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April 10, 2009

Jeff Tillman  
President, South Tahoe Refuse Co., Inc.  
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2140 Ruth Avenue  
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**Subject: Common Solid Waste Rate Setting Methodology**

Dear Mr. Tillman:

The Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado recently held a workshop to discuss future countywide solid waste management planning. This discussion focused on several aspects of solid waste planning including; waste management facilities, program enhancements, landfills, and the development of a common rate setting methodology.

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In order to establish a common rate setting methodology, baseline audits will need to be conducted on each franchisee. It is estimated that the total cost of this project for Sierra Disposal Service will be approximately \$25,650. This allocation is based upon the estimated number of residential accounts. The County is seeking your input regarding your willingness to participate in the funding of this effort, and if you do choose to participate, please identify the potential impacts associated with this project.

I hope you will see the mutual benefit to both Sierra Disposal Service and the rate payer that will be realized by the successful completion of a common rate setting methodology for El Dorado County. Please let us know if you are willing to participate in the funding of the rate setting methodology in writing by April 24, 2009. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further please contact me directly at 530-621-6653, or Kerri Williams at 530-621-5309.

Sincerely,

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In order to establish a common rate setting methodology, baseline audits will need to be conducted on each franchisee. It is estimated that the total cost of this project for South Tahoe Refuse will be approximately \$32,705. This allocation is based upon the estimated number of residential accounts. The County is seeking your input regarding your willingness to participate in the funding of this effort, and if you do choose to participate, please identify the potential impacts associated with this project.

I hope you will see the mutual benefit to both South Tahoe Refuse and the rate payer that will be realized by the successful completion of a common rate setting methodology for El Dorado County. Please let us know if you are willing to participate in the funding of the rate setting methodology in writing by April 24, 2009. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further please contact me directly at 530-621-6653, or Kerri Williams at 530-621-5309.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerri Silva".

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In order to establish a common rate setting methodology, baseline audits will need to be conducted on each franchisee. It is estimated that the total cost of this project for American River Disposal Service will be approximately \$1,161. This allocation is based upon the estimated number of residential accounts. The County is seeking your input regarding your willingness to participate in the funding of this effort, and if you do choose to participate, please identify the potential impacts associated with this project.

I hope you will see the mutual benefit to both American River Disposal Service and the rate payer that will be realized by the successful completion of a common rate setting methodology for El Dorado County. Please let us know if you are willing to participate in the funding of the rate setting methodology in writing by April 24, 2009. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further please contact me directly at 530-621-6653, or Kerri Williams at 530-621-5309.

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Susan Farris  
District Manager  
Amador Disposal Service  
6500 Buena Vista Road  
Ione, CA 95640

**Subject: Common Solid Waste Rate Setting Methodology**

Dear Ms. Farris:

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In order to establish a common rate setting methodology, baseline audits will need to be conducted on each franchisee. It is estimated that the total cost of this project for Amador Disposal will be approximately \$11,034. This allocation is based upon the estimated number of residential accounts. The County is seeking your input regarding your willingness to participate in the funding of this effort, and if you do choose to participate, please identify the potential impacts associated with this project.

I hope you will see the mutual benefit to both Amador Disposal and the rate payer that will be realized by the successful completion of a common rate setting methodology for El Dorado County. Please let us know if you are willing to participate in the funding of the rate setting methodology in writing by April 24, 2009. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further please contact me directly at 530-621-6653, or Kerri Williams at 530-621-5309.

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El Dorado Disposal Service  
P.O. Box 1270  
Diamond Springs, CA 95619

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In order to establish a common rate setting methodology, baseline audits will need to be conducted on each franchisee. It is estimated that the total cost of this project for El Dorado Disposal will be approximately \$75,233 and \$24,991 for the Western El Dorado Recovery Systems. This allocation is based upon the estimated number of residential accounts. The County is seeking your input regarding your willingness to participate in the funding of this effort, and if you do choose to participate, please identify the potential impacts associated with this project.

I hope you will see the mutual benefit to El Dorado Disposal, Western El Dorado Recovery Systems and the rate payer that will be realized by the successful completion of a common rate setting methodology for El Dorado County. Please let us know if you are willing to participate in the funding of the rate setting methodology in writing by April 24, 2009. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further please contact me directly at 530-621-6653, or Kerri Williams at 530-621-5309.

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Jeff Collins  
Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 6479  
Tahoe City, CA 96145

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Dear Mr. Collins:

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In order to establish a common rate setting methodology, baseline audits will need to be conducted on each franchisee. It is estimated that the total cost of this project for Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal will be approximately \$4,166. This allocation is based upon the estimated number of residential accounts. The County is seeking your input regarding your willingness to participate in the funding of this effort, and if you do choose to participate, please identify the potential impacts associated with this project.

I hope you will see the mutual benefit to both Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal and the rate payer that will be realized by the successful completion of a common rate setting methodology for El Dorado County. Please let us know if you are willing to participate in the funding of the rate setting methodology in writing by April 24, 2009. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further please contact me directly at 530-621-6653, or Kerri Williams at 530-621-5309.

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