

MEMORANDUM



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Date: July 19, 2019  
To: Board of Commissioners:  
Rick Olson, Mary Starrett, Casey Kulla  
From: Ashley Watkins, Solid Waste Coordinator  
Re: CPI and Rate Increases for Riverbend Landfill

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The Yamhill County Solid Waste Department and Solid Waste Advisory Committee are requesting that the attached documents be reviewed for a proposed CPI increase of \$0.85/ton, a pass through rate of \$0.07/ton for a DEQ fee and a rate increase of \$2.48/ton for Waste Management – Riverbend Landfill.

Per the Riverbend Landfill Company (RLC) License Agreement (2<sup>nd</sup> amended license agreement, B.O. 12-262), Section 5.1 states, “the county tipping fee shall be adjusted by a percentage equal to 85% of the annual percent change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), January to January, for All Urban Consumers for West A, All Items.” This equates to \$0.85/ton.

Per Section 5.2 (c): “The Licensee may increase the County Tipping Fee for reasonable actual increased costs caused by the imposition of or increases in rates of state or federal taxes...”. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) fee has changed from \$1.82/ton to \$1.89/ton; thus the difference of \$0.07/ton to pass through.

Additionally, RLC has requested an increase of \$2.48/ton under Section 5.2 (b) due to changes at the landfill and recycling. Section 5.2 Uncontrollable Circumstances states: “Subject to the Licensee’s compliance with the term of Section 6 below, the Licensee may increase the County Tipping Fee for reasonable actual increased costs resulting from Uncontrollable Circumstances”.

Due to events specified under Section 5.2 (b) and (c), Section 5.3 (d) Burden of Proof states: “Before the County shall allow a rate adjustment constituting an increase, the Licensee has the burden to establish by clear and objective evidence that it has or will incur specific and identifiable additional costs...”

Attached to this memo are the supporting documents provided by Riverbend Landfill.

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Based on the adjustments above, the current tip fee will change from \$36.40/ton to \$39.80/ton.

SWAC passed this recommendation with a vote of 4 in favor, 0 not in favor. Nick Godfrey of Waste Management abstained from voting on this recommendation during the SWAC meeting.

Thank you,

Ashley Watkins  
Solid Waste Coordinator

**Riverbend Landfill  
Yamhill County Rate Support (Section 5.2(b))  
For Rates Effective As of July 1, 2019**

Description of Cost Incurred	Notes	New Cost	Old Cost	Variance	Cost/Tons
Title V - Surface Penetration Monitoring	New regulation requires additional testing by Title V subpart XXX. This updated regulation for landfills requires increased monitoring and testing costs. Based on previously reoccurring invoices - Much of these costs are already in effect.	\$ 27,480.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 22,280.00	\$ 0.22
Landfill Mowing for Monitoring	In order to increase testing, the landfill requires mowing of landfill on a quarterly basis at \$9,000 per occurrence (costs are currently being accrued)	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 0.27
Yamhill County Property Taxes		\$ 389,984.00	\$ 332,227.00	\$ 57,757.00	\$ 0.58
Recycling Coordinator	Wages and benefit of coordinator (already hired). Coordinator interacts with public to ensure effective and safe recycling onsite.	\$ 51,308.48	\$ -	\$ 51,308.48	\$ 0.51
Z-Wall Attendant	Wages and benefit of attendant (already hired). Attendant maintains public drop area and transports materials to landfill to minimize safety concerns of public at the landfill working face.	\$ 76,720.80	\$ -	\$ 76,720.80	\$ 0.77
Recycling Processing Cost	Invoice charges from transporter and offsite processing	\$ 18,772.00	\$ -	\$ 18,772.00	\$ 0.19
Total Cost		\$ 600,265.28	\$ 346,427.00	\$ 253,838.28	\$ 2.54
CPI Adjustment Already Requested				2.30%	\$ (0.06)
Projected Base Tons		100,000.00			\$ 2.48 *

\* Amount request under Section 5.2(b)

Accepted by Yamhill County  
Board of Commissioners on  
7/25/19 by Board Order  
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