

*Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 24-439**

Conduct a public hearing to adopt resolution to:

- a. Approve Amendment No. 16 to the Unified Franchise Agreement (Agreement No. A-11631) between the County of Monterey and Waste Management, Inc. dba USA Waste of California/Carmel Marina Corporation, for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in Unincorporated Monterey County in order to adjust collection rates as shown in Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” of Amendment No. 16 effective January 1, 2025, to implement a rate adjustment as required by contract for services provided by Waste Management, Inc. dba USA Waste of California/Carmel Marina Corporation; and )
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 16 to the Unified Franchise Agreement (Agreement No. A-11631) between the County of Monterey and Waste Management, Inc. dba USA and Waste of California/Carmel Marina Corporation, for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in Unincorporated Monterey County..... )

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Health Services seeks authorization for the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 16 to the Unified Franchise Agreement (UFA) (Agreement No. A-11631) between the County of Monterey and Waste Management, Inc. dba USA Waste of California/Carmel Marina Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2024, the Board (1) set a public hearing to consider and adopt a Resolution to approve Amendment No. 16 with [Proposed] Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” to Unified Franchise Agreement A-11631 (UFA) regarding proposed rates for services and adjustments to current rates for the UFA between the County of Monterey and Waste Management, Inc. dba USA Waste of California dba Carmel Marina Corp. (hereafter, “Waste Management” or “Contractor”), for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in Unincorporated Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, [Proposed] Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” consists of Waste Management proposed rates for services and adjustments to current rates based on the Refuse Rate Index (RRI) (price index provisions) of the UFA. [Proposed] Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” was published with the Board Report for the October 22, 2024, consent agenda (set hearing) item. Notice of Public Hearing with [Proposed] Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” was published in newspapers of general circulation on or before October 31, 2024, by the Environmental Health Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the County’s publication of the [Proposed] Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” for the October 22, 2024, consent agenda item, and publication of the Notice of Public Hearing with [Proposed] Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” in newspapers of general circulation, the Board Report for the November 12, 2024 Board hearing, which includes the basis for the proposed rates, was published on the County Health Department website to meet the minimum ten (10) day publication requirement in advance of the November 12, 2024 Public Hearing on the proposed rates; and

**WHEREAS**, this matter was considered at the November 12, 2024, public hearing of the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment No. 16 would amend the UFA at Article 13, Section 13.13 “Adjustments to Services and Rates, Surcharges, and Fees” to replace the service rates, surcharges, and fees set forth in Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges,” previously approved and adopted pursuant to Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 with the proposed new attachment to Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” to reflect a rate adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article 13.13 of the UFA, Contractor has submitted a request for rate adjustment that, based on calculations set forth in the UFA, justifies as across the board rate increase for solid waste and recyclables collection services for each of their customer categories:

- 6.47 % increase for the residential customers within the jurisdiction of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD)
- 6.32 % increase for the residential customers within the jurisdiction of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA)
- 6.47 % increase for the commercial customers within the jurisdiction of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD)
- 6.32 % increase for the commercial customers within the jurisdiction of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA); and

**WHEREAS**, Environmental Health Bureau staff has evaluated the Contractor’s request and believes it to be accurate and within compliance with the UFA; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2010, said UFA was awarded to the Contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 13 “Billing and Payment,” Subsection 13.13.2.1 provides that: on January 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the service rates, fees and surcharges set forth in Exhibit 1 shall be adjusted by multiplying them by the Refuse Rate Index (RRI) percentage adjustment”; and

**WHEREAS**, the current RRI computations take into consideration tipping fees approved by the MRWMD and SVSWA, which are a direct “pass through” to rate payers and also account for increases in the Contractor’s operating expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of said RRI increase is consistent with the terms of the UFA; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves Amendment No. 16 to the Unified Franchise Agreement (Agreement No. A-11631) between the County of Monterey and Waste Management, Inc. dba USA Waste of California/Carmel Marina Corporation, for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in Unincorporated Monterey County in order to adjust rates as shown in Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” of Amendment No. 16 effective January 1, 2025

to implement a rate adjustment as required by contract for services provided by Waste Management, Inc. dba USA Waste of California/Carmel Marina Corporation; and

2. Approves and authorizes the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 16 to the Unified Franchise Agreement (Agreement A-11631) between the County of Monterey and Waste Management, Inc. dba USA Waste of California/Carmel Marina Corporation, for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in Unincorporated Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Askew, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting November 12, 2024.

Dated: December 20, 2024

File ID: RES 24-181

Agenda Item No.: 23

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California



Vicente Ramirez, Deputy