

**PLUMAS COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**SOLID WASTE DIVISION**


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**AGENDA REQUEST**

for the June 16, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

**June 8, 2020**

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Robert Perreault, Director of Public Works 

Subject: Consideration of a proposed Rate Increase of 3.30% (for residential and commercial customers self-hauling solid waste to Plumas County transfer stations located in Chester, Quincy, Greenville and La Porte) for disposal of solid waste at said transfer stations, as operated by franchise contractor USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Feather River Disposal (FRD), serving Franchise Area No. 1.

**PREFACE:**

***The primary purpose of this Agenda Request, in compliance with Proposition 13, is to enable the Board of Supervisors to:***

- 1. Receive a report and recommendations from the Department of Public Works pertaining to a Rate Increase of 3.30% at transfer stations (for residential and commercial customers self-hauling solid waste to Plumas County transfer stations located in Chester, Quincy, Greenville and La Porte) for disposal of solid waste at said transfer stations, as operated by franchise contractor Feather River Disposal, serving Franchise Area No. 1.***
- 2. Enable commentary by the franchise contractor, Feather River Disposal.***
- 3. Conduct a Public Hearing to enable commentary by the general public and other governmental officials, if any.***
- 4. Consider the adoption of the attached, proposed Resolution to Increase Rates by 3.30% at Franchise Area No. 1 Transfer Stations.***

**BACKGROUND:**

**2019:**

On or about March 15, 2020, FRD did submit an Audited, Financial Statement for the Period Ending December 31, 2019. Public Works staff reviewed the audited financial statement and subsequently forwarded the documentation to the County's solid waste consultant, the R3 Consulting Group, requesting that R3 apply the Refuse Rate Increase (RRI) procedure, as set forth in the replacement Franchise Agreement that took effect on April 1, 2017. The R3 Consulting Group reviewed the audited financial statement and concluded that FRD was entitled to a solid waste fee increase in the amount of 3.30%.

**PROPOSED RATE INCREASE SUMMARY FOR FRD:**

The cumulative proposed fee increases described above are summarized as follows:

- 3.30% (residential collection) and
- 3.30% (commercial collection) and
- 3.30% (residential and commercial customers self-hauling to transfer stations).

**CONSIDERATION BY THE SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE**

On, June 11, 2020, the Plumas County Integrated Waste Management Task Force will conduct a Solid Waste Task Force Meeting to consider these proposed fee increase matters and develop "advice" for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. On June 11, 2020, the Solid Waste Task Force will vote for, or against, recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The outcome, and recommendations of the Solid Waste Task Force meeting, will be made public at the public hearing scheduled for June 16, 2020.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

On June 5, 2020 Plumas County Public Works, Solid Waste Division implemented the public notification actions associated with Proposition 13 proposed Rate Increase for disposal of solid waste as operated by franchise contractor Feather River Disposal (serving Franchise Area No. 1) for residential and commercial customers self-hauling to Plumas County transfer stations located in Chester, Quincy, Greenville and La Porte, and directed Public Works staff to implement the notification actions associated with Prop. 13.

### **PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the enclosures listed below, the following documents are pertinent to this Rate Increase:

- 2019 FRD Audited Financial Statements
- 2020 Refuse Rate Index (RRI) Adjustments, dated April 5, 2020
- FRD Proposed 2020 Rate Adjustment – Exhibit A
- FRD 2009 Rate Increase, Ordinance 09-1069, dated January 13, 2009

Copies of the above documents are available for public viewing at:

- Department of Public Works Headquarters Building  
1834 E Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971,  
between the hours of 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday, or
- Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
520 Main Street, Room # 309, Quincy, CA 95971,  
between the hours of 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday, or
- May be viewed on the Plumas County website at:  
<https://ca-plumascounty2.civicplus.com/2616/17509/Public-Documents>

### **RESOLUTION OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

For the time period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, Public Works staff, with the assistance of R3 Consulting Group, has compiled a proposed rate increase of 3.30% for the residential and commercial customers self-hauling to Plumas County transfer stations within Franchise Area No. 1.

It is noted that the last rate increase authorized for FRD was voted by the Board of Supervisors on July 2, 2019.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Director of Public Works respectfully recommends that the Board of Supervisors vote to adopt the attached, proposed Rate Increase Resolution for self-hauling residential and commercial customers to County transfer stations located in Chester, Quincy, Greenville and La Porte (within Franchise Area No. 1), operated by franchise contractor Feather River Disposal

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Copy of Internet “Public Notice” (Publication Date: June 5, 2020)
- Proposed Resolution for Transfer Station Rate Increase