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Good morning supervisors,

Please see attached for comments from the Taxpayers Association on El Dorado Disposal's rate increase requests, Items 39 and 40 on tomorrow's agenda. Thanks!

Andy Nevis
President, Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County

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TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF EL DORADO COUNTY
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DATE: August 3, 2020
TO: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Andy Nevis, President, Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County
RE: Opposition to El Dorado Disposal Discretionary Rate Increases (8/4/2020, Items 39 and 40)

The Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County urges you to deny all of El Dorado Disposal's discretionary rate increase requests (actions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 under the Item 40 title, and relevant to Item 39).

This decision must be made in the context of the current economic environment. Given that solid waste service is mandatory, rate increases amount to regressive tax increases on all property owners in the service area. Rate increases will hurt small businesses forced to close their doors or severely limit operations, as well as homeowners and renters who are out of work. County leadership expects that taxpayers and local businesses will remain under unusual and in some cases extreme financial duress for the foreseeable future. Asking the people to shoulder yet another financial burden at this moment is the wrong thing to do.

Further, El Dorado Disposal has already received an unforeseen circumstances rate increase of 2.86 percent in 2019, along with annual increases which were contractually obligated. While we recognize the challenges facing the solid waste industry, El Dorado Disposal and its parent company (Waste Connections of California, Inc.) accepted risk in return for the exclusive Franchise and benefit of a long-term contract with the County. They should not expect continued bailouts from struggling taxpayers.

We also have concerns regarding the selection process for the independent third-party consultant. El Dorado Disposal, rather than the County, selected Crowe LLC and their report states that it was developed "for the benefit and use of" El Dorado Disposal. This created a conflict of interest but it is unclear from the public documentation if or how the conflict was mitigated. While we believe the general economic conditions outlined above are reason enough to reject the requested discretionary rate increases, during future rate increase discussions the County should select and hire the consultant then request reimbursement from the franchisee.



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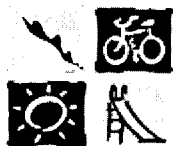
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Good afternoon,

Please confirm that the attached letter will be received and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors for the August 4, 2020 meeting regarding Agenda Item #39. 20-0918.

Respectfully,

Teri Gotro



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August 3, 2020

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

RE: Board of Supervisors Agenda Item 20-0918, Environmental Management Department recommending the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 126-2020, which approves and authorizes the Chair to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Solid Waste Services Franchise Agreement for Waste Connections of California, Inc., doing business as El Dorado Disposal Service, requiring the use of compostable green waste bags, modifying language related to collection of green waste, community cleanup events, and increasing the surcharge remitted to the County on all tons of landfilled solid waste.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District appreciates the opportunity to make comments on this item of business. The matter at-hand effects residents in El Dorado Hills, in the public services area related to solid waste collection, and the fees therefore. El Dorado Hills CSD, has the solid waste collection jurisdiction and has sought to enhance service delivery while keeping rates as reasonably low as possible. The notion of a solid waste collection fee increase from the County into the CSD's jurisdictional boundaries was only brought to the District's attention during a meeting with El Dorado Disposal on July 7, 2020, and then verified through a verbal conversation with Greg Stanton, Director of Environmental Management, on July 8, 2020.

The history in working with Mr. Stanton has been positive and he has been more than forthcoming on the genesis and intent of the fee being proposed here today. However, with less than one month's notice of the proposed fee increase, the District is unclear as to the full nexus of this fee, as it appears to have purposes for which a property tax is already in place (CSA #10). The District is seeking certain details and history of CSA #10, Departmental expenditures, and there are questions specific to the solid waste franchise revenues generated in County service areas A, B, and C. The District requests additional time to have this matter brought to District staff for further exploration, and then to go before the CSD Board prior to a fee increase that has the intent to be passed on to our point-of-generation rate-payers, i.e., CSD jurisdictional solid waste collection can rates.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request for delaying the fee increase to take care of this necessary due diligence, and likely for enhanced community education and outreach. Should you



have specific questions pertaining to this request, the District is pleased to be invited into the public conversation or to field your questions individually offline.

Cordially,

Teri Gotro, Controller

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Kevin A. Loewen, General Manager,
El Dorado Hills Community Services District

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