



NEVADA COUNTY

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SOLID WASTE PARCEL CHARGE ADJUSTMENTS June 13, 2023

Our goal at Nevada County (County) is to provide reliable solid waste service to our customers. The Solid Waste Division (Division) of the County’s Public Works Department provides solid waste support services for unincorporated eastern Nevada County by administering the refuse collection franchise and overseeing the Hirschdale Landfill post-closure activities. The refuse franchise was signed with Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal (TTSD) in 2019. TTSD is responsible for refuse collection, recycling, and disposal activities within eastern County. The County is responsible for collecting the residential tax roll revenue and remitting the agreed upon compensation to TTSD. A portion of the parcel charge is retained by the County to cover administrative and post closure costs.

Purpose of Solid Waste Parcel Charges

The current annual parcel charge (\$311.76 per year) for solid waste services has not been adequate to fully fund solid waste activities within eastern unincorporated Nevada County. In addition, the franchise agreement with TTSD provides for annual inflationary increases. The Division budget has been experiencing annual revenue shortfalls and has seen its reserve fund balance decrease from \$250,000 in FY 2014-15 to \$54,000 as of June 30, 2022. The reserve fund balance is projected to decrease by \$20,000 by the end of FY 2022-23 (i.e., June 20, 2023). The current reserve fund balance is not sufficient for cash-flow purposes, e.g. ongoing administrative costs and extraordinary cost increases, projected expenses such as future contract negotiations and rate studies, and we are currently below our state mandated reserve for post-closure liability for the Hirschdale Landfill. As such, an increase in the County’s annual parcel charge in eastern Nevada County is necessary.

The revenue from the annual parcel charges is only used to fund solid waste activities and cannot be used for other County expenses. Any revenue collected which exceeds the actual costs is held within a separate solid waste fund to cover future cost increases.

Proposed Solid Waste Parcel Charges

A rate study was completed by the County’s consultant, HF&H Consultants (HF&H) to determine whether current charges would provide sufficient revenues to fund the County’s solid waste activities. The study found increases in annual revenues were necessary. The study calculated the necessary changes in the annual parcel charges to cover the County and TTSD’s anticipated ongoing operating and capital expenses, and to maintain adequate reserves to withstand unexpected cost increases and future projects. A copy of the study is available online at: <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/3723/2023-Unincorporated-Eastern-Nevada-Count>, and is on file with the County Clerk, located at 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959. For additional assistance on the proposed Solid Waste Parcel Charges, please call Solid Waste Program Manager David Garcia at (530) 265-7038.

Table 1 summarizes the current and proposed annual Parcel Charges.

Table 1: Summary of Current and Proposed Solid Waste Parcel Charges

Fiscal Year	Annual Charge	Change from Prior Year	
		Annually	Monthly
Current	\$311.76		
FY 2023-24 (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)	\$333.58	\$21.82	\$1.82
FY 2024-25 (7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025)	\$356.93	\$23.35	\$1.95
FY 2025-26 (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$378.35	\$21.42	\$1.78
FY 2026-27 (7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027)	\$401.05	\$22.70	\$1.89
FY 2027-28 (7/1/2027 - 6/30/2028)	\$425.11	\$24.06	\$2.01
7/1/2028 and all future years thereafter	Annual rate to be calculated based on the producer price index for solid waste, published* in February of each year, with 3% minimum and 5% maximum effective July 1 of each year.		

*Published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics



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**Important Information – Notice of Public Hearing
on Proposed Solid Waste Parcel Charge Adjustments
Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9:00 am**



NEVADA COUNTY

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED SOLID WASTE PARCEL CHARGE ADJUSTMENTS**

Notice is given that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County will conduct a Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 9:00 am**. The location of the meeting is:

Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Meeting can be viewed live through the web at: www.mynevadacounty.com/boardmeetings

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed increases in Solid Waste Parcel Charges for all customers within Eastern County. At the Public Hearing, any interested persons may address the County Board of Supervisors.

Proposition 218

Requires the County to (1) inform property owners that the County is considering adjustments to the annual Solid Waste Parcel Charges, (2) clearly demonstrate the basis on which the rates are calculated, and (3) hold a public hearing at least 45 days after public notification.

Any record owner of a parcel upon which the Solid Waste Parcel Charge is imposed may submit a written protest to the proposed Solid Waste Parcel Charge adjustments. Protests must (1) be in writing, (2) state which utility service rate adjustment(s) the identified property owner or tenant is protesting, (3) provide the location of the identified parcel by street address or assessor's parcel number, and (4) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the written protest. However, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Written protests must be hand-delivered or mailed to ATTN: Nevada County Clerk of the Board – Public Hearing on Proposed Solid Waste Parcel Charges, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959 on or before the public hearing date, or in person at the public hearing (specified above). To be counted, written protests must be received before the close of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing. Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted as a valid written protest.

Any person interested may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed increase in the Solid Waste Parcel Charges. At the public hearing, the County will consider all written protests. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. At the end of the Public Hearing, the County Board will consider the adoption of the proposed increases as described in this notice. If a majority of customers noticed (50% + 1) protest in writing against the proposed charges, the County will not increase the eastern unincorporated County Solid Waste Parcel Charges.

We hope you will support us in our goals to continue to provide safe, reliable solid waste service to our customers.