

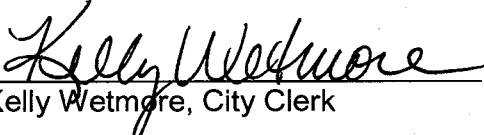
**CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On **TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014**, the Arroyo Grande City Council will conduct a public hearing at **6:00 P.M.** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS** at **215 E. BRANCH STREET** to consider the following item:

1. **PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE.** The City Council will consider rate increases for solid waste disposal services, which would become effective June 1, 2014. The proposed rate increases are necessary for South County Sanitary Service to continue providing safe, environmentally sound and reliable solid waste removal, transportation and disposal services for its customers. The rate increases requested are primarily due to increasing operational costs associated with providing this service, including, but not limited to increased costs associated with operation and fuel for vehicles, ongoing maintenance, increased labor costs, increased landfill rates, increased green waste fees, and increased costs associated with meeting more stringent State and Federal regulations. The Council may also discuss other hearings or business items before or after the items listed above.

If you challenge the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Failure of any person to receive the notice shall not constitute grounds for any court to invalidate the action of the legislative body for which the notice was given.

Information relating to the items above is available at Arroyo Grande City Hall located at 300 E. Branch Street, Arroyo Grande or by calling 805-473-5400. The City Council meeting will be televised live on Charter Cable Channel 20.


Kelly Wetmore, City Clerk

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**NOTICE MAILED TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS
PURSUANT TO PROPOSITION 218 IS ATTACHED**

**CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE**

Dear Property Owners and Tenants-Customers:

This notice is intended to inform you that the City of Arroyo Grande (“the City”) will hold a public hearing regarding solid waste disposal rate increases (the “Proposed Rate Increase”) proposed by South County Sanitary Service (“the Garbage Company”) for properties and customers receiving solid waste services within the City. The Proposed Rate Increase will be considered by the Arroyo Grande City Council at the date, time and location specified below. Consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218, this notice also provides you with the following information:

- Date, Time and Place of the Public Hearing
- Majority Protest Procedures
- Reason for the Proposed Rate Increase
- Basis Upon Which the Proposed Rate Increase is Calculated
- Proposed Rate Increase Amounts

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increases within the City limits will be held on:

Date: May 27, 2014

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Arroyo Grande City Council Chambers, 215 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, CA

At the Public Hearing, the Arroyo Grande City Council will consider all public comment in support and in opposition of the Proposed Rate Increase and whether or not a Majority Protest exists pursuant to the California Constitution (below). If approved, the Proposed Rate Increase would become effective June 1, 2014.

MAJORITY PROTEST PROCEDURES

Pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, the following persons may submit a written protest against the Proposed Rate Increase to the City Clerk before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

- An owner(s) of property (parcel(s)) receiving solid waste service within the city limits. 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 signing the protest is the owner of the parcel(s) receiving solid waste services; and
- A Tenant(s) whose name appears on the Garbage Company’s records as the customer of record for the corresponding parcel receiving solid waste service within the city limits (tenant-customer).

A valid written protest must contain a statement that you protest the increase in solid waste rates, the address OR 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 solid waste rate increase subject to the requirements of Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution. Written protests will not be accepted by e-mail or by facsimile. Although oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest, the Mayor and City Council welcome input from the community during the public hearing. To be counted, a protest must be received in writing by the City Clerk before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

Written protests regarding the solid waste rate increase may be mailed to:

**City of Arroyo Grande
Attn: City Clerk
300 East Branch Street
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420**

Written protests may also be personally delivered to the City Clerk at Arroyo Grande City Hall located at 300 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, California.

If valid written protests are presented by a majority of owners and/or tenants-customers of parcels receiving solid waste service within the city limits, then the City will not adjust/increase the solid waste disposal rates. Only one protest per parcel will be counted in determining whether or not a majority protest exists.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

The Proposed Rate Increases (amounting to an average increase of approximately 2.05% for each category of service) are necessary for the Garbage Company to continue to provide safe, environmentally sound and reliable solid waste removal, transportation and disposal services to the citizens of the City of Arroyo Grande. The increases requested by the Garbage Company 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, increased costs associated with operation and fuel for vehicles, ongoing maintenance, increased labor costs, increased landfill rates, increased green waste fees, and increased costs associated with meeting more stringent State and Federal regulations.

BASIS UPON WHICH THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE IS CALCULATED

The Proposed Rate Increases (2.05% for each category of service are based on the following cost increases incurred by the Garbage Company:

1. 1.09% of the Proposed Rate Increases are based on increased costs for fuel, vehicles, ongoing maintenance, and increased Garbage Company labor costs.
2. 0.96% of the Proposed Rate Increases are based on a \$2.25 per ton increase in the cost of landfill disposal.

A copy of the 2014 Interim Year Rate Adjustment Application, which provides additional information on the proposed rate increase is available at the City Clerk’s office located at 300 East Branch, Arroyo Grande, CA

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AMOUNTS

The following charts provide a summary of the current solid waste rates and the Proposed Rate Increases:

SOUTH COUNTY SANITARY SERVICE RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014 CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE				
Service Description	Pickups Per Week	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Rate Adjustment %	Proposed Monthly Rate Effective 6-1-2014
RESIDENTIAL:				

32 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$15.97	2.05%	\$16.30
64 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$20.75	2.05%	\$21.17
96 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$25.55	2.05%	\$26.07
TWO-64 Gallon Waste Wheelers	1	\$30.34	2.05%	\$30.96
ONE 64 & ONE 96 Gallon	1	\$35.15	2.05%	\$35.87
TWO-96 Gallon Waste Wheelers	1	\$39.94	2.05%	\$40.76
Garbage extras (per bag)		\$4.52	2.05%	\$4.61
Extended Vacation Service		\$12.95	2.05%	\$13.22

Residential customers must use the waste wheelers provided by the garbage company.

Notations in parenthesis () refer to information found at the end of this rate schedule, on page 4.

APARTMENTS, TRIPLEX, DUPLEX

Rates are the same as commercial rates (below).

COMMERCIAL DUMPSTERS - ALL AREAS:

1 yd dumpster	1	\$78.87	2.05%	\$80.49
1 yd dumpster	2	\$115.07	2.05%	\$117.43
1 yd dumpster	3	\$151.31	2.05%	\$154.41
1 yd dumpster	4	\$193.92	2.05%	\$197.90
1 yd dumpster	5	\$227.99	2.05%	\$232.66
1 yd dumpster	6	\$270.61	2.05%	\$276.16
1 yd dumpster	7	\$328.92	2.05%	\$335.66
1.5 yd dumpster	1	\$89.52	2.05%	\$91.36
1.5 yd dumpster	2	\$138.52	2.05%	\$141.36
1.5 yd dumpster	3	\$196.07	2.05%	\$200.09
1.5 yd dumpster	4	\$255.72	2.05%	\$260.96
1.5 yd dumpster	5	\$311.13	2.05%	\$317.51
1.5 yd dumpster	6	\$351.62	2.05%	\$358.83
1.5 yd dumpster	7	\$411.72	2.05%	\$420.16
2 yd dumpster	1	\$100.18	2.05%	\$102.23
2 yd dumpster	2	\$168.35	2.05%	\$171.80
2 yd dumpster	3	\$238.69	2.05%	\$243.58
2 yd dumpster	4	\$315.37	2.05%	\$321.84
2 yd dumpster	5	\$389.97	2.05%	\$397.96
2 yd dumpster	6	\$436.85	2.05%	\$445.81
2 yd dumpster	7	\$507.93	2.05%	\$518.34
3 yd dumpster	1	\$119.31	2.05%	\$121.76
3 yd dumpster	2	\$225.88	2.05%	\$230.51
3 yd dumpster	3	\$315.37	2.05%	\$321.84
3 yd dumpster	4	\$411.26	2.05%	\$419.69
3 yd dumpster	5	\$487.99	2.05%	\$497.99
3 yd dumpster	6	\$581.74	2.05%	\$593.67
3 yd dumpster	7	\$743.03	2.05%	\$758.26
COMMERCIAL DUMPSTERS - ALL AREAS (Con't):				
4 yd dumpster	1	\$149.18	2.05%	\$152.24
4 yd dumpster	2	\$264.23	2.05%	\$269.65
4 yd dumpster	3	\$379.29	2.05%	\$387.07
4 yd dumpster	4	\$487.99	2.05%	\$497.99

4 yd dumpster	5	\$603.06	2.05%	\$615.42
4 yd dumpster	6	\$716.01	2.05%	\$730.69
4 yd dumpster	7	\$911.85	2.05%	\$930.54
6 yd dumpster	1	\$223.77	2.05%	\$228.36
6 yd dumpster	2	\$396.35	2.05%	\$404.48
6 yd dumpster	3	\$568.94	2.05%	\$580.60
6 yd dumpster	4	\$731.99	2.05%	\$747.00
6 yd dumpster	5	\$904.59	2.05%	\$923.13
6 yd dumpster	6	\$1,074.02	2.05%	\$1,096.04
6 yd dumpster	7	\$1,367.78	2.05%	\$1,395.82
8 yd dumpster	1	\$298.35	2.05%	\$304.47
8 yd dumpster	2	\$528.47	2.05%	\$539.30
8 yd dumpster	3	\$758.58	2.05%	\$774.13
8 yd dumpster	4	\$975.98	2.05%	\$995.99
8 yd dumpster	5	\$1,206.12	2.05%	\$1,230.85
8 yd dumpster	6	\$1,432.02	2.05%	\$1,461.38
8 yd dumpster	7	\$1,823.71	2.05%	\$1,861.10

The rates shown above include the monthly container rental fee and a semi-annual dumpster cleaning.

The rates are the same for bins and garwoods, when volume is identical. Bins and garwoods are types of containers used for recycling.

COMMERCIAL GARBAGE CANS - ALL AREAS:

1 Can *	1	\$19.17	2.05%	\$19.56
2 Cans *	1	\$40.49	2.05%	\$41.32
3 Cans *	1	\$46.89	2.05%	\$47.85
4 Cans *	1	\$59.65	2.05%	\$60.87
Garbage extras (per bag)		\$4.52	2.05%	\$4.61
Garbage extras (per yard)		\$9.53	2.05%	\$9.73
Commercial Waste Wheeler rent		\$3.49	2.05%	\$3.56
Compactors (per yard)		\$12.83	2.05%	\$13.09

* Maximum volume and weight per garbage can : 33 gallons / 80 pounds

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES - ALL CUSTOMERS:

Overstacked Garbage & extra bags Minimum/unit	each	\$4.52	2.05%	\$4.61
Overstacked Greenwaste & extra bags Minimum/unit	each	\$2.26	2.05%	\$2.31
Overstacked Blue Bin & extra bags Minimum/unit	each	\$2.26	2.05%	\$2.31
In yard service (per can or commodity) IN ADDITION TO STANDARD GARBAGE RATES	per month	\$11.29	2.05%	\$11.52
Monthly charge for additional 96-gallon green waste service	per month	\$3.13	2.05%	\$3.19
Extended Vacation Service	per month	\$10.52	2.05%	\$10.74
Waste wheeler cleaning	each time	\$16.83	2.05%	\$17.18
Trip charge	each time	\$11.29	2.05%	\$11.52

Non-payment downsize service	each time	\$11.29	2.05%	\$11.52
Non-payment redeliver waste wheeler	each time	\$11.29	2.05%	\$11.52
Non-payment reconnect service	each time	\$27.13	2.05%	\$27.69
Small item pickup (TV, toilet)	each	\$26.48	2.05%	\$27.02
Appliance pickup-residential	each	\$37.33	2.05%	\$38.10
Larger than residential appliance or glass, glass doors, or plate glass		\$0.00		
		\$0.00		
Garbage extras on your scheduled pickup day	per yard	\$9.53	2.05%	\$9.73
Garbage extras -NOT ON YOUR SCHEDULED PICKUP DAY	per yard	\$26.30	2.05%	\$26.84
Commercial Waste Wheeler rent	per month	\$3.49	2.05%	\$3.56
Re-deliver bin on stopped acct	each time	\$32.38	2.05%	\$33.05
Large Compactors (> 4 yards)	per yard	\$14.15	3.90%	\$14.70
Small Compactors (4 yards & below)	assume 3 to 1 compaction			3 times garbage rate
Sunday Service (in additional to garbage service level)	per month	\$56.51	2.05%	\$57.67
Recycle bin rental	per month	\$6.28	2.05%	\$6.41
Stand by time	per hour	\$54.26	2.05%	\$55.37
Extra bin cleaning		\$50.50	2.05%	\$51.54
Damage/Destruction of bins or waste wheelers				
Short Term Dumpsters:				
Delivery & Pickup-Bin		\$32.38	2.05%	\$33.04
Delivery & Pickup-Waste Wheeler		\$11.29	2.05%	\$11.52
Rental	Per Day	\$2.39	2.05%	\$2.44
Empties	Per Yard	\$26.29	2.05%	\$26.83
				\$0.00
Mattress:				\$0.00
Twin	Each	\$12.22	2.05%	\$12.47
Double	Each	\$22.66	2.05%	\$23.13
Queen	Each	\$31.37	2.05%	\$32.02
King	Each	\$36.63	2.05%	\$37.38
Late Fee (8)	Per Month	\$5.00		\$5.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ALL CUSTOMERS:

Late Fees are imposed for residential customers over 30 days delinquent and commercial customers over 30 days 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.

Please recycle, its cheaper and it helps the Community achieve its AB939 goal to reduce waste.

Any additional recycling services are charged out at 50% of the garbage rate.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have questions about the Proposed Rate Increase, please contact Tom Martin at 489-4246.