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Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority Awards Collection Franchise Agreement to Republic Services

At its regular meeting on July 24, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (Authority) awarded a 10-year franchise agreement for collection services to Republic Services (Republic). Services under the new agreement will begin on March 1, 2027.

The Authority, also known as RecycleSmart, manages solid waste and recycling services for its Member Agencies: The towns of Danville and Moraga, the cities of Lafayette, Orinda, and Walnut Creek, and portions of unincorporated Contra Costa County, including Alamo, Blackhawk, and Diablo.

The current franchise agreement between the Authority and Republic for collection of solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic materials will expire on February 28, 2027. On October 25, 2024, the Authority issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for collection services starting March 1, 2027. The Authority received proposals from two respondents, Republic and Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR). A sub-committee of the Board, the Franchise Vendor Selection Ad Hoc Committee (Committee), with the assistance of Authority staff, consultants, and legal counsel, reviewed and evaluated the proposals and negotiated with both companies.

Republic's final negotiated cost is 14% lower than MDRR's final negotiated cost. Republic is \$9.6M less per year than MDRR, which would be approximately \$100M less over the term of the 10-year agreement. There are no sufficiently overriding differences between the two proposals in regard to the non-cost evaluation criteria. Republic's proposal contains adequate resources and a credible plan to maintain good service and on-time collection over the term of the next franchise agreement. The Committee recommended awarding the 10-year collection services franchise agreement to Republic and the Board approved the Committee's recommendation.

The estimated rate impact of the collection agreement, combined with the post-collection agreements awarded on October 24, 2024, new services, and other related costs, is a 26% increase. The Authority's Member Agencies have reserve funds which may be used to partially offset and phase in the rate increase. The exact rate increase cannot be determined until January 2027.

The collection services provided through the agreement, and the associated rates, will commence on March 1, 2027. The majority of the current collection vehicles will be at the end of their useful life by 2027. The agreement requires all new vehicles at the commencement of services. The collection franchise agreement was awarded in 2025 so that Republic will have adequate time to acquire the necessary new vehicles.

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