



County of Monterey

Item No.23

Board Report

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- a. Set a public hearing for December 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to consider and adopt a Resolution to approve Amendment No. 1 with [Proposed] Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” to Unified Franchise Agreement regarding proposed rates for services and adjustments to current rates for the Unified Franchise Agreement (UFA) between the County of Monterey and USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Carmel Marina Corporation, for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in the Unincorporated area of the County of Monterey; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to the UFA between the County of Monterey and USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Carmel Marina Corporation., for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in the Unincorporated area of the County of Monterey.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Set a public hearing for December 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to consider and adopt a Resolution to approve Amendment No. 1 with [Proposed] Exhibit 1 “Approved Rates and Charges” to Unified Franchise Agreement regarding proposed rates for services and adjustments to current rates for the Unified Franchise Agreement (UFA) between the County of Monterey and USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Carmel Marina Corporation, for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in the Unincorporated area of the County of Monterey; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to the UFA between the County of Monterey and USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Carmel Marina Corporation., for the Exclusive Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in the Unincorporated area of the County of Monterey.

SUMMARY:

The Director of Health Services recommends that the Board of Supervisors set a public hearing for December 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to the terms of the Unified Franchise (hereafter, “UFA” or “Agreement”), the Director of Health will seek authorization to execute Amendment No. 1 to said UFA between the County of Monterey and USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Carmel Marina Corporation.

DISCUSSION:

[Proposed] Amendment No. 1 adjusts the rates of the Unified Franchise Agreement with USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Carmel Marina Corporation, effective January 1, 2026.

[Proposed] Amendment No. 1 is published with the Board Report for the November 18, 2025, consent agenda (set hearing) item. Notice of Public Hearing will be published in newspapers of general circulation on or before November 27, 2025, by the Environmental Health Bureau. In addition to the County's publication of the [Proposed] Amendment No. 1 for the November 18, 2025 consent agenda item, and publication of the Notice of Public Hearing in newspapers of general circulation, this Board report, which includes the basis for the proposed provisions, will be published on the County Health Department website which meets the minimum ten (10) day publication requirement in advance of the Public Hearing on the proposed Amendment No. 1.

The Director of Health seeks authorization to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Unified Franchise Agreement (UFA) between the County of Monterey and USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Carmel Marina Corporation.

Proposed rate increases for January 1, 2026, are as follows:

- 5.03 % increase for the residential customers within the jurisdiction of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD);
- 6.05 % increase for the residential customers within the jurisdiction of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA);
- 5.03% increase for the commercial customers within the jurisdiction of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD);
- 6.05 % increase for the commercial customers within the jurisdiction of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA).

In accordance with article 11.12, Adjustments to Service Rates, Surcharges and Fees of said UFA, the Director of Health requests adoption of a resolution to approve Amendment No. 1 to amend said UFA. Proposed Amendment No. 1 would amend Exhibit 1 to modify the rate adjustment effective January 1, 2026.

Consistent with essential public health service item 6) and pursuant to Title 10 - Health and Safety, Chapter 10.41 - Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, MCC Section 10.41.030 - Mandatory Collection. Subsection A. provides that, "...All solid waste shall be collected from every occupied residence, apartment, or business...at least once a week."

Further, MCC Section 10.41.030. Subsection B. Payment. provides that collection rates shall be established by the Board, as follows:

Residents... and owners of commercial and industrial businesses or the property owners of the property within the designated residential areas or the property on which such businesses are located shall pay the rates established by the Board.

While this work is not directly in support of a Health Department strategic goal, it is in support of one or more of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 6) Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The Office of the County Counsel-Risk Management has reviewed and approved this Amendment No. 1 as to form.

FINANCING:

There is no General Fund Contribution resulting from this Board action. USA Waste of California, Inc., doing business as Carmel Marina Corporation will continue to remit franchise fees, calculated at ten percent (10%) of collected revenue, to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This recommendation supports the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan Goals by advancing the goal of Safe and Resilient Communities through the continued implementation of essential public health and sanitation services. By adjusting service rates in accordance with the Unified Franchise Agreement and ensuring compliance with MCC Section 10.41.030, the County maintains stable, mandatory solid waste collection services that protect public health, prevent illegal dumping, and support environmental stewardship. The action aligns with Key Objectives to deliver reliable infrastructure and enhance the long-term sustainability of essential services.

Reference: Monterey County Code Title 10 - Health and Safety, Chapter 10.41 - Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Sections 10.41.030(A) and (B); Unified Franchise Agreement, Article 11.12. Adjustments to Service Rates.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals:

- ☐ Well-Being and Quality of Life
- ☐ Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- ☒ Safe and Resilient Communities
- ☐ Diverse and Thriving Economy

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Attachments:

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[Proposed] Amendment No. 1

Exhibit 1 - Approved Rates and Charges

Agreement