Increased emphasis on recovering cash value recyclables.
 - Increased sales at Last Chance Mercantile reuse store.
 - Cost Savings
 - Hiring freeze and voluntary retirement incentives resulting in a staff reduction of 31 employees (22% of workforce).
 - Realignment of work schedules.
 - Contracting out operations (bird abatement, litter pickup, janitorial, sand sales, street sweeping, etc.).
 - Deferral of more than \$2 million in Capital Outlays
- 4) The proceeds from this disposal fee increase will be used to maintain:
 - Community recycling levels.
 - Services and programs (Materials Recovery Facility, Household Hazardous Waste, Last Chance Mercantile, Public Education, etc.).
- 5) The District is considering implementing additional measures in order to minimize future rate increases:
 - Alternative funding strategies to reduce reliance on the solid waste disposal tipping fee.
 - Additional regional waste processing and disposal contracts.
 - Maximizing the value of the renewable energy produced on site.
 - New partnerships with public agencies and private businesses to maximize efficiencies and reduce expenses.
 - A reduction in programs and hours of service.

At the proposed rate of \$51.75 per ton, the District solid waste disposal rate will remain the lowest in the region.