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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Tony Gomillion, County Administrator

**DATE:** January 11, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Amended Waste Disposal Fee Resolution

### DISCUSSION

Discuss increase of waste disposal fees at Central Landfill.

### BACKGROUND

Attached you will find the Environmental Departments recommendation related to the incremental increase in Class I and Class III tipping fees and other associated waste disposal fees. There certainly are any number of options that can be considered relative to the fee increase and this is the option that the Environmental Department feels represents the direction the Board provided at the December meeting. I would note that the "Host Fee" recommendation is a good one, but it will be difficult to predict future revenue from this source at this time outside of those that are contractual agreements.

### ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. The Board will approve the rate schedule in the form of an amended resolution.



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**To:** Tony Gomillion, County Administrator  
**From:** Ronald Hixson, Environmental Manager  
**Thru:** Roger Blaylock, P.E., County Engineer  
**Date:** January 6, 2016  
**Re:** Proposed Rate Increase for Central Landfill

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**Background:**

In 1995 the Board of County Commissioners set a disposal fee of \$32.00/ton for municipal solid waste and in 2004 a disposal fee for Class III & Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris of \$18.00/ton for residential and \$22.00 for commercial C&D waste. The county has maintained those fees to the present day. During that time period the landfill enterprise fund has absorbed significant increases in labor cost and substantial increases in repair and equipment cost without a fee increase or any support from the county's general fund (tax revenue).

Recent regulator changes requiring all Class III / Construction & Demolition Disposal Facilities to have HDPE liners coupled with a significant increase in both Class I and III (C&D) waste being delivered to Central Landfill have seriously impacted landfill operations and future expansions plans. In order to meet the projected future growth in Santa Rosa County the landfill enterprise fund requires a fee increase to permit and construct additional disposal facilities and improve existing infrastructure that will provide adequate disposal capacity for Santa Rosa County for the next 40 to 50 years.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board of County Commissioners approves an increase in the disposal rates at the County's Central Landfill as detailed on the attached Fee Schedule and as summarized below:

- Class I tipping fees would initially increase from \$32.00 to \$36.00 / ton and would increase in \$1.00 increments annually until reaching \$40.00 / ton in the year 2020;
- Class III / C&D tipping fees would initially increase from \$22.00 to \$32.00 / ton and would increase in \$2.00 increments annually until it reaches \$40.00 / ton in the year 2020;
- Staff also recommends a \$3.00 per ton host fee for all out of county waste;
- Yard Waste tipping fees would increase to \$22.00 for residential and \$24.00 for commercial yard waste / land clearing debris;
- Set a Minimum Disposal fee for all waste types of \$5.00/ton for disposal of 400 pounds and;
- After 2020, institute a tipping fee adjustment based on CPI every two years or as recommended by staff based on current economic conditions.

**COMBINED CLASS I / III OPERATIONS & YARD WASTE / LAND CLEARING DEBRIS PROCESSING**

- CLASS I ..... \$36.00 / TON
- CLASS III ..... \$32.00 / TON
- YARD / LANDSCAPING / LAND CLEARING DEBRIS
  - RESIDENTIAL ..... \$22.00 / TON
  - COMMERCIAL ..... \$24.00 / TON
- OUT OF COUNTY HOST FEE - APPLICABLE TO ALL WASTE CATEGORIES ..... \$ 3.00 / TON
- MINIMUM CHARGE ..... \$ 5.00 / 400 lbs.
  
- TIRES – RESIDENTIAL ONLY
  - TIRES ONLY – NO MIXED WASTE ..... \$135.00 / TON
  - MIXED LOADS – CLASS I/III OR YARD WASTE WITH INDIVIDUAL TIRES
    - CAR & LIGHT TRUCK ..... \$ 5.00 / EACH
    - LARGE TRUCK/EQUIP, RACING TIRES ..... \$15.00 / EACH
- SPECIAL WASTE
  - ASBESTOS ..... \$150.00 / TON
  
- REGULATED WASTE
  - CONTAMINATED SOIL ..... \$ 36.00 / TON
  - WASTE WATER SLUDGE ..... \$ 36.00 / TON
  - SPECIAL WASTE NOT LISTED ABOVE ..... \$ 36.00 / TON
  
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) – RESIDENTIAL ONLY – NO LIMITS..... NO CHARGE
  - PAINT (OIL OR LATEX) AND PAINT RELATED PRODUCTS
  - USED OIL, ANTIFREEZE, CAR CARE CHEMICALS, COOKING OIL
  - POOL CHEMICALS
  - FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES
  - HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS (CLEANERS, DETERGENTS, BLEACH ETC.)
  - E-WASTE (TVs, COMPUTERS, MONITORS, MICROWAVES, TOASTERS ETC.)
  - FLORESCENT BULBS, BALLEST, BATTERIES, ETC.
  
- CLEAN FILL, CONCRETE (NO REBAR OF WIRE), BRICK, CERAMICS ..... NO CHARGE  
(CUSTOMER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING AND PAYING DISPOSAL FEES ON UNACCEPTABLE WASTE)

**ADDITIONAL / SPECIAL FEES**

- PROHIBITED WASTE SEPARATION FEE PER HOUR ..... \$50.00
- WEIGHT CERTIFICATION ..... \$ 5.00

**Any request for waiver or adjustment of disposal fees require BCC approval, allow 45 days for processing.**

**LANDFILL CHARGE ACCOUNT**

1. REQUIRES A DEPOSIT OF 2 MONTHS EXPECTED FEES
  - a. UPDATED SEMI-ANNUALLY (SEPTEMBER AND MARCH)
  - b. DEPOSITS ARE REFUNDABLE WHEN ACCOUNT IS CLOSED
  - c. NO CHARGE TO ESTABLISH ACCOUNT
2. BILLED MONTHLY
  - a. PAYMENT DUE 30 DAYS FROM BILLING DATE
  - b. 10% LATE CHARGE AFTER BILLING DUE DATE
  - c. DELINQUENT OVER 45 DAYS FROM BILLING DATE
    - i. ACCOUNT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT
    - ii. ACCOUNT CAN BE REOPENED AFTER
      1. PAYMENT OF ALL DISPOSAL AND LATE FEES
      2. PAYMENT OF **\$100.00** ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING FEE
  - d. CHRONIC DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, ACCOUNT WHICH ARE SUSPENDED MORE TWICE A YEAR:
    - i. CUSTOMER CHARGE ACCOUNT WILL BE CLOSED
    - ii. CUSTOMER WILL BE CASH ONLY OR PREPAID AT TIME OF WASTE DISPOSAL
  - e. TO RE-ESTABLISH A CLOSED ACCOUNT
    - i. ALL OUTSTANDING CHARGES MUST BE PAID IN FULL INCLUDING LATE FEES
    - ii. **\$250.00** ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE TO REOPEN ACCOUNT
    - iii. ANY APPLICANT WHOSE ACCOUNT IS CLOSED MORE THAN 4 TIMES IN A 12 MONTH PERIOD WILL BE DEEMED AN IRRESPONSIBLE APPLICANT AND WILL BE ACCEPTED AS A CASH OR PREPAID ONLY CUSTOMER.

PRE-PAID ACCOUNT (ONE TIME DISPOSAL OR LIMITED TIME)

1. MINIMUM DEPOSIT OF 20% OF EXPECTED DISPOSAL FEES
2. IF PRE-PAID ACCOUNT IS DEPLETED ANY ADDITIONAL WASTE TRANSACTIONS WILL BE DECLINED
3. IT IS THE **CUSTOMERS RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR THE BALANCE OF THE PRE-PAID ACCOUNT** AND MAKE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE BALANCE.

Annual Class III Fee Increase, ending in 2020		\$2.00		RECOMMENDED WASTE DISPOSAL FEES, ESTIMATED REVENUE AND FEE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE 2016-2020			1/6/2016 14:04
Annual Class I Fee Increase, ending in 2020		\$1.00					OUT YEARS, 2020 AND ON, WILL INCLUDE AN ANNUAL CPI ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL WASTE FEES
Estimated Growth for Class I & III Waste		2.5%					
Recommended Host Fee		\$3.00					
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Class III Fee Increase	\$22.00	\$32.00	\$34.00	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$40.00	TOTALS
Out of County Host Fee	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	
Annual Class III Tonnage	86,502	80,244	82,250	84,306	86,414	88,574	508,289 Tons
Total Class III Fees	\$1,903,044	\$2,567,797	\$2,796,492	\$3,035,016	\$3,283,719	\$3,542,960	\$17,129,027
Out of County Class III	32,862	25,263	20,715	15,925	10,882	5,577	111,224 Tons
Host Fee Revenue (General Fund)	\$98,586	\$75,788	\$62,146	\$47,775	\$32,646	\$16,731	\$333,672
Class I Tipping Fee	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00	
Annual Class I Tonnage	158,116	162,069	166,121	170,274	174,530	178,894	1,010,003 Tons
Total Class Fees	\$5,059,712	\$5,834,480	\$6,146,463	\$6,470,398	\$6,806,689	\$7,155,750	\$37,473,492
Total Tonnage - Class I + III	244,618	242,313	248,370	254,580	260,944	267,468	
Total Revenues	\$6,962,756	\$8,402,278	\$8,942,955	\$9,505,414	\$10,090,407	\$10,698,709	\$54,602,519
Expenses	\$4,240,956	\$7,573,973	\$6,972,506	\$5,558,250	\$5,686,945	\$5,819,273	\$35,851,903
Profit - (Loss)	\$2,721,800	\$828,305	\$1,970,449	\$3,947,164	\$4,403,462	\$4,879,436	\$18,750,616

The following tables represents the volume of Class III/C&D Waste currently being delivered to Central Landfill, the estimated volume of Out of County waste based on 2013 Class III/C&D waste flows before Rolling Hills was closed. The table also includes an estimate of the volume of Class III / C&D Waste that will be diverted from Central Landfill after an initial increase in tipping fees and annually thereafter as tip fees increase out to year 2020.

	Tons/Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Current Class III / Tons	86,502	88,665	90,881	93,153	95,482	97,869
Historic Class III / Tons (2013)	53,640	54,981	56,356	57,764	59,209	60,689
Projected Out of County / Tons	32,862	33,684	34,526	35,389	36,273	37,180
Initial loss with higher tipping fees, %	10%	25%	40%	55%	70%	85%
Percent loss each year after initial hike	15%					
Projected out of county waste after rate hike		25,263	20,715	15,925	10,882	5,577