



# Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal

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County of El Dorado, Environment Management Department  
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Placerville, CA 95667  
ATTN: Jeffrey Warren, REHS Director

Subject: Solid Waste Services Agreement – 2026-27 Rate Request under recent authorization for Residential Mandatory Service

Dear Jeffrey:

TTSD respectfully requests approval of the attached trash collection rates, effective July 1, 2026, to coincide with the implementation of residential mandatory service in the service area. Mandatory service was initially authorized by the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2026, and is scheduled for final approval through a second public reading on May 19, 2026. Individual residential property owners have been mailed notices by TTSD, prepared by County Staff in accordance with Proposition 218 guidelines, in advance of the rate approval public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

The proposed rate for single-can weekly residential service, which represents the base level of residential service satisfying the mandatory service requirement, will decrease by 6.09%, from \$38.44 per month to \$36.10 per month, effective July 1, 2026. Residential subscription service will also include the availability of customer-scheduled twice-annual curbside collection of residential bulky items, subject to reasonable size and weight limits, along with certain enhancements to green waste defensible space services available to residential customers.

The remaining proposed trash collection rates, including supplemental residential services such as additional can service and overage charges, as well as commercial service levels, are proposed to increase by 6% from existing rates, effective July 1, 2026. This adjustment has been limited to the maximum annual adjuster allowed under the prevailing contract terms and is less than 85% of the increase in the contractual CPI since the last approved rate request.

For reference, TTSD submitted a rate pass, with no rate adjustment, for the 2025-2026 operating year in order to allow time for rate determination pending completion of the public process for implementing mandatory service in the area. Since the previous rate adjustment, the contractual CPI has increased by 9.31%. During the same time, disposal costs, which carry a smaller weighting factor on the rate calculation, have increased by more than 8%. The weighted impact of these two factors combined has been capped at 6%, in determining the adjustment for non-mandatory services. The decrease to the rate for the base level of residential service under

mandatory service reflects fixed costs of servicing routes in the area spread across a larger subscriber base, while the 6% inflationary increase for additional trash services is intended to charge individual users for additional usage.

Under the current contract terms, the next base-year rate-setting methodology, which occurs once every three years, is scheduled for the 2027-2028 operating year. TTSD currently plans to submit a base-year rate-setting application by November 30, 2026, reflecting as much actual cost history under the mandatory service requirement as will be available at that time, approximately one-half year. Alternatively, at the County's discretion, TTSD would be open to applying the interim-year index-based rate-setting methodology for the 2027-2028 operating year and deferring the base-year rate-setting methodology until the 2028-2029 operating year. This approach would allow at least one full year of actual cost history under mandatory service to be available, which may more fully and accurately support the cost-based rate analysis at that time. Additionally, TTSD stands ready to work with the County to make amendments and modifications to the current Franchise Agreement, necessary to accommodate changes driven by the change to mandatory service in the area.

Thank you for the County's support and effort in transitioning the area to mandatory service, bringing the service area into greater consistency with other communities in the Tahoe Basin and enabling TTSD to better serve the area. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and look forward to continuing to work with the County in support of the local community.

Sincerely,



Mary Collins  
President

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Attachment: proposed 26-27 schedule of trash collection services and rates