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Public Comment #40



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**BOS Four** <bosfour@edcgov.us>  
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 9:15 AM

Public comment for item 40.

*Sincerely,  
Shelley Wiley*

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From: **Karen Bartholomew** <brikarjo1@calis.com>  
Date: Fri, Jul 31, 2020 at 2:04 PM  
Subject: Rate Increase for El Dorado Disposal  
To: <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Dear Lori,

I am writing about the increase in fees for the El Dorado Disposal Company and their projected rate increase. I strongly oppose this (as do so many other concerned citizens on the Divide) because they have increased our fees 2 times in the past 2 years. With Covid 19 going on and businesses going out of business, people losing their jobs, I'd think this is a terrible time to grant an increase. Everything on our Divide is going up, water, electricity, and so on, more than the cost of living for folks up here to endure. Please I urge you to not grant another increase.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Karen Bartholomew

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## Taxpayers Comments on Items 39 and 40

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**Andy Nevis** <andynevis@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 9:25 AM

To: Andy Nevis <andynevis@gmail.com>

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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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Post Office Box 13  Placerville, California 95667  
Founded in 1958

**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)**

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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.