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Subject: June 23, 2026 BOS Hearing re Mandatory Residential Waste Disposal Service
Attachments: Placer County Exemption Form - Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal.pdf; Placer County - Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal.pdf; 2021 1.26.21 Signed Ordinance 6064-B.pdf; El Dorado County - Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal.pdf

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Dear Supervisor Laine:

West Shore seasonal homeowners in El Dorado County should have the same quarter-by-quarter vacancy exemption from mandatory waste disposal service as has been available for TTSD's customers in neighboring Placer County since 2021. The best way to accomplish that is to modify Ordinance 8.42 to include the same language as the Placer County ordinance, either at the June 23rd hearing pursuant to Section 8.42.180(C), or through a separate noticed Proposition 218 procedure.

As you know, when TTSD and the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department (EMD) negotiated a three-year extension to TTSD's waste service agreement with El Dorado County back in September of 2025, it included the following provision:

SECTION 11

Term: This Agreement shall become effective when fully executed by the parties hereto and shall cover the period of September 29, 2015 through September 28, 2028, as amended, EXCEPT that in the event that Residential service in the Franchise area has not become mandatory by County Ordinance, by July 1, 2026, Contractor will become then eligible to be freely and permanently released of any and all obligations to provide current or future service offerings to any Residential locations in the service area under this Agreement, by providing 45-days written advance notice to County of such intent.

In order for El Dorado County to enact an ordinance making waste disposal service "mandatory", the County needs to comply with Proposition 218 ("The Right to Vote on Taxes Act"), which was approved by California voters on 11/5/96 during the general election. Prop 218 amended the California Constitution by adding Article XIII C (taxes) and Article XIII D (assessments and property-related fees). It was intended to strengthen and expand the taxpayer protections that began with Prop 13 back in 1978. Supporters argued that local governments were increasingly using assessments, service charges and fees to raise revenue without voter approval. Prop 218 imposed procedural and substantive limits on such charges. The most important provision for our

purposes is contained in Article XIII D, Section 6, which provides that a property-related fee may not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel.

In recognition of this “proportional cost” requirement, neighboring Placer County’s “mandatory” residential waste disposal service has included an exemption for unoccupied properties for decades. In 2021, the Placer County ordinance (Chapter 8, Article 16, Section 8.16.220, as modified by Ordinance No. 6064-B) was modified to simplify administration by codifying a quarter-by-quarter exemption procedure for vacant seasonal properties (See First Attachment). TTSD has streamlined the exemption process for its Placer County customers to a couple clicks on its website (See Second, Third and Fourth Attachments). Corie Heisler, Environmental Resource Specialist with Placer County, confirmed that the vacancy exemption process has worked very well.

Unfortunately, El Dorado County’s recently adopted mandatory residential waste service ordinance currently provides for year-round fees, even if a seasonal property is unoccupied. The fact that there is no “cost-of-service study” in the public record associated with the ordinance makes the ordinance vulnerable to legal challenge under Prop 218. Specifically, the County has not demonstrated that charging a cabin occupied 3-4 months per year the same annual rate as a year-round occupied residence is “proportional to the cost of service attributable to that parcel.”

Fortunately, the Board has time and options to insulate the ordinance from a Prop 218 challenge. Given that El Dorado County now has a mandatory waste disposal service ordinance in place, TTSD is contractually bound to provide waste service through September of 2028. The Board, with the guidance of County Counsel, now simply needs to determine the appropriate way to modify the ordinance to include a vacancy exemption that is consistent with the procedural requirements of Prop 218. The language of the current ordinance is instructive:

Secs. 8.42.180. Proposition 218:

Notice, Hearing, and Protest for Mandatory Collection Areas,

A. At least 45 days prior to the public hearing on the proposed franchise rate adjustment, the County shall deliver a written notice to the record owner of each parcel subject to the franchise service in the areas defined in Section 8.42.200. The notice shall include a description of the proposed rate adjustment, including the maximum proposed rates; the basis and purpose of the adjustments (e.g., cost increases, capital needs, inflation, regulation compliance), reference to any supporting cost-of-service study or rate analysis; the date, time, and location of the public hearing; a clear statement advising that written protests may be submitted and shall include the parcel address or Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN); The protester’s name and signature; Aa statement of opposition; and the declaration whether the protester is a property owner or utility customer.

B. Protest Submissions must be written and signed, delivered either by mail (with sufficient time for delivery) or in person to the Clerk of the Board before or at the public hearing. E-mail, fax, oral statements, or unsigned protests shall not be accepted. Only one protest per

parcel shall be counted; withdrawal of a protest is permitted prior to the conclusion of the hearing.

C. The Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing, allowing oral testimony and the submission of written protests. At the close of the hearing, the Clerk of the Board will tabulate valid written protests received. Approval of the proposed rate adjustment is barred if a majority of affected parcels submit valid protests. If a majority protest does not exist (50% plus one (1)), the Board of Supervisors may proceed to adopt the rates, with or without modification.

D. The Clerk of the Board shall maintain the record of notices, protests received, and tabulation results as part of the official proceedings.

The legal question is what constitutes a permissible “modification” versus a substantive change requiring a new Prop 218 notice and protest process. The County can assert that it expressly reserved the authority to modify how the rates apply to a category of parcels, i.e. seasonally vacant parcels. Courts and the Legislature have generally read Prop 218’s procedural protections as shielding ratepayers from higher charges imposed without notice. A modification that reduces the effective rate for a class of property owners (unoccupied properties in a given quarter) moves in the direction ratepayers would favor, which is in the spirit of modification. Moreover, such a modification would reflect the Board’s responsiveness to legitimate concerns — precisely what the modification authority seems designed to allow.

If County Counsel concludes that adding a vacancy exemption to the ordinance would require a new Prop 218 notice and protest process, then so be it. The Board could simply adopt the proposed franchise rate adjustment at the meeting on 6/23/26, and then promptly send out a new Prop 218 notice of proposal to modify the ordinance to include the same vacancy exemption as Placer County adopted back in 2021. With the 45-day notice requirement, the modification would take effect sometime in August, well in advance of the departure of seasonal homeowners. TTSD would then simply need to cut and paste the exemption election that appears on its website for Placer County customers. See Fourth Attachment.

You recently indicated that, rather than seek to modify the ordinance, the County instead planned to negotiate a modification to TTSD's franchise agreement to include an option for property owners to suspend service over four winter months. While I appreciate the Board’s willingness to pursue a seasonal exemption through contract negotiation, this approach trades short-term convenience for reduced property owner rights and diminished public accountability. Contract terms expire with the contract. When the County’s franchise agreement with TTSD comes up for renewal in September of 2028, the exemption will be a negotiating chip, subject to modification, elimination, or trade-off against other contract terms. Property owners would have no assurance that the exemption would survive the next contract cycle. An ordinance provision, by contrast, remains in effect until formally amended through a new Prop 218 process, thereby giving property owners advance notice and protest rights before any change.

In sum, modifying the ordinance to include a vacancy exemption costs the County at most one additional Prop 218 noticing cycle — a matter of weeks — in exchange for a publicly accountable and durable rate structure that property owners can actually rely on and enforce. That is a cost worth incurring.

Sincerely,
Jay Gudebski
(APN 016-063-010)



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Exemption Form

MANDATORY GARBAGE COLLECTION EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM

Garbage service is mandatory in Franchise District 3 (generally defined by the area within Placer County east of Donner Summit to Lake Tahoe) if the home or business is occupied in any form during a defined service quarter (Placer County Code Section 8.16.220). If a home/business will be unoccupied for an entire service quarter, this form may be submitted to request an exemption from service for that service quarter.

Property owners must submit this Exemption Request Form to Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal within the required timeframe **and only for the upcoming quarter**; accounts will not be adjusted in arrears. Only one quarter exemption request may be made at a time. Homes/businesses that have been exempted from service will be checked for occupancy; **if found occupied in any form, service will start, and the owner will be billed for the entire service quarter.**

*If you prefer to print and mail the paper form, click here.

Timeframe to Submit Exemption Request Form	Quarter Requested for Exemption	Service Quarter	Dates Home/Business Must be Unoccupied for Service Exemption
November 15 – December 15	<input type="radio"/>	First Quarter	January 1 – March 31
February 15 – March 15	<input type="radio"/>	Second Quarter	April 1 – June 30
May 15 – June 15	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Third Quarter	July 1 – September 30
August 15 – September 15	<input type="radio"/>	Fourth Quarter	October 1 – December 31

I acknowledge that my service address may not be used in any form during the service quarter noted above. I understand that if the property is found to be occupied in any form, **service will be billed for the entire service quarter.**

Service Address* Service Apt./Unit #

Service City* Service State* Service Zip Code*



Owner First Name*	Owner Last Name*	
Mailing Address*		Mailing Apt/Unit #
Mailing City*	Mailing State*	Mailing Zip Code*
Contact First Name*	Contact Last Name*	
Contact Phone*	Contact Email*	
Signature:		Date*
Owner Signature*		05/17/2026

***By filling in your name, you agree and acknowledge that:**

1. your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document,
2. by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and
3. you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

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OUR LOCATION

Material Recovery Facility
(Dump & Recycle Center)
900 Cabin Creek Rd.
Truckee, CA 96161

Administrative Office
645 W Lake Blvd #5
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Contact
(530) 583-7800



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Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: An ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article 16, Section 8.16.220, "Collection of Refuse Mandatory" of the Placer County Code.

Ordinance No.: 6064-B

Introduced: January 12, 2021

The following Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held January 26, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: GORE, HOLMES, JONES, GUSTAFSON, WEYGANDT

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Signed and approved by me after its passage.



Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:



Clerk of said Board

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Article 16.220 "Collection of Refuse Mandatory" of the Placer County Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article to the contrary, all refuse accumulated within the territory described in subsection B of this section shall be collected, conveyed and disposed of by the franchise holder. No person shall collect, convey, or dispose of, any refuse accumulated within Franchise Areas 3 and 4 except as provided by this article.

1. Exception for Actual Procedures. This part shall not be construed to prohibit the actual producers of refuse, or the owners of premises upon which refuse has accumulated, from personally collecting, conveying and disposing of occasional loads of refuse, provided such owners or producers comply with the provisions of this article; however, such actual producer or owner shall still be liable for the payment of fees for the collection of refuse as herein below set forth.

2. If the house **or business** is not used, it is the **property** owner's responsibility to ensure the residence **or business** has refuse removal service. If the house **or business** is not used for one ~~entire calendar month or longer~~ **entire quarter, as defined in the table below** it can qualify for an exemption; however, ~~the~~ **property** owner must notify the disposal company in advance **within the exemption request timeframe outlined in the table below. Exemption requests may only be submitted for the upcoming quarter.**

	<u>Service Quarter</u>	<u>Exemption Request Timeframe</u>
<u>First Quarter</u>	<u>January through March</u>	<u>November 15 - December 15</u>
<u>Second Quarter</u>	<u>April through June</u>	<u>February 15 - March 15</u>
<u>Third Quarter</u>	<u>July through September</u>	<u>May 15 - June 15</u>
<u>Fourth Quarter</u>	<u>October through December</u>	<u>August 15 - September 15</u>

Homes **or businesses** not on service will be checked for use. If found to be used, service will be automatically started, and the **property** owner will be billed **for the entire quarter for which use occurred at a minimum level of service of one thirty two (32) gallon can per week.** If such bills are not paid, the county will reimburse the disposal company for services provided and the bill will then be placed on the property taxes for collection.

B. Areas of Mandatory Refuse Collection. The portion of Placer County within which refuse collection is mandatory is described as follows:

1. Garbage Franchise District No. 3. (For legal description see Section 8.16.400(C)).
- ~~2. Garbage Franchise District No. 4. (For legal description see Section 8.16.400(D)).~~

C. Fees.

1. The owner or owner's agent of any premises accumulating refuse shall provide collection services as herein provided. The fee for refuse collection services shall be in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in the agreement between the franchise holder and the county of Placer.

2. All fees chargeable under these provisions shall be collected by the franchise holder and shall be delinquent if not paid by the last day of the billing period used by the franchise holder.

3. Any discontinuance of service shall be in addition to any other civil or criminal remedy provided by law.

4. The property owner of record as shown by the county's most recently equalized tax roll shall be the person responsible for the payment of such fees.

D. Misdemeanor—Infraction. Each person owning the property or premises who fails to provide for the removal of refuse as provided herein is punishable as provided in Article 1.24 of the code. Each day's violation shall be considered and treated as a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after the date of its passage. The Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance, or a summary thereof, within fifteen (15) days in accordance with Government Code section 25124.

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Residential Services

For employee safety, we do not service "bear mats." Our employees will not cross electrical current equipped mats, whether turned off or on. Additionally, we do not service fixed-lid rolling containers for mixed solid waste collection. Trash must be contained in 32Gal cans with detachable lids.

Residential Waste Containers

Residential trash is collected in customer provided cans or bags, not to exceed 32 Gallons in volume capacity. Cans must be manufactured for manual collection, no Toter or cart style wheeled containers with affixed lids. Cans must have a fully detachable lid and if wheeled, the maximum diameter allowed is 2" wheels. Please ensure that garbage is properly contained. Proper containment prevents animal intrusion, wind swept litter, ground contamination, not to mention extra expense. Be especially diligent to contain polystyrene packing material (i.e. packing peanuts), all foam packing materials must be bagged and not left loose in boxes. Cat litter must also be bagged and not loose in cans.

Auto-pay Options

Customers may opt in to auto-pay, either by signing up through their online portal available by clicking My Account above or by calling 530-583-7800 to sign up. Balances due are processed on demand via auto-pay on the 15th of the month (or nearest business day).

Winter Access

To ensure service to your bear box please make sure there is a clear path at least 3 feet wide from the street to the front of your bear box. Doors cannot be frozen and the door(s) must open fully to remove the cans or bags. The entire path must have snow removed and be free of ice. Please note our staff will not service bear boxes surrounded by snow or cross berms. Trash room enclosures must have clear driveway access and a path to the room, free of snow or ice.

- Placer County
- Town of Truckee
- El Dorado County
- Alpine Meadows
- Olympic Valley
- Northstar
- Nevada County

Placer County Collection

Garbage collection service is mandatory in Placer County (Franchise Area 3), even if the home is only used one day per quarter. The property owner may discontinue service only if the home will not be used for an entire quarter. You must complete an exemption form in advance to discontinue service, as we do not adjust in arrears. If your home is not on service and is found to have evidence of occupation we are required by Placer County ordinance to automatically start your service and therefore bill for the entire quarter. Residential service is subscribed to quarterly and will not be prorated. Exemptions expire each quarter, the property owner must submit an exemption form for each quarter you wish to discontinue service. Exemption requests must be received by the 15th of the month prior to the start of the new quarter (see chart below):

Exemption Request Timeframe	Service Quarter	Duration Property to be Unoccupied
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May 15 – June 15	Third Quarter	July – September
August 15 – September 15	Fourth Quarter	October – December

[Click here to fill out the Online Exemption Request Form.](#)

If you own a business and a primary residence within Franchise area 3, you may qualify for an exemption to your residential service. [Click here for more information](#)

Please call our office at 530-583-7800 if you have any questions regarding your service that are not answered below. Deposits may be required in non-mandatory service areas.

Service Information

Your attention to a few details, such as these mentioned below, can help keep your bill as low as possible.

- Place your garbage within twenty feet of the county maintained roadside by 6:00 am.
- Make sure your garbage is visible and easily accessible for the TTSD drivers. Any cans placed further than the allotted 20 feet will be assessed a "trip charge."
- If you share a common access or place garbage in a common location, be sure to mark all cans and bags with your name or house number to ensure the driver accurately records what is collected.
- Individual cans, bags, or containers must not exceed 32 gallons in volume. Weight restrictions apply. An additional can for ash counts as extra/overage.
- Residential weekly trash service is intended for household waste and does not include Hazardous Waste, Construction Debris, Medical Waste, or Liquid Waste.
- For employee safety, we do not service fixed-lid rolling containers used for mixed solid waste. Cans must be intended for manual dumping, most wheeled carts require mechanical lifting and will not serviced.
- Cans should have tight-fitting lids that are not screw top. We do not service the screw-top "bear resistant" cans or attached-lid trash cans.
- If you have more than six bags or cans of household trash to be picked up, e.g. extra trash, greenwaste or appliances, call our office at 530-583-7800 to schedule to pick up these additional items.
- Active Placer County residential customers in good standing, are eligible for free collection of up to two bulky items per fiscal year.
- Bear boxes are recommended for wildlife resistance. TTSD clean-up efforts for garbage messes will incur a charge. A list of bear box vendors is shown in the Bear Aware section.
- If more than one bear shed enclosure is installed, each requires separate service. Door(s) must have ample space to open fully.
- Place recycling (blue bags) beside garbage.
- Blue bags placed in a can will be counted as extra/overage. To qualify for free pickup, blue bags cannot be in a can.

Holidays

Garbage routes run normally on all holidays. If your collection day falls on a working holiday, please place garbage out by 6:00 am.

For holiday hours for the Eastern Regional Transfer Station, known commonly as the MRF, visit the Hours & Locations page. Our administrative offices are closed all or most holidays, so be sure to contact us ahead of time regarding questions or special requests for those days.

Severe Weather

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In the event of severe winter weather, if town and county roads to your neighborhood location are impassable, we will generally attempt to gain access throughout the day, but may find it necessary to return on your next scheduled collection day.

You can prepare for collection during winter weather by:

- Maintaining clear access to garbage containers.
- Clearing all snow and ice. Snow plow services do not necessarily keep pathways clear to garbage containers.
- Ensure cans remain visible to our driver, but are free from the path of any snow plow (if you're placing cans out). Lids should always be securely fastened (no screw lids) to prevent animal intrusion or water absorption.
- Bear sheds (enclosures) must have clear access; clear access means no snow hanging over the top, no snow "tunnel", no snow steps, no snow berms and no ice on pathway. Door(s) must have ample space to open fully.
- During freezing weather, bear shed doors may freeze shut, TTSD employees will not force doors open. During occasions of freezing weather, customers may open the sheds themselves and leave open a few inches on the morning of collection to ensure access is available to TTSD.

Billing

Each week TTSD drivers record the number of cans collected at your residence as well as extra amounts of garbage placed beside or on top of a garbage can. Additional services required are also noted. At the end of each quarter, the computer calculates your average level of usage for that three-month quarter. A customer's account calculated on a one-can basis typically allows thirteen cans in each quarter. Amounts over the allotted thirteen cans incur an extra can charge or equivalent. TTSD also offers a two can rate, allowing customers twenty-six cans in a thirteen-week quarter.

Free Recycling

As a TTSD customer, you can participate in our free curbside Blue Bag Program. Simply place dry, clean recyclable materials in blue plastic bags, which may be purchased from local grocers and hardware stores. Blue bags must be tied and set next to the trash containers, not inside of a can. TTSD collects these blue bags for processing at the Eastern Regional Material Recovery Facility (MRF). As a reminder, the MRF sorts all materials for applicable recyclables, whether you utilize blue bags or not – for more information please visit [One Big Bin](#)

We offer free Christmas tree recycling January, 5th – 9th 2026. Trees will be collected free of charge on your regular service day during the week that is announced. Trees must be exposed to view, free of artificial materials and cut into three-foot lengths for removal.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal is available throughout the summer months if you schedule an appointment and bring your acceptable wastes to the special facility at Eastern Regional Transfer Station.

We welcome you to our independent family-owned business and encourage you to call us if you have any practical considerations or placement questions.

Batteries

All customers may self haul household batteries and deposit them for free in designated containers at the following locations:

Truckee Town Hall
10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee

ERL Transfer Station
900 Cabin Creek Road, Truckee

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(Dump & Recycle Center)
900 Cabin Creek Rd
Truckee, CA 96161

Administrative Office
645 W Lake Blvd #5
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Contact
(530) 583-7800

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El Dorado County Collection

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- Each resident is allotted one can of trash per week. An additional can for ash counts as extra/overage. Residential weekly trash service is intended for household trash and does not include Hazardous Waste, Construction Debris, Medical Waste, or Liquid Waste.
- If you have more than your regular household trash to be picked up, e.g. yard clean up or appliances, please call our office at 530-583-7800 and give authorization to pick up these additional items.
- We recommend residents utilize a bear shed. TTSD clean-up efforts for garbage mess will incur a charge. Call us or click for a list of local bear shed vendors.
- If more than one bear shed enclosure is installed, each requires separate service. Door(s) must have ample space to open fully.
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Batteries

All customers may self haul household batteries and deposit them for free in designated containers at the following locations:

Truckee Town Hall
10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee

ERL Transfer Station
900 Cabin Creek Road, Truckee

El Dorado Residents may find more information at edcgov.us.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal is dedicated to providing our community excellent service at a reasonable cost in a family-friendly manner.

PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

We are committed to keeping our Sierra environment beautiful and sustainable through safe and responsible operations

SCRAPPY SAYS "RECYCLE!"



OUR LOCATION

Material Recovery Facility
(Dump & Recycle Center)
900 Cabin Creek Rd.
Truckee, CA 96161

Administrative Office
645 W Lake Blvd #5
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Contact
(530) 583-7800

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