



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: June 1, 2018
TO: District Customers
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: **Customer Notice of June 22, 2018 Public Hearing**

On June 22, 2018, 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 comments on and consider changes to certain tipping fees. The proposed tipping fee changes are summarized in the table below.

PROPOSED TIPPING FEE INCREASES <i>Approved Changes Would be 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.

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, Monterey County, California, 93933-1670, and must be received at the District offices prior to June 20, 2018 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., Monterey County, CA 93933-1670.

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