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THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ERIC ROOD ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
950 MAIDU AVENUE  
NEVADA CITY, CA 95959

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 26, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Continue Temporary Reduction of the Western Nevada County Solid Waste Parcel Charges for Fiscal Year 2015/16, Approve Draft Letters to the Cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City Regarding Fiscal Year 2015/16 Solid Waste Parcel Charges and Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County to Execute the Letters

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funding is for FY 15-16 and impacts the Solid Waste Budget. The continued Temporary Parcel Charge Reduction is reflected in the budget and no budget amendment is needed. There is no impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

In May 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 12-191 temporarily reducing the Solid Waste Parcel Charges. This action was justified based on the new franchise agreement with Waste Management (Resolution 12-052) and defeasance of the 2002 Solid Waste Certificates of Participation Bonds (Resolution 12-125). As authorized in Section G-IV 8.16 of Chapter IV, Article 8 of Nevada County Government Code and Article XIIC of the California Constitution, the Board of Supervisors can temporarily reduce the parcel charges to an amount consistent with the need to operate the Solid Waste System. The temporary reduction approved in 2012 is due to expire this fiscal year.

Staff has recently updated the post closure costs for maintaining the closed McCourtney Road Landfill. Post closure costs, revenues, post closure risks, and current cash balance are summarized in the following table.

Current Parcel Charge Revenue (res + com)	\$1,551,445
Current Annual Post Closure Costs (per budget)	\$698,629
Additional Post Closure Risks	Gas Flare failure - \$700,000 Landfill cell failure/subsidence - \$4,000,000 Leachate Collection System failure - \$500,000 Total \$5,200,000
Cash balance (as of 6/30/14)	\$10,069,883

While a post closure estimate has been prepared, it has not yet been approved by CalRecycle. In addition to post-closure costs, staff is now evaluating the need for additional capital improvements at the transfer station, including maintenance on the leachate collection system or improvements related to the MRTS upgrade. Staff therefore recommends that the temporary reduction approved in 2012 be continued for an additional year. The Board can revisit additional temporary reductions to the solid waste parcel charges at the end of FY 15/16.

The Solid Waste Division proposes that the Board continue with the temporary reduction of the Solid Waste parcel charges as follows:

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Single Family Residential	\$59.40 per year	\$29.70 per year
Multi-Family Residential	\$46.28 per year, per residential unit	\$23.14 per year, per residential unit
Mobile Home Spaces (in mobile home parks)	\$41.44 per year, per mobile home	\$20.72 per year, per mobile home
All other developed parcels	\$54.38 per ton	\$27.19 per ton

To impose fees under the authority contained in Section 25830 of the Government Code, the Cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City must consent to the imposition of the parcel charges within their jurisdiction. Therefore, this item is being presented to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval of the attached letters requesting consent by the cities.

Staff is recommending that the Board adopt the attached resolution continuing a temporary reduction to the Western Nevada County Solid Waste Parcel Charges for an additional year. Staff is recommending this temporary rate be adopted with a sunset date of June 30, 2016.

Staff is also recommending approval and execution of the attached letters to the Cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City regarding Fiscal Year 2015/16 Solid Waste Parcel Charges.

Respectfully submitted,



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