

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Auditor-Controller	(2) MEETING DATE August 22, 2006	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Gere Sibbach (805) 781-5035
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(4) SUBJECT
Request to approve a rate increase with a two-year sunset provision for Cold Canyon Landfill and to approve the addition of a surcharge for uncovered loads to the fee schedule.

(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST
Cold Canyon Landfill operators have requested an increase of \$1 per ton with a two-year sunset provision on the \$1 per ton. The request is primarily a result of increased costs to comply with State regulations regarding the handling and treatment of electronic and universal wastes as well as appliances with mercury switches. As of January 1, 2007 a surcharge of \$5 or \$10 will be added to loads that are not covered. Funds collected will be used for the ongoing education effort and other associated landfill expenses.

(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION
It is recommended that the Board approve an increase to Cold Canyon Landfill rates of \$1 per ton with a two-year sunset provision, to be effective October 1, 2006. It is also recommended that the Board approve the addition of a surcharge for uncovered loads per occurrence, to be effective January 1, 2007.

(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Rate Payers	(8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A	(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST):
The County's Solid Waste Coordinator

(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? No Yes, How Many? _____
 Permanent _____ Limited Term _____ Contract _____ Temporary Help _____

(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All	(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board N/A
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(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)	(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(19) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____	(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	(22) Agenda Item History <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date__March 23, 2004__
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(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW
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FROM: GERE SIBBACH, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER *Cee*

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2006

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE A RATE INCREASE WITH A TWO-YEAR SUNSET PROVISION FOR COLD CANYON LANDFILL AND TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A SURCHARGE FOR UNCOVERED LOADS TO THE FEE SCHEDULE.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve an increase to Cold Canyon Landfill rates of \$1 per ton with a two-year sunset provision, to be effective October 1, 2006. It is also recommended that the Board approve the addition of a surcharge for uncovered loads per occurrence, to be effective January 1, 2007.

Discussion

Cold Canyon Landfill operators have requested an increase of \$1 per ton with a two-year sunset provision on the \$1 per ton. The request is primarily a result of increased costs to comply with State regulations regarding the handling and treatment of electronic and universal wastes as well as appliances with mercury switches.

Recent State regulations governing mercury switch removal and universal waste have been created to promote proper recycling, treatment, and disposal of designated "universal wastes". Mercury switch removal involves the removal of mercury from a product or device such as a gas valve or an electrical circuit. Universal waste regulations direct the collection and management of items such as batteries, pesticides, and fluorescent lights.

The \$1 per ton will also decrease the White Goods/ Residential Appliance disposal fee by \$3 to encourage a higher number of drop-offs at the facility, not the roadside.

A portion of the \$1.00 fee will also go towards an educational "tarping program". Flyers will be used to advise customers about the State vehicle code that requires loads be "totally covered". The flyers will be distributed on-site and in the landfill and hauling companies' billing statements. As of January 1, 2007 a surcharge of \$5 or \$10 will be

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added to loads that are not covered. Funds collected will be used for the ongoing education effort and other associated landfill expenses.

Other Agency Involvement

The rate increase was discussed with the County's Solid Waste Coordinator.

Financial Considerations

There should be no material impact on County revenues or costs.

Results

The net effect will be subject to future review when the next comprehensive rate analysis for Cold Canyon is performed which should occur within the two year window before this provision sunsets.

Attachment

Cold Canyon Rates – Schedule A.

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COLD CANYON LANDFILL TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 2006				
<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Rate at Feb-1-2003</u>		<u>Recommended Rates Effective October-1-2006</u>	
General Disposal Rates:				
0 to 500 lbs ****	\$ 12.00	Minimum	\$ 12.25	Minimum
Over 500	\$ 48.00	Ton	\$ 49.00	Ton
State & Franchised Garbage Trucks:				
Regular Compacted Waste (Permit required)	\$ 28.25	Ton	\$ 29.25	Ton
Recyclable Materials (Permit required)	\$ 5.00	Ton	\$ 5.00	Ton
Uncompacted Drop Box / Roll-Off (Permit required)	\$ 48.00	Ton	\$ 49.00	Ton
Compacted Drop Box / Roll-Off (Permit required)	\$ 45.50	Ton	\$ 46.50	Ton
Clean Concrete / Asphalt (No debris or dirt)	\$ 17.00	Ton	\$ 17.00	Ton
Clean Dirt (No debris - Subject to inspection & approval)	\$ 17.00	Ton	\$ 17.00	Ton
Clean raw dimensional lumber	\$ 20.00	Ton	\$ 20.00	Ton
Clean brush	\$ 20.00	Ton	\$ 20.00	Ton
Grit / Screenings - 1 ton minimum (Permit required)	\$ 88.00	Ton	\$ 88.00	Ton
Ag Waste (a) - Drip tape, Field plastics, Pea string, etc.	\$ 88.00	Ton ***	\$ 88.00	Ton ***
Facility Use Fee (b)	\$ 20.00	occurrence	\$ 20.00	occurrence
Surcharge for non-tarped loads (c):				
Standard truck load	\$ -		\$ 5.00	occurrence
Commercial load	\$ -		\$ 10.00	occurrence
Residential Appliances				
Mattress, Box Spring or Sofa (\$12.00 minimum)	\$ 12.00	Each	\$ 9.00	Each
Tires - Automobile (limit 2 per customer)	\$ 3.50	Each ***	\$ 3.50	Each ***
Tire rims	\$ 2.50	**	\$ 2.50	**
	\$ 1.00	Each	\$ 1.00	Each
Square Footage Charges:				
Over 3x3 ft.	\$ 31.00	*	\$ 31.00	*
Over 4x4 ft.	\$ 44.00	*	\$ 44.00	*
Over 5x5 ft.	\$ 73.00	*	\$ 73.00	*
Over 6x6 ft. (subject to approval)	\$120.25	*	\$120.25	*
Over 7x7 ft. (subject to approval)	\$198.50	*	\$198.50	*
Over 8x8 ft. (subject to approval)	\$327.50	*	\$327.50	*
* Plus Prorated Tonnage, 1 Ton minimum				
** After limit of 2, by quote only.				
*** Prorated tonnage over 500 lbs				
Additional rates:				
(a) Agricultural Waste - Hard to handle subject to prorated charge.				
(b) Facility Use Fee (Effective May 1, 2004) Charged per occurrence for non FRANCHISE customers who choose not to use the on-site recycling facility				
TV & Computer Monitors - One (1) unit free per trip, \$20 for each additional unit.				
(c) Surcharge (Effective January 1, 2007) - Charge per occurrence for non-tarped loads.				

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