



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE

Dear Property Owners and Tenant-Customers:

This notice is intended to inform you that the San Luis Obispo County ("County") Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") will hold a public hearing regarding the solid waste disposal rate increases ("Proposed Rate Increase") proposed by Mission Country Disposal ("Mission Country") for properties and customers receiving solid waste services within the areas surrounding the Los Osos Community Services District ("District"). The Proposed Rate Increase will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at the date, time and location specified below. Consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218, this notice also provides you with the following information:

- The Date, Time, and Place of the Public Hearing;
- The Majority Protest Procedures;
- The Basis of and Reason for the Proposed Rate Increase; and
- The Proposed Rate Increase Amounts

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES CONTINUED (See Note 8)				
Trip Charge (See Note 6)	each	27.63	10.37%	30.50
White Goods	each	New Rate		51.72
Small Extra	each	New Rate		15.03
Bin Rental	per month	New Rate		30.80
Extra Dumpster Cleaning	each	50.08	10.37%	55.27
Extra Dumpster Delivery	each	34.59	10.37%	38.18
Installing Lock on Dumpster	each	58.63	10.37%	64.71
Optional Waste Wheeler Rental (See Note 5)	per month	1.35	10.37%	1.49
Xtra Greenwaste 32 gal cart	per month	New Rate		5.50
Xtra Greenwaste 96 gal cart	per month	New Rate		5.50
Additional collection charge per 32 gallon can or equivalent volume.	per collection	5.79	10.37%	6.39
Mileage Charge (See Note 3)	per mile & per trip	0.50	10.37%	0.55
USED OIL COLLECTION				
Call for details and pick up schedule	no charge	0.00		0.00
Late Fee (See Note 7)	per month	5.00		5.00
Stop/Restart/Change residential service, within 90 days.	per occurrence	20.00	10.37%	22.07
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
1) One standard trash can is the equivalent unit volume to a 32 Gallon Waste Wheeler.				
2) Low income customers enrolled in PG&E's or the Gas Company's low income programs are eligible for a reduced one can rate. Please contact the garbage company for details.				
3) Mileage charge: A charge applied to the customer's bill for additional mileage beyond 1/2 mile from the urban reserve line. The mileage charge is added for each round trip.				
4) Service away from the curb: A monthly charge that is assessed to the residential customer's bill when service inside the property line is requested. This charge is not applicable to disabled customers without the means of setting the containers in the public right of way for collection.				
5) Optional Waste Wheeler Charge: A charge for using more than one garbage waste wheeler at a given service level. For example, a customer who has subscribed to a 64 gallon monthly garbage service level may choose two 32 gallon garbage waste wheelers instead of one 64 gallon garbage waste wheeler, for this additional charge.				
6) Trip Charge: A charge to service a residential customer on a non-route day or after the area's collection has occurred. Additional fees may be incurred according to volume of waste collected and any applicable mileage charges (see note 3).				
7) Late Fees: These are imposed for all customers over 30 days delinquent delinquent. The fee is 1.5% per month of the outstanding charge, with a minimum fee of \$5.00. No prior notice is required, as this late fee policy is stated at the bottom of every bill.				
8) Miscellaneous Charges: are increased by one rate for all three unincorporated areas receiving garbage hauling services provided by Mission Country Disposal.				

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the Proposed Rate Increase within the areas surrounding the District will be held on:

Date: March 22, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

**Place: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors Chambers,
1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA**

At the Public Hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider all public comment in support of and in opposition to the Proposed Rate Increase and whether or not a Majority Protest exists pursuant to the California Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (below). If approved, the Proposed Rate Increase would become effective April 1, 2016.

BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

The Proposed Rate Increase of 10.37% for each category of service is based on the following cost increases incurred by Mission Country:

1. 5.76% of the Proposed Rate Increase is based on increased costs for fuel, vehicles and increased labor costs;
2. 0.61% of the Proposed Rate Increase is based on a \$2.25 per ton increase in the cost of landfill disposal; and
3. 4.00% of the Proposed Rate Increase is based on the implementation of an Organics Program.

In addition, commencing on January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, all the rates shall be increased based on the following:

1. Increase, *if any*, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers based on the All U.S. City Average, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the month of June 2016 for January 1, 2017 and June 2017 for January 1, 2018; and
2. Increase of 0.59% for 2017 and 0.57% for 2018 for increase in the cost of landfill disposal.

A copy of the 2016 Base Year Rate Adjustment Application, which provides additional information on the Proposed Rate Increase, is available at the County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector's office located at 1055 Monterey Street Room D290, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

The Proposed Rate Increase (amounting to an increase of 10.37% for each category of service) is necessary for Mission Country to continue to provide safe, environmentally sound and reliable solid waste removal, transportation and disposal services to the citizens of the areas surrounding the District. The increases requested are due to increasing operational costs. Several factors have contributed to these increased costs, including, but not limited to: the rising costs associated with the operation of a garbage company, rising costs associated with operation and fuel for vehicles, increased labor costs, increased landfill rates, and costs associated with the implementation of an Organics Program as mandated by Assembly Bill 1826 (2014), which requires local jurisdictions across the State to develop a recycling program to divert organic waste from landfills

to an authorized composting facility. Organic waste is food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous food waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.

MAJORITY PROTEST

Pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53755, the following persons may submit a written protest against the Proposed Rate Increase to the County Clerk-Recorder before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

- An owner(s) of property (parcel(s)) receiving solid waste service within the areas surrounding the District's boundary. If the person(s) signing the protest, as an owner, is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll as the owner of the parcel(s), then the protest must contain or be accompanied by written evidence that such person(s) signing the protest is the owner of the parcel(s) receiving the solid waste services; and
- A tenant(s) whose name appears on Mission Country's records as the customer of record for the corresponding parcel receiving solid waste service within the areas surrounding the District's boundary (tenant-customer).

A valid written protest must contain a statement that you protest the increase in solid waste rates, the address and the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) of the parcel or parcels which receive solid waste service and must be signed by either the owner or the tenant-customer of the parcel or parcels. One written protest per parcel shall be counted in calculating a majority protest to the Proposed Rate Increase subject to the requirements of Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53755. Written protests will not be accepted by e-mail or facsimile. Verbal protests will not be counted in determining the existence of a majority protest. To be counted, a protest must be received in writing by the County Clerk-Recorder before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

Written protests regarding the Proposed Rate Increase may be mailed or personally delivered to:

County of San Luis Obispo Clerk-Recorder's Office
Attn: Clerk of the Board
1055 Monterey St. Suite D120, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

If valid written protests are presented by a majority of owners and/or tenant-customers of parcels receiving solid waste services in the areas surrounding the District's boundaries, then the County will not adjust/increase the solid waste rates. Only one protest per parcel will be counted in determining whether or not a majority protest exists.

ON 3-22-2016, THE SLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED A 10.37% RAISE IN GARBAGE RATES. THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE 10.37% RATE INCREASE WILL BE 4-1-2016. CALL US AT 543-0875 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

MISSION COUNTRY DISPOSAL BASE YEAR RATE INCREASE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OUTSIDE THE LOS OSOS CSD BOUNDARIES

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	PICKUPS PER WEEK	CURRENT RATE 01/01/2015	BASE YEAR RATE ADJUSTMENT	RATE EFFECTIVE 04/01/2016
RESIDENTIAL (PER MONTH CHARGE FOR ONCE A WEEK SERVICE)				
1 Can Waste Wheeler Curb (See Note 2)	Low Income	13.60	10.37%	15.01
1 Can Waste Wheeler Curb (See Note 1)		19.38	10.37%	21.39
2 Can Waste Wheeler Curb		24.45	10.37%	26.99
3 Can Waste Wheeler Curb		29.51	10.37%	32.57
Service Away From the Street Curb (See Note 4)		8.08	10.37%	8.92
URBAN COMMERCIAL:				
1 Yard Dumpster	1	72.31	10.37%	79.81
1 Yard Dumpster	2	107.37	10.37%	118.50
1 Yard Dumpster	3	149.26	10.37%	164.74
1 Yard Dumpster	4	187.79	10.37%	207.26
1 Yard Dumpster	5	229.76	10.37%	253.59
1 Yard Dumpster	6	269.95	10.37%	297.94
1 Yard Dumpster	7	325.62	10.37%	359.39
1.5 Yard Dumpster	1	84.63	10.37%	93.41
1.5 Yard Dumpster	2	133.50	10.37%	147.34
1.5 Yard Dumpster	3	187.79	10.37%	207.26
1.5 Yard Dumpster	4	247.18	10.37%	272.81
1.5 Yard Dumpster	5	306.78	10.37%	338.59
1.5 Yard Dumpster	6	364.41	10.37%	402.20
1.5 Yard Dumpster	7	443.17	10.37%	489.13
2 Yard Dumpster	1	102.07	10.37%	112.65
2 Yard Dumpster	2	154.57	10.37%	170.60
2 Yard Dumpster	3	227.98	10.37%	251.62

URBAN COMMERCIAL CONTINUED:				
2 Yard Dumpster	1	102.07	10.37%	112.65
2 Yard Dumpster	2	154.57	10.37%	170.60
2 Yard Dumpster	3	227.98	10.37%	251.62
2 Yard Dumpster	4	303.17	10.37%	334.61
2 Yard Dumpster	5	378.40	10.37%	417.64
2 Yard Dumpster	6	453.67	10.37%	500.72
2 Yard Dumpster	7	555.40	10.37%	612.99
3 Yard Dumpster	1	130.07	10.37%	143.56
3 Yard Dumpster	2	210.54	10.37%	232.37
3 Yard Dumpster	3	296.25	10.37%	326.97
3 Yard Dumpster	4	397.61	10.37%	438.84
3 Yard Dumpster	5	478.08	10.37%	527.66
3 Yard Dumpster	6	576.11	10.37%	635.85
3 Yard Dumpster	7	741.55	10.37%	818.45
4 Yard Dumpster	1	179.08	10.37%	197.65
4 Yard Dumpster	2	264.67	10.37%	292.12
4 Yard Dumpster	3	387.25	10.37%	427.41
4 Yard Dumpster	4	514.90	10.37%	568.30
4 Yard Dumpster	5	651.27	10.37%	718.81
4 Yard Dumpster	6	768.39	10.37%	848.07
4 Yard Dumpster	7	974.04	10.37%	1075.05
Sunday Service*		62.16	10.37%	68.61
Loose Refuse Per Yard		12.12	10.37%	13.38

*Sunday Service is a per month charge in addition to the garbage collection service monthly cost.

RECYCLING COLLECTION COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER CONTAINERS (PER MONTH) (25% OF GARBAGE RATES)				
1 Yard Dumpster	1	NO CHARGE		NO CHARGE
1 Yard Dumpster	2	26.85	10.37%	29.63
1 Yard Dumpster	3	37.31	10.37%	41.18
1 Yard Dumpster	4	46.96	10.37%	51.83
1 Yard Dumpster	5	57.45	10.37%	63.41
1.5 Yard Dumpster	1	NO CHARGE		NO CHARGE
1.5 Yard Dumpster	2	33.37	10.37%	36.83
1.5 Yard Dumpster	3	46.96	10.37%	51.83
1.5 Yard Dumpster	4	61.80	10.37%	68.21
1.5 Yard Dumpster	5	76.70	10.37%	84.65
2 Yard Dumpster	1	NO CHARGE		NO CHARGE
2 Yard Dumpster	2	38.65	10.37%	42.66
2 Yard Dumpster	3	57.00	10.37%	62.91
2 Yard Dumpster	4	75.82	10.37%	83.68
2 Yard Dumpster	5	94.62	10.37%	104.43

POLYSTYRENE COLLECTION - Polystyrene is no longer collected for recycling. It should be thrown away as trash.

The rates shown above include the monthly container rental fee and are for the same for bins and garwoods, when volume is identical.

COMMERCIAL GARBAGE CANS				
1 Can - 32 Gallon Waste Wheeler (see Note 1)	1	19.38	10.37%	21.39
2 Cans - 64 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	27.91	10.37%	30.80
3 Cans - 96 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	33.82	10.37%	37.33

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES (See Note 8)				
Short Term Containers:				
Container Delivery (includes removal)		34.59	10.37%	38.18
Container Rental	per day	0.98	10.37%	1.08
Emptying Container:				
1 Yard (minimum charge)	each	18.99	10.37%	20.96
1.5 Yard	each	27.62	10.37%	30.48
2 Yard	each	31.02	10.37%	34.24
3 Yard	each	43.16	10.37%	47.64
4 Yard	each	53.58	10.37%	59.14