



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: June 29, 2018
TO: District Customers
FROM: General Manager

SUBJECT: Rate Increases Effective July 1, 2018

On June 22, 2018, the Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board of Directors approved the following rate increases effective July 1, 2018:

TIPPING FEE INCREASES <i>Effective July 1, 2018</i>			
MATERIAL	CURRENT RATE PER TON	PROPOSED RATE PER TON	INCREASE
Solid Waste (Basic Rate)	\$56.00	\$62.00	\$6.00
Clean Yard/Wood Waste	\$32.50	\$40.00	\$7.50
Food Scraps	\$45.50	\$54.00	\$8.50
Sewage Sludge	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$5.00

The tipping fee increase is required to fund operations for FY 2018/19. Operating expenses have grown, in part, due to three and a half years of business cost escalators, including contractual salary cost of living increases, PERS retirement contributions and general business cost inflation. In addition, the District is planning capital investment that is necessary to keep pace with mandated regulatory compliance obligations and to support on-going business operations. The proposed changes are estimated to raise revenue by \$1,200,000 in FY 2018/19. Fees for all other material types would remain unchanged, as would all minimum fees.

Many factors contribute to waste collection costs. The impact of disposal rate increases by themselves are estimated to raise monthly bills for both residential and commercial collection customers by between 1% and 4%. For example, an average residential customer with the smallest refuse bin, plus recycling and yard waste collection bins, would see a monthly increase of \$0.53 due to these rate changes. Commercial customers with a weekly 1-yard refuse service would average \$1.91 more per month.

At \$62.00 per ton, the District's Solid Waste disposal rate will continue to be the lowest in the region.

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