

Date: December 14, 2023

To: Board of Directors

From: David Aranda, Interim General Manager

Subject: Approve a CPI Rate Increase from Bay View Refuse & Recycling of 3.4% Effective January

1, 2024

# **Recommendation**

Approve the 3.4% CPI increase for Bay View Refuse to charge Kensington solid waste users effective January 2024.

# **Background**

As noted in the public hearing the contract between Bay View Refuse and Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District allows for an annual CPI increase. Also, as noted in the public hearing there were ZERO written protests regarding the CPI increase.

# **Exhibits**

- Bay View Refuse & Recycling Letter Regarding Proposed Rate Increased Effective January 1, 2024
- Exhibit B Rate Adjustment Methodology
- KPPCSD Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Adjustments/Increased to Solid Waste Rates



September 30, 2023

Mr. David Aranda, General Manager Kensington Community Services District 10940 San Pablo Ave, Bldg. B El Cerrito, CA 94530

**Subject:** Kensington proposed rate increase effective January 1, 2024, according to Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculation of new rates.

Dear Mr. Aranda,

According to the franchise agreement with the District, Exhibit B, Rate Adjustment Methodology, rates shall be adjusted annually according to the Annual Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

We have attached Table 4. CPI-U (All Urban Consumers) for the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA all Items Index change from August 2022 to August 2023, showing a 3.4% percentage change over the past year.

Please see attached a schedule with the current 2023 rates along with the projected rates effective January 1, 2024.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Bay View Refuse and Recycling Service,

Gregor Christie, President

Residential:	<b>Current Rates</b>	Rates effective January 1, 2024
1-32 gallon can Once a week service	\$57.82	\$59.78
2-32 gallons cans Once a week service	\$115.54	\$119.46
3–32-gallon cans Once a week service	\$173.32	\$179.21
1-20 gallon can (mini) Once a week service	\$53.82	\$55.78
1-45 gallon can Once a week service	\$123.40	\$127.59
Commercial:		
1 cubic yard-wet	\$63.60	\$65.75
1 cubic yard-dry	\$61.57	\$63.65
1-32 gallon can Once a week service	\$59.90	\$61.93

**Please note** under Exhibit B, "Rate Adjustment Methodology" the rate for the 20-gallon can is \$4.00 less than the 32-gallon rate.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index, August 2023

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

	Pricing	Percent ch	ange to Aug.	7	Percent change to Jul. 2023 from		
Area	Schedule <sup>1</sup>	Aug. 2022	Jun. 2023	Jul. 2023	Jul. 2022	May 2023	Jun 202
.S. city average	М	3.7	0.6	0.4	3.2	0.5	0.2
Region and area size <sup>2</sup>							
Northeast	м	2.8	0.7	0.5	2.6	0.5	0.2
Northeast - Size Class A	М	3.6	0.9	0.6	3.2	0.6	0.3
Northeast - Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup>	1	1.8	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.4	0.1
New England⁴	1	2.3	0.3	0.4	2.1	0.2	-0.1
Middle Atlantic4		3.0	8.0	0.5	2.8	0.7	0.8
Midwest	М	3.4	0.5	0.2	2.9	0.7	0.3
Midwest - Size Class A.	1	2.9	0.4	-0.3	3.2	1.1	0.7
Midwest - Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup>	1	3.6	0.5	0.5	2.8	0.5	0.1
East North Central <sup>4</sup>	i	3.3	0.2	-0.1	3.1	0.6	0.9
West North Central <sup>4</sup>	1	3.5	1.1	0.8	2.5	1.0	0.8
South		4.1	0.7	0.6	3.4	0.5	0.2
South - Size Class A.	1	4.3	0.7	0.6	3.4	0.5	0.2
South - Size Class A.  South - Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup>	1	4.0	0.7	0.6	3.7	0.5	0.1
South Atlantic <sup>4</sup>	1	4.5	0.7	0.6	3.8	0.3	0.2
East South Central <sup>4</sup>		4.5	0.6	0.4	3.6	0.7	0.2
West South Central <sup>4</sup>	1	3.2	0.8	0.6	2.5	0.5	0.2
West	M	3.9	0.6	0.4	3.5	0.4	0.1
West - Size Class A	1	4.1	0.5	0.4	3.4	0.4	0.0
West - Size Class B/C <sup>3</sup>	1	3.7	0.6	0.3	3. <del>4</del> 3.5	0.4	0.0
Mountain⁴	1	3.6	0.5	0.3	3.5	0.3	0.2
Pacific <sup>4</sup>		4.0	0.6	0.5	3.5	0.1	0.2
Size classes	100	7.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.
Size Class A <sup>5</sup>	1	3.8 3.6	0.6 0.6	0.4 0.5	3.4 3.0	0.5 0.5	0.2 0.2
Selected local areas							
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA		2.3 3.3	0.1 0.6	0.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	1	3.5 3.5	1.0	0.7 0.6	2.7 3.2	0.4 0.8	0.0 0.4
	1			0.0	3.2	0.0	0.2
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA		4.4	1.1				
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD <sup>6</sup>	1	3.1	0.5				
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	1	5.9	0.6				
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX		2.7	1.0				
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	1	7.8	1.2				
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	1	3.9	0.8				
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ <sup>7</sup>		3.7	0.1				
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA.	1	3.4	0.0				
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WASt. Louis, MO-IL		5.4	0.8				
Urban Alaska		3.1 2.0	0.2 1.3				
		2.0	1.0				
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH.					2.8	-0.1	
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX					4.0	0.3	
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO					4.7	1.3	
Minneapolis-St.Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	1				1.0	0.4	
Diverside Con Demonstra Octavia Co4	11				3.4	0.6	
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA <sup>4</sup>					A -		
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	1				4.3	0.3	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Foods, fuels, and several other items are priced every month in all areas. Most other goods and services are priced as indicated: M - Every month. 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November. 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions.

# EXHIBIT B RATE ADJUSTMENT METHODOLOGY

#### General

Subject to the terms herein, the Contractor shall be entitled to an annual adjustment of all Rates. Contractor shall submit its calculation of a Rate adjustment to the District General Manager on or before October 1 of each year. Contractor's Rate calculations shall include a proposed new Rate schedule, all supporting calculations, and any other documentation or evidence determined by the District General Manager to be reasonably necessary to ensure that the calculation of Rate adjustments has been performed in strict conformance to the requirements of this Exhibit B.

The District General Manager shall make a good faith effort to approve Rates by November 1 of each year, and such Rates shall be effective on each subsequent January 1. If Rates are not effective by January 1 due to a delay caused solely by the District, District shall allow Contractor to retroactively bill Customers for the amount of the Rate increase for any period of said delay that is solely caused by the District. If Rates are not effective by January 1 as a result of Contractor's delay in submitting the Rate calculations in a complete and accurate form, then prior Rates remain in effect until such adjustment is made.

# **Index Rate Adjustment**

The index Rate adjustment methodology involves adjusting then-current Rates by the CPI to determine the Rates for the coming calendar year. The intent of performing the index-based adjustment is to allow Contractor's Compensation to be adjusted annually throughout the Term of this Agreement using a simple mathematical formula based on a readily available price index, rather than conducting the rate adjustments through review of actual changes in Contractor's costs for providing service.

If the CPI is discontinued or revised during the Term by the BLS, such other government index or computation with which it is replaced shall be used in order to obtain substantially the same result as would be obtained if said index had not been discontinued or revised.

### **Calculation Method**

Contractor shall calculate the adjustment to its Rates using the following methodology:

Step 1: Determine the Annual Percentage Change in the CPI. The Annual Percentage Change means the percentage change in the CPI for August over the prior year as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. As of the Effective Date, the percentage change in CPI shall be obtained from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics "Table 16. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service-group" for San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA. An example of this table is provided herein. The Annual Percentage Change shall be rounded to the nearest tenth percent (0.1%).

# **EXHIBIT B** RATE ADJUSTMENT METHODOLOGY

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Al terms Al terms (1957=100) <sup>2</sup>	253.354 778.890	3.0	0.0	247.185 753.515	1.8	-0.2
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Other goods and services	427.337	2.5	1	395.334	-1.8	1.9
Commodity and service group						
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# EXHIBIT B RATE ADJUSTMENT METHODOLOGY

Step 2: Specify the Rate Adjustment Factor, which shall equal:

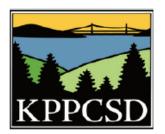
- 1. The Annual Percentage Change in CPI (determined in Step 1) if the Annual Percentage Change is equal to or greater than 3.0% and equal to or less than 5.0%; or
- 2. 3.0% if the Annual Percentage Change in CPI is less than 3.0%; or,
- 3. 5.0% if the Annual Percentage Change in CPI is greater than 5.0%.

**Step 3:** Calculate the adjusted value for each Rate charged under this Agreement, rounded to the nearest cent, as follows:

Adjusted Rate = Then-current Rate x (1 + Rate Adjustment Factor) with the exception that the 20-gallon Rate shall equal the adjusted monthly 32-gallon Rate less \$4.00

For example, assuming:

- 1. Then-current Rate for a 32-gallon can = \$40.00
- 2. Rate Adjustment Factor = Annual Percentage Change in CPI = 3.54%
- 3. Adjusted Rate for a 32-gallon can =  $$40.00 \times (1 + 0.0354) = $41.42$



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AUTOMATIC INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS AND INCREASES TO THE KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT SOLID WASTE RATES

The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District ("District") invites the public to attend a public hearing to be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at

6:00 p.m. to consider adoption of automatic inflation adjustments based upon increases in the consumer price index ("CPI Passthrough Rates") to the District's solid waste rates. The public hearing is currently scheduled to be held in the Kensington Community Center located at 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.

The CPI Passthrough Rates will be applied to the then current rates charged by the District's solid waste franchisee, Bay View Refuse and Recycling Services, Inc. ("Contractor"), for the collection of solid waste, organics, and recyclable materials within the District. If adopted, the current rates will be adjusted according to the change in the consumer price index (identified below) each year, subject to other parameters provided below, for the following five-year period. The CPI Passthrough Rates will go into effect for services provided on and after January 1, 2024, with increases scheduled for each January 1 thereafter through and including January 1, 2028

Members of the public may also attend the public hearing remotely via Zoom. The information required to access the meeting remotely will be made available prior to the date of the meeting. You may also visit the District's website at the following link for instructions on how to join the District's online meeting: <a href="https://www.kppcsd.org/kppcsd-board">www.kppcsd.org/kppcsd-board</a>

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider all oral testimony and written protests to, and the adoption of, the proposed CPI Passthrough Rates for solid waste service. If adopted, the new rates will go into effect for services provided on and after January 1, 2024.

This Notice is being mailed to the District's property owners who receive solid waste, recycling, and organics collection service, as well as any tenants that are directly liable for payment of these rates. This Notice describes the reasons for the CPI Passthrough Rate increases and adjustments and the protest procedure that is available to property owners and tenants.

Pursuant to California Government Code section 53756, an agency providing refuse collection services may adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that passthrough adjustments for inflation. Notice of such inflation adjustments in subsequent years shall be in writing only at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the adjustment to each customer of record. There is no requirement that the agency hold subsequent public hearings in subsequent years.

The proposed CPI Passthrough Rate increases and adjustments are based on the terms of the District's Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Organic Materials Collection Services between the District and Contractor (the "Franchise Agreement"). However, the amount of the CPI Passthrough Rate is limited to the proportional cost to the District and Contractor in providing these services to each property it serves. A copy of documents associated with the Franchise Agreement and past CPI Passthrough Rates is available online at <a href="https://www.kppcsd.org/waste-management">https://www.kppcsd.org/waste-management</a> and the Franchise Agreement is on file with the District Clerk of the Board ("District Clerk").

## **Solid Waste Services Overview**

The District has the responsibility and the authority to provide solid waste handling services to District residents and businesses. The District entered into a Franchise Agreement on October 23, 2014 and the Board of Directors

of the District ("District Board") has approved an amendment to extend the termination date of the Franchise Agreement through August 31, 2026.

On December 19, 2016 the State of California enacted Senate Bill 1383 ("SB 1383") establishing regulatory requirements for jurisdictions, generators, haulers, solid waste facilities, and other entities to support achievement of state-wide organic waste disposal reduction targets. Among other things, SB 1383 requires public agencies that provide solid waste collection services to implement collection programs, meet processing facility requirements, conduct contamination monitoring, provide education, maintain records, submit reports, monitor compliance, conduct enforcement, and fulfill other requirements. The District, through the Franchise Agreement has delegated some of its solid waste collection responsibilities to the Contractor, acting as the District's designee.

Residential trash, recyclables, and organics (including green waste) are picked up weekly. Contractor offers backyard service for trash and curbside pickup for recyclables and green waste. In addition, Contractor will recycle natural Christmas trees during any green waste pickup (no flocking or non-organic materials such as tinsel) and will have an annual general cleanup in September in which residents can leave up to 1½ cubic yards of trash (about 11-12 large black plastic bags).

Commercial customers' services include trash, recyclables, and organics (including green waste) picked up weekly. Rates are determined on the basis of the type of service, frequency of collection, and size of container, as further described below.

# Reasons for the CPI Passthrough Rate Adjustments

Rate increases and adjustments are needed primarily for the following reasons:

- 1. Covering the projected costs for franchise services and fees. The Franchise Agreement provides for annual inflationary increases and involves adjusting the then-current solid waste rates by the calculated increase in CPI to determine the rates for the following year. The purpose of this adjustment is to allow the Contractor's rates to adjust annually to keep pace with the costs of providing the solid waste services. The use of an annual CPI adjustment is beneficial and allows agencies to keep pace with the costs of providing services between the years in which an independent rate consultant is hired to conduct a cost of service study and report.
- 2. Covering the projected costs for implementing Senate Bill 1383 Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in California. SB 1383 passed as part of California's larger strategy to combat climate change. The law was designed to reduce global warming super pollutants like methane, which is up to 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Landfills are one of the largest producers of methane in the state. When organic material breaks down in the landfill methane is generated. There will be a move away from landfilling organic waste (like food, paper, and yard waste). The District is partnering with Contractor to implement the SB 1383 requirements. Part of the CPI Passthrough Rates is required for the ongoing costs of compliance monitoring and reporting services for elimination of food waste in solid waste collection.

# The Basis for Calculating the Proposed CPI Passthrough Rates

The CPI Passthrough Rates are determined each year by the annual percentage change in the CPI for August over the prior year as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics "Table 16. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service-group" for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA.

The actual CPI Passthrough Rate to be used for each year's adjustment is the greater of three percent (3%) or the calculated change in CPI, subject to a maximum five percent (5%) cap per year. This means that if the CPI

calculation is less than 3%, then 3% will be used. If the CPI calculation is greater than 3% then the CPI calculated rate will be used up to a maximum of 5% for any given year.

Finally, the percentage rate determined above is then multiplied to the current year's rate to create the adjusted rate effective January 1 of the following year. In the event the index used for the calculation is discontinued or is otherwise not available, the District will use another similar index to complete the annual CPI Passthrough Rate calculations.

The District has determined that the proposed total solid waste rates set forth in the following tables does not exceed the estimated reasonable proportional cost of providing service to each parcel at each level of service. The following rates are monthly service rates.

Service Type		Rates Effective
(provided once per week)	Current Rates	January 1, 2024
Residential Service		
1 - 32 Gallon Can	\$57.82	\$59.78
2 - 32 Gallon Cans	\$115.54	\$119.46
3 - 32 Gallon Cans	\$173.32	\$179.21
1 - 20 Gallon Can (mini)	\$53.82	\$55.78
1 - 45 Gallon Can	\$123.40	\$127.59
Commerical Service		
1 Cubic Yard – Wet	\$63.60	\$65.75
2 Cubic Yard – Wet	\$127.20	\$131.50
1 Cubic Yard – Dry	\$61.57	\$63.65
2 Cubic Yard – Dry	\$123.14	\$127.30
1 - 32 Gallon Cart	\$59.90	\$61.93
1 - 45 Gallon Cart	\$78.00	\$80.65
1 - 65 Gallon Cart	\$119.80	\$123.86
1 - 95 Gallon Cart	\$179.90	\$185.79

Commercial Service Monthly Rates per Pick-Up per Container					
Number of Weekly Pick-	Rates Effecti				
Ups/Container	Current Rate	January 1, 2024			
1 Cubic Yard – Wet					
1 Pick-Up	\$275.60	\$284.91			
2 Pick-Ups	\$551.20	\$569.82			
3 Pick-Ups	\$826.80	\$854.73			
4 Pick-Ups	\$1,102.40	\$1,139.64			
5 Pick-Ups	\$1,378.00	\$1,424.55			
1 Cubic Yard – Dry					
1 Pick-Up	\$266.80	\$275.81			
2 Pick-Ups	\$533.60	\$551.62			
3 Pick-Ups	\$800.40	\$827.43			
4 Pick-Ups	\$1,067.20	\$1,103.24			
5 Pick-Ups	\$1,334.00	\$1,379.05			
2 Cubic Yard – Wet					

1 Pick-Up	\$551.20	\$569.82
2 Pick-Ups	\$1,102.40	\$1,139.64
3 Pick-Ups	\$1,653.60	\$1,709.50
4 Pick-Ups	\$2,204.80	\$2,279.33
5 Pick-Ups	\$2,756.00	\$2,849.10
2 Cubic Yard – Dry		
1 Pick-Up	\$533.60	\$551.63
2 Pick-Ups	\$1,067.20	\$1,103.26
3 Pick-Ups	\$1,600.80	\$1,654.89
4 Pick-Ups	\$2,134.40	\$2,206.52
5 Pick-Ups	\$2,668.00	\$2,758.15
1 - 32 Gallon Cart		
1 Pick-Up	\$59.90	\$61.93
2 Pick-Ups	\$119.80	\$123.86
3 Pick-Ups	\$179.70	\$185.79
4 Pick-Ups	\$239.60	\$247.72
5 Pick-Ups	\$299.50	\$309.65
1 - 45 Gallon Cart		
1 Pick-Up	\$78.00	\$80.65
2 Pick-Ups	\$156.00	\$161.30
3 Pick-Ups	\$234.00	\$241.95
4 Pick-Ups	\$312.00	\$322.60
5 Pick-Ups	\$390.00	\$403.25
1 - 65 Gallon Cart		
1 Pick-Up	\$119.80	\$123.86
2 Pick-Ups	\$239.60	\$247.72
3 Pick-Ups	\$359.40	\$371.58
4 Pick-Ups	\$479.20	\$495.44
5 Pick-Ups	\$599.00	\$619.30
1 - 95 Gallon Cart		
1 Pick-Up	\$179.70	\$185.79
2 Pick-Ups	\$359.40	\$371.58
3 Pick-Ups	\$539.10	\$557.37
4 Pick-Ups	\$718.80	\$743.16
5 Pick-Ups	\$898.50	\$928.95

## PUBLIC HEARING AND PROTESTS

Any record owner of a parcel upon which the solid waste rates are proposed to be imposed and any tenant directly liable for the payment of solid waste rates (i.e., a customer of record who is not a property owner) may submit a written protest to the proposed CPI Passthrough Rate adjustments; however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. All written protest must include: (1) statement the identified property owner or tenant is opposed to the proposed CPI Passthrough Rate adjustments and increases; (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by street address, assessor's parcel number, or customer account number); and (3) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest. Written protests may be submitted to the District Clerk by mail or in person at 10940 San Pablo Ave, Bldg. B, El Cerrito, CA 94530 or in person during the public hearing (date, time, and location noted above). The District Clerk must receive written protests delivered by mail no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date of the public hearing, or if delivered in person, prior to the close of the public comment

portion of the public hearing. Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted as a valid written protest. Please indicate on the outside of any envelope mailed to the District "Attn: Rate Hearing."

The District Board will accept and consider all written protests and will hear and consider all oral comments to the proposed CPI Passthrough Rate adjustments and increases at the public hearing. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the public hearing, the District Board will consider adoption of the proposed CPI Passthrough Rate increases as described in this notice. If written protests against the proposed CPI Passthrough Rates are not presented by a majority of the property owners or tenants of the identified parcels subject to the solid waste rates, the District Board will be authorized to adopt the CPI Passthrough Rate increases.

The documents supporting the proposed CPI Passthrough Rate adjustments and increases are available for review online at <a href="https://www.kppcsd.org/kppcsd-board">www.kppcsd.org/kppcsd-board</a> and at the District Office at 10940 San Pablo Ave, Bldg. B, El Cerrito, CA 94530, Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.