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FACT SHEET

Proposed Cost of Living Increase to Landfill Tipping Fee Effective January 1, 2009

The proposed rate increase will raise landfill refuse tipping fees from \$45 per ton to \$46.25 per ton and the greenwaste tipping fees from \$22 per ton to \$22.50 per ton on January 1, 2009. The \$1.25 refuse and \$0.50 greenwaste per ton increases represent a 2.9% increase of the Consumer Price Index for the last 12 months. The following information is provided as background regarding the 2.9% increase.

1. District revenues have decreased due to less tonnage being received at the site. Refuse tonnage has decreased 11% from last year and 17% from 2005.
2. District expenditures have increased due primarily to:
 - a. Increased fuel costs for District operations.
 - b. Increased costs for necessary equipment and maintenance of equipment.
 - c. Increased labor costs to process and recycle waste.
3. District has worked to enhance revenues by bringing in outside waste, and to reduce expenditures by instituting a hiring freeze, reducing operational costs, deferring capital outlay for equipment and maintenance of facilities, and has reviewed all District operations to reduce costs and to improve revenues. All District operations, which include the Last Chance Mercantile, the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, the Materials Recovery Facility, the Landfill Gas to Renewable Energy Facility, the District Maintenance Facility and the Landfill, have contributed to reduce expenditures.
4. District is considering a cost of living adjustment in tipping fees of 2.9% to partially offset reduced revenues and increased costs. It is estimated that the increase in tipping fees will cost the average residential customer approximately \$0.25 per month.
5. District provides solid waste services for the western portion of Monterey County and the District assists member agencies in meeting AB 939 recycling requirements.
6. District is committed to continuing efforts to trim expenses and enhance revenue wherever possible.

Any questions regarding this proposed rate increase or the information contained in this fact sheet should be directed to:

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Comments may also be presented at the public hearing scheduled on Friday, June 20, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the District's administrative office, 14201 Del Monte Blvd, Marina, CA

