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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 28, 2013

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Martin Haverty, Director

Subject: **Resolution 13-___, Authorize a \$17.00 per ton decrease to the Solid Waste rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for commercial haulers disposing of over 2,500 tons of refuse at the Western Regional Landfill, effective August 9, 2013.**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 13-___ authorizing a \$17.00 per ton decrease to the Solid Waste rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for commercial haulers disposing of over 2,500 tons of refuse at the Western Regional Landfill, effective August 9, 2013.

Background (Brief): The proposed action is intended to encourage commercial haulers to dispose of garbage at the WRL, thereby reversing declining tonnage volumes and increasing overall revenues for the Solid Waste System. The additional tons sought through this initiative will be processed at a much lower cost at the Western Regional Landfill when compared to the Urban Transfer Stations. The decreased rate (more competitive) at the Western Regional Landfill will increase tonnage volume and net revenue to the Solid Waste System. The Rate Review and Advisory Board met and unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the costs to dispose of refuse for commercial haulers at the Western Regional Landfill be decreased by \$17.00 per ton to a final rate of \$35.00 per ton.

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up: The approved item will be presented to the public for a 30 day public notice period. In addition to formal public notice, nearby commercial customers will be contacted and informed of the upcoming changes and benefits to their organizations. At the end of those 30 days: August 9, 2013 the fee change will take effect.

Impact of Not Approving: The department along with the Rate Review Advisory Board will seek other methods to increase tonnage volumes while increasing revenue.