

SPECIAL MEETING – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

To be held at the JOINT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California

WEDNESDAY

March 27, 2019

At 2:00 P.M.

District(s)	Chairperson
SBC, 5	FUREY
1, 8	ANDREWS
2	WARNER (Committee Chairperson)
3, 9, 18, 19, 27	HAHN
4	HORVATH
14	PARRIS
15	BARAKAT
16	JOE
17	TORNEK
20	HOFBAUER
21	MORRIS
22	FINLAY
23	DAVIS
28	PIERONI
29	HANSEN
SCV	BARGER

1. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting Held October 24, 2018

2. Re: Personnel Related Matters – Discussion and Possible Action

Summary: Public Comments will be taken prior to the closed session. The Chief Engineer and General Manager and/or the Assistant Chief Engineer and Assistant General Manager will update the committee on matters concerning the union-represented, self-represented and non-represented employee units. The Committee will meet in closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code, *Conference with Labor Negotiators*. *Agency Designated Representatives: Grace R. Hyde, Chief Engineer and General Manager; Robert C. Ferrante, Assistant Chief Engineer and Assistant General Manager, Jennifer Allen, Human Resources Manager, and Matt Eaton, Assistant Departmental Engineer.*

3. Re: Update on Solid Waste Management Matters

(a) Solid Waste Revenue Program

(b) Ad Hoc Committee Formation

Summary: The Chief Engineer and General Manager will discuss budgetary matters related to the solid waste revenue program, including new solid waste rates which are proposed for fiscal year 2019-20. Also, last fall the Committee directed staff to organize an Ad Hoc Committee, to be comprised of directors and staff from member jurisdictions, to conduct focused meetings for the purpose of advising staff on solid waste matters. The Chief Engineer and General Manager will provide a brief update on the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee. A letter summarizing this matter is attached.

Adjourn

Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any item shown on the agenda or matter under the Board’s authority. A “Request to Address Board of Directors” form is available in the foyer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Secretary to the Boards’ Office (562) 908-4288, extension 1100. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28CFR 35.101 et seq. ADA Title II).

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Chief Engineer and General Manager

March 22, 2019

Personnel Committee
County Sanitation Districts
of Los Angeles County

Directors:

Update on Solid Waste Management Activities

The agenda for the March 27, 2019 meeting of the Personnel Committee includes an item regarding Solid Waste Management activities as follows: 1) Proposed Solid Waste Facility Rates and 2) the Ad Hoc Committee being convened at the Personnel Committee's direction to conduct focused meetings for the purpose of advising staff on solid waste matters. We last briefed the Committee on these matters in October 2018, and the boards have been apprised of these matters as well.

Proposed Solid Waste Facility Rates

There are a number of solid waste challenges facing our member cities and the County of Los Angeles that will have financial impacts to solid waste operations. Recent state laws have raised the statewide recycling rate goal to 75 percent by January 2020 and have established new organic waste recycling mandates to divert 50 percent of organic waste from landfills by January 2020 and 75 percent by January 2025. At the same time, recycling commodity markets are under increasing pressure from the China Ban, resulting in much lower prices for recovered recyclables or, in some cases, no value at all. These challenges have created economic issues for the Sanitation Districts' solid waste operations.

Rate increases are needed to offset annual increases in our operations and maintenance costs associated with recycling, disposal, transportation, and labor. In addition, changes must be made to our operations over the course of next year in response to recent regulatory requirements that will add to the costs increases (e.g., storm water and truck emissions regulations). A table is attached that indicates the proposed rate increases to accommodate the financial challenges in the coming year. The proposed rate increases for the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the Downey Area Recycling and Transfer (DART) Facility, and South Gate Transfer Station (SGTS) amount to a 10% increase in gate rates for municipal solid waste (MSW) over the prior gate rates. Other solid waste disposal rates (such as Hard-to-Handle and Minimum Charge) at each facility would increase by the same percentage as the MSW rate.

In order for the rates to become effective July 1, a number of actions need to take place. First, if endorsed by the Personnel Committee, I plan to brief the Boards in April on the proposed rate increases. Second, in May, the Board of Sanitation District No. 2 would consider introduction of an ordinance to establish the proposed rates and, subsequently, consider adoption of the ordinance. Following a 30-day notice to customers of the rates, the proposed rates would become effective on July 1, 2019.

The Calabasas Landfill (CALF) and Scholl Canyon Landfill (SCLF) are owned by the County of Los Angeles and City of Glendale, respectively, and the Districts act as the operator at both sites. The

MSW rate at the CALF is set by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles based on a recommendation by the Sanitation Districts. The Districts are still evaluating a potential recommendation to increase the MSW rate at CALF for consideration by the County in the coming months. This increase is needed to provide additional funding to the post-closure maintenance trust fund established for CALF. The MSW rate at Scholl Canyon Landfill is proposed to remain unchanged.

Solid Waste Ad Hoc Committee Formation

While the proposed rates would address financial challenges in the coming year, in light of the new legislative and regulatory requirements, the need to plan for the future makes for an opportune time for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee that can study these matters more in-depth and advise the staff on how to provide the best service at cost-effective rates.

The Ad Hoc Committee will consist of five directors and four city and county staff, with support from Districts staff. I am happy to report that we have nine people who have volunteered to participate on the committee and who represent a good cross section of our solid waste service area. The proposed Ad Hoc Committee membership is as follows:

- Director Brian Bergman City of La Habra Heights
- Alternate Director Margaret Finlay City of Duarte
- Director Leonard Pieroni City of La Canada Flintridge
- Director Terry Tornek City of Pasadena
- Alternate Director Cathy Warner City of Whittier
- Ms. Jasmine Allen City of El Segundo, Senior Analyst
- Ms. Lisa Rapp City of Lakewood, Public Works Director
- Ms. Shari Afshari County of Los Angeles, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Ms. Adriana Figueroa City of Paramount, Public Works Director

We will be contacting the Ad Hoc Committee members soon to arrange the first meeting in April. The Ad Hoc Committee will likely need to meet about six times over the course of a year to go over all of the issues. Districts staff from a variety of our departments have already completed an internal process to help frame issues for the committee.

Should any Director have questions regarding our solid waste management activities, please contact me or Chuck Boehmke, Solid Waste Management Department Head (ext. 2403).

Very truly yours,



Grace Robinson Hyde

GRH:drs
Attachment

Proposed MSW Gate Rates for July 1, 2019

Facility	Current MSW Gate Rate	Proposed MSW Gate Rate	Increase (per ton)
Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)	\$61.40	\$67.54	\$6.14
Downey Area Recycling and Transfer Facility (DART)	\$65.49	\$72.04	\$6.55
South Gate Transfer Station	\$66.16	\$72.78	\$6.62