

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
HELD ON JULY 24, 2025**

The regular Board Meeting of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority's (CCCSWA's), aka RecycleSmart, Board of Directors convened at Walnut Creek City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 1666 North Main Street, City of Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, State of California, on July 24, 2025. Chair Candace Andersen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Board Members: Candace Andersen, Chair
Newell Arnerich*
Ken Carlson
Matt Francois
Lisa Maglio
John McCormick
Renee Morgan, Vice Chair
Cindy Silva
Steve Woehleke
*Arrived after Roll Call

ABSENT: Board Members: Darlene Gee
Janet Riley

Staff members present: David Krueger, Executive Director; Janna McKay, Program Manager/ Board Secretary; Grace Comas, Senior Accountant; Judith Silver, Senior Program Manager; Ashley Louisiana, Program Manager; Jennifer Faught, Program Manager; and Deborah L. Miller, CCCSWA Counsel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA**

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

3. **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER STEVE WOEHLEKE, MORAGA**

Chair Andersen and the RecycleSmart Board of Directors formally welcomed Steve Woehleke, Mayor of the Town of Moraga, to the Board.

Board Member Woehleke introduced himself, described his background, and noted his pleasure at being a member of the RecycleSmart Board.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**
 - a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 22, 2025
 - b. Approve City of Lafayette Request for Authority Funds Allocated to Member Agencies

MOTION by Board Member Maglio, and SECOND by Board Member Silva to approve Consent Items a and b, as submitted.

MOTION PASSED by the following voice vote.

AYES: Carlson, Francois, Maglio, McCormick, Morgan,
Silva, Andersen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Woehleke
ABSENT: Arnerich, Gee, Riley

5. ACTION ITEM

a. Award of Collection Services Agreement

1. Adopt Resolution 2025-03, in the form attached:

- A. Determining that the award of the recommended Collection Services Agreement is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1) (Existing Facilities) and Section 15308 (Class 8) (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment); and
- B. Awarding and Authorizing the Board Chair to execute the Franchise Agreement between the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority and Allied Waste Systems, Inc. d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Contra Costa County d/b/a Republic Services of Contra Costa County, for Collection Services.

Executive Director David Krueger stated the procurement of new franchise agreements for collection and post-collection services was a long process that took two years to complete. He explained that once the collection agreement was awarded it could take the selected collection contractor another eighteen months to acquire the necessary vehicles. The procurement process was started in 2023 to ensure that the vehicles would be ready to provide service when the new collection agreement begins on March 1, 2027. He stated that it was important for the Board to approve the new collection agreement now (July 2025) so that the selected contractor would have sufficient time to obtain the vehicles by March 1, 2027. He stated that the recommended new collection agreement requires all new collection vehicles in 2027.

Mr. Krueger reported that the current Franchise Agreement would expire on February 28, 2027. Describing the process leading up to the new Collection Services Agreement, he stated the Collection Request for Proposal (RFP) had been issued October 24, 2024, and two proposals had been received; from Republic Services and from Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR). The estimated cost for Republic's proposal was 14 percent less than MDRR's, and the Board's Franchise Vendor Selection Ad Hoc Committee had recommended Republic Services (the current collection contractor) for the new Collection Services Agreement. He described the criterion used to consider both proposals, such as cost, impact on the environment, customer service and other factors.

He referenced Republic's customer service issues in past years with respect to missed pick-ups and incomplete routes but reported there had been a big turnaround in the quality of Republic's collection in the last year, and that there was a 91% decrease in missed pick-ups between 2023 and 2024.

Mr. Krueger explained that the estimated impact to rates with the selection of Republic Services would be an increase of 26 percent, which would take effect in March 2027, although the exact final rate was as yet unknown. He also commented that all member agencies had solid waste reserve funds that had been building up, which could be used to partially offset the rate increase or to smooth the increase and phase it in.

As to why there would be a 26 percent rate increase, Mr. Krueger explained that currently RecycleSmart was getting more service than it was paying for in that Republic was not being compensated for all the routes it was currently running, which had been known fairly early on. Another reason for the rate increase was that the collected materials would have to be taken to MDRR's transfer station / MRF in Pittsburg which is further away than the transfer stations currently being used in Martinez (solid waste and organics) and Concord (recyclables). This is because during the post-collection RFP process Republic did not propose the use of their Martinez transfer station and MDRR did not propose the use of their Concord transfer station. He stated that the transfer station / MRF in Pittsburg is 6 miles further from the center of the Authority's service area than the Martinez transfer station and 9 miles further than the Concord transfer station. In addition, to ensure sufficient resources and good service in the new contract, there would be more routes, more trucks, more drivers, and therefore ultimately more costs.

Mr. Krueger described the lengthy process and thorough steps taken to get to this point of awarding a new Collection Services Agreement through the efforts of two Board ad hoc committees; the Franchise Design Ad Hoc Committee and the Franchise Vendor Selection Ad Hoc Committee, and ultimately through a competitive (not required) RFP, with a two-step process for a Post-Collection Agreement (awarded in October 2024) and the current Collection Agreement.

Mr. Krueger stated that the current franchise agreements began in 2015, were extended in 2022, and will expire in 2027. He stated that in May 2023, the Board decided to conduct a competitive RFP process for the new agreements. He explained that while state law and Board policy does not require a competitive process for solid waste franchise agreements, the Board selected a competitive process because 1) At the time Republic was providing poor quality service so that a sole-source negotiation was not warranted; 2) The Board was anticipating a large rate increase based on Republic's previous requests for special rate adjustments, and the Board wanted to seek competitive pricing to minimize the increase as much as possible; 3) At the time the State was requiring a transition to Zero Emissions Vehicles which was a new, more expensive technology and the Board wanted to receive multiple cost and technical proposals from different companies on how to transition to Zero Emissions Vehicles.

Mr. Krueger stated in May 2023 the Board decided to conduct a two-step procurement process: Step One, post-collection facilities then Step Two, collection services. He explained that post-collection facilities included the transfer station, landfill, recyclables processing facility (MRF), composting facility, and commercial food scraps processing facility. The purpose of these two steps was to try and increase competition for collection services, as there are several companies who could provide collection services but only a few companies who owned the necessary post-

collection facilities within a practical distance of the Authority's service area. For instance, if in order to propose on collection services a company also had to provide landfill services, there is only one company (Republic) who could have proposed. Mr. Krueger stated that to further encourage competition for collection services, the Authority obtained the right to lease land for a truck storage and maintenance yard at the closed Acme Landfill and made that land available to potential bidders. In part in order to increase competition, all proposers were required to propose all new collection vehicles in 2027.

Mr. Krueger stated the following: The Authority received proposals from five different companies (Republic, MDRR, Recology, Waste Connections, Waste Management) for post-collection services, including multiple proposals for each type of facility except for commercial food scraps processing. Nine companies attended the pre-proposal meeting for the collection services RFP, and five companies (Republic, MDRR, Recology, Waste Management, Greenwaste) submitted written questions regarding the collection services RFP. Two companies (Republic, MDRR) submitted collection proposals.

Mr. Krueger stated that the post-collection agreements were awarded to the following companies in October 2024:

Transfer Station – MDRR

Landfill – Republic

Recyclables Processing – MDRR

Composting – Recology

Commercial Food Scraps Processing – Republic

He stated that the collection RFP was issued immediately after the post-collection agreements were awarded, and that it was done in that order in part so that collection proposers would know where they would be delivering the materials after collection.

Mr. Krueger described the specifics, operators, and services involved with the Collection Agreement, the changes from the current Collection Agreement, and the potential types of collection vehicles proposed. Mr. Krueger stated the main type of residential collection vehicle used in the current agreement (Curotto Can) would no longer be used after 2027 as both Republic and MDRR proposed to use side-loaders instead.

With respect to vehicle fuels, he reported that while the State of California had earlier mandated a transition to Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV's), the Authority learned in January 2025 that the ZEV mandate would not be implemented. Therefore, the Authority removed the ZEV requirement from the collection RFP. Both proposers (Republic and MDRR) proposed to use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles, which was the fuel currently utilized.

Mr. Krueger referred to Republic's alternative bid for electric vehicles at an incremental cost of more than \$87,000 per truck per year and explained that the Franchise Vendor Selection Ad Hoc Committee had considered that issue and had identified a number of concerns: the cost would add to the already large increase, the questionable readiness of electric vehicles, and there was no desire to create a situation that could potentially produce more service issues. As such, the continued use of CNG had been preferred.

Board Member Arnerich commented that there could always be a change in the vehicle fuels used at a later date, although at a potentially higher rate.

Mr. Krueger presented a summary of the two proposals, identified the key differences in services and cost, the rate impacts, the base services, and the alternative bids for additional services. He also clarified, when asked, that there was a significant difference in cost between the two proposers where MDRR's proposal was \$9.6 million greater each year over the 10-year contract. The 25 percent estimated cost impact from Republic was just for the base service; it would be 26 percent overall with the inclusion of the new services where MDRR's impact for base services would be 37 percent.

Mr. Krueger emphasized the importance of the routes and the need to ensure the appropriate number of routes without having more routes than needed and paying too much or fewer routes than needed would create service problems. Mr. Krueger stated that an industry standard was 800 – 1,200 homes per single-family route with automated collection. He said that HF&H Consultants benchmarked Republic and MDRR's proposed homes per route against five other recent procurements in Bay Area jurisdictions. Those benchmarks indicated a reasonable range of productivity for automated single-family side-loader solid waste service at 625 to 905 homes/route/day compared with Republic's proposal at 776 and MDRR's proposal at 796. He said that both Republic and MDRR's proposals seemed reasonable. He noted that the RecycleSmart service area was comprised of primarily single-family homes, which had the most pick-up problems, with 67,000 single-family homes, 2,000 commercial customers, and 500 multi-family complexes.

Mr. Krueger pointed out the differences in the two proposals with respect to routes, with MDRR having more routes than Republic. He stated that other reasons that MDRR's cost proposal was higher than Republic's was that Republic is able to purchase trucks at a lower cost (\$505,000 per side-loader vs \$623,000 per side-loader) and that Republic's cost for capital is much lower than MDRR's. Republic is mostly self-financed so they have a much lower interest expense than MDRR who has to borrow capital. He said that the other major difference in the two cost proposals was that MDRR's proposed cost for vehicle maintenance and parts was much higher than Republic's. MDRR's total proposed labor cost was actually lower than Republic's, even though their total overall cost was higher. Republic proposed 13% profit and MDRR 12%.

He also pointed out other rate impacts with respect to payments to post-collection contractors, reuse and cleanup days, Authority costs and member agency fees. He reiterated that there remained some unknowns that made it impossible to identify an exact increase at this time. Of the several unknowns was that Republic's agreement with the Teamsters would expire on August 24, 2025 and the cost of the new Teamsters agreement would have to be factored into the rates, the numbers were all 2025 numbers and the agreement would begin in 2027, and the amount of member agency reserves and how they would be used had yet to be identified.

Mr. Krueger highlighted the base services provided, which were the same as existing collection services with some exceptions that he delineated at this time. He explained that the existing containers in the field would remain, all commercial bins would be relabeled, and new containers, when necessary, would be hauler neutral to avoid the need for an overall replacement in the future.

He presented a table to identify the alternative bids for additional services such as increased credits for missed pick-ups, Friday missed pick-ups collected on Saturday, courtesy collections for late set-outs, more on-call collections of extra recyclables and yard trimmings, a new service for used cooking oil recycling and the availability of smaller 20-gallon green carts, at least one recycling container and one organics container at every commercial and multi-family solid waste service location, commercial organics bin service, hauler neutral replacement containers, on-call dumpsters for member agencies for clean-ups, and relabeling of commercial bins. New services that the Ad Hoc Committee had recommended were also identified under additional services along with the proposed impact of those additional services on the rates.

The Franchise Vendor Selection Ad Hoc Committee requested input from the full Board on whether or not to re-label all carts in 2027 and to start providing battery recycling to multi-family dwellings. The Board agreed to add both of these alternative services, at the costs presented in the staff report and presentation.

Mr. Krueger asked the Board about re-labeling the carts with adhesive labels on existing cart lids (in the field for residential customers) to clarify what was allowed in each of the three types of carts, potentially with QR Codes, with the re-labeling to be done within the first year of the contract, to update what was actually recyclable and compostable at a proposed one-time cost of \$1,230,530 allocated over the 10-year contract, with an estimated rate impact of 0.16 percent. He also noted that in the future the Board would discuss what was really recyclable and what was really compostable, and the best way to communicate that to the public.

The Board agreed with the need to re-label the carts with better, clearer labels, to use QR Codes, and supported a multi-family battery recycling program, as recommended, at an estimated cost of \$41,378 per year with an estimated rate impact of 0.05 percent, in child-proof containers and consistent with Best Practices due to the fire safety concerns involved.

Mr. Krueger also identified significant changes to the agreement where collection would be separated from other services, the rate year would be July-June instead of March-February, cost-based rate adjustments would occur every four years instead of every three years, annual compensation adjustments would be capped at 7 percent instead of 4 percent and 5 percent, and all customers would receive a credit if their container was not emptied on the scheduled day at \$10 per container per day late, which is an increase from the current credit of \$5 per container per day late.

Board Member Silva thanked all those involved in the preparation of the contract. Having read the very thorough document, she referred to Page 73 of the agreement and the table that indicated the rate year started on July 1 every year including the first year, although she clarified that the first year was a 16-month year and the table needed to be revised accordingly.

Deborah Miller, CCCSWA Legal Counsel, verified that type of administrative correction could be made within the first 30 days. She stated that the error that Board Member Silva pointed out would be corrected in the timeframe, and any other needed minor administrative changes would be made, without the need for Board vote. As a part of this effort, she stated that minor administrative changes to the signed Post-Collection agreements would also be made, in order to make sure that the collection agreement and the post-collection agreements were all consistent and tied together.

In response to Board Member Silva as to how performance would be monitored, Mr. Krueger explained that the main way was to review the monthly reports from Republic which document the number of complaints, incomplete routes, and missed pick-ups. He also stated that per the Agreement, Authority staff has the right, if needed, to listen in customer calls to Republic. Monitoring the drivers was currently based on complaints and looking for trends. Ratepayers are told to call Republic first and then call RecycleSmart if they are not satisfied with Republic's response. He noted his intention to have the Authority staff do more proactive route and facility inspections and ride-alongs.

Board Member Silva asked how a driver would know if a bin was overweight, and from the audience a driver indicated that if a cart was overweight the truck wouldn't lift it. She also referred to Page 43 and a waiver that referenced cubic yards and gallons and from the audience a speaker clarified that portion of the contract related to organics. With respect to the disaster category, she noted there was no reference in the agreement public health disasters, and Rob Hilton of HF&H Consultants identified that section in the agreement.

Board Member Morgan stated with respect to the 26 percent rate increase that it would be nice to specify the components related to the increase within the contract regarding inflation, vehicle replacement or other factors. She also recommended specifying how a member agency's use of reserve funds could partially offset or gradually increase the rates and how that would be determined and the factors involved. She took this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of a number of letters of support for the approval of the agreement along with additional items that had been placed on the dais at the meeting.

Mr. Krueger explained that each individual member agency has a reserve fund and it is the member agency that would control their own fund. He stated that Authority staff would be meeting individually with each Member Agency in October 2025 to discuss upcoming rate increases, reserve fund balances, and strategies for using reserve balances to smooth the rate increases.

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

Board Member Arnerich commented that he had been involved in the preparation of the last Franchise Agreement, and he described the current process to find the best solutions for the best price as a thousand percent better than the last process. He emphasized that all involved were very professional keeping in mind that the agency's goal was to provide its customers with the best recycling and it still had one of the highest recycling rates. He noted there was a higher level of service, but the biggest single cost was that the hauling was different than before and labor was the biggest cost in the contract. He also stated it set up the agency for the future in that each member agency staff in his or her expertise would oversee a section of the contract. He added that public services were doing an outstanding job and he emphasized that people made the difference.

Board Member Woehleke stated in preparation for the item that he had reviewed pertinent background information and the staff report, among multiple other documents and discussions with those involved along with a review of some specific areas of the contract. Based on his review and discussions, he was comfortable participating in the decision making.

MOTION by Board Member Arnerich, and SECOND by Board Member Silva to adopt the staff recommendation, with changes, to approve Resolution 2025-03, as follows:

- A. Determining that the award of the recommended Collection Services Agreement is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1) (Existing Facilities) and Section 15308 (Class 8) (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment); and
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MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Executive Director's Monthly Report
- b. Correspondence from the Zambia Road Safety Trust to MDRR for their Bicycle Donation Support
- c. 2025 Legislation Update
- d. Future Agenda Items
- e. Correspondences to the Authority

Executive Director Krueger expressed appreciation to the Board of Directors, the committee members, former Board Members Renata Sos, Inga Miller, and Gina Dawson who had done a lot of work on the process, along with his staff who had kept everything going while he worked on the new agreement, CCCSWA Legal Counsel, HF&H Consultants, along with the proposers and all the hours of work from everyone involved. He stated the process was smooth, ethical and fair because of all those involved given all the work involved and stated that everything had been done by the book.

Mr. Krueger also commented that the MDRR proposal had been well done, and he appreciated all its work, and to Victor Cabrera, General Manager of Republic Services he thanked him for the improvements in service that had made the recommendation to award the agreement to Republic possible.

Mr. Krueger announced there would be no meeting next month.

With respect to upcoming events, Mr. Krueger stated there would be a report soon on the Waste Characterization Study, a presentation by MDRR on the state of recycling and what was really recyclable and how to communicate that to the public, a presentation on rates, and a report on the "Eco Heroes" Summer Camp.

D. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Silva noted her attendance at the Summer Leadership Meeting for the National League of Cities when she had occasion to speak about RecycleSmart's organics program to a representative of a city that had no organics program.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at approximately 4:30 P.M. to the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. in the Walnut Creek Offices at Walnut Creek City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janna McKay, Board Secretary
Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority,
County of Contra Costa, State of California

Award of Collection Services Agreement

Board of Directors Meeting
July 24, 2025

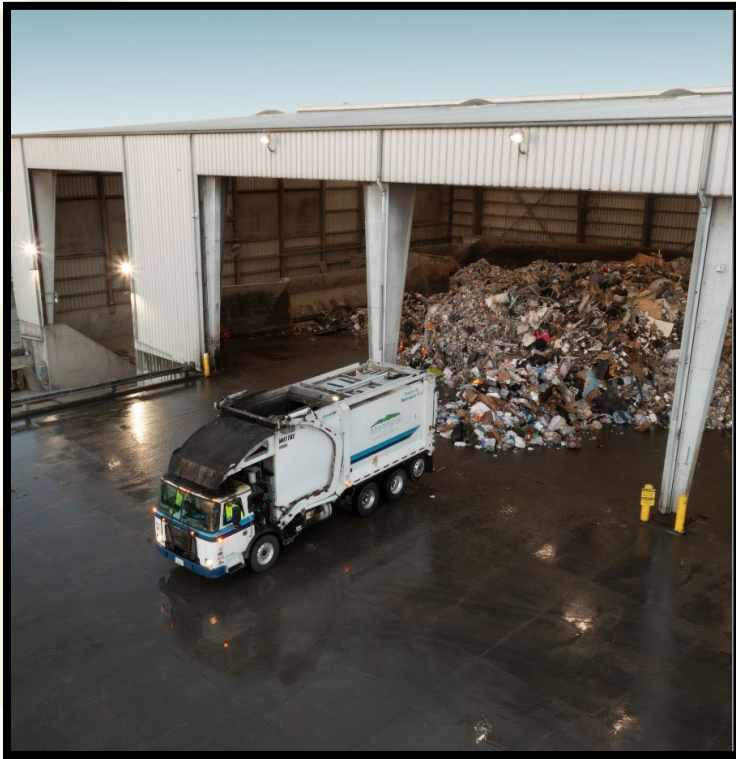
Summary

- Current agreement expires February 28, 2027
- Collection RFP Issued October 24, 2024
- We received two Proposals
 - Republic Services
 - Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery
- Republic's cost is 14% less
- The Committee recommends Republic
- Estimated rate impact = +26%

Timeline

- March 2015– Current agreement began
- December 2022– Current agreement extended
- March 2023– Franchise Design Ad Hoc Committee formed
- January 2024– Franchise Vendor Selection Ad Hoc Committee formed
- May 2024– Decision to conduct RFP
 - Two Step Process
 - Step One = Post Collection
 - Step Two = Collection

Post Collection: Transfer Station



Post-Collection: Landfill



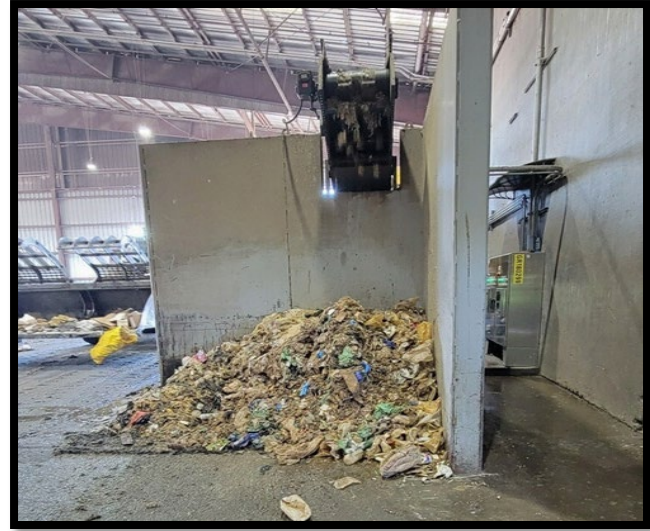
Post-Collection: Recyclables Processing



Post-Collection: Composting



Post-Collection: Commercial Food Scraps Processing



Timeline - Continued

- May 2024– Decision to conduct RFP
 - Two Step Process
 - Step One = Post Collection
 - Step Two = Collection
- June 2023– Process Integrity Policy
- March-September 2024– Customer Surveys
- March 2024– Issued Post Collection RFP
- May 2024– Received Five Proposals
- October 2024– Awarded Post-Collection Agreements

Post-Collection Agreements

- Transfer Station – MDRR
- Landfill – Republic
- Recyclables Processing – MDRR
- Composting – Recology
- Commercial Food Scraps Processing - Republic

Collection

Burro



Side-Loader



Front Loader



Rear-Loader



Roll-off



Curotto-Can



Vehicle Fuels

- There was a State requirement to transition to Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV's)
- In January 2025 we learned that the State ZEV mandate would not be implemented
- Our RFP did not require ZEV's
- Republic and MDRR both proposed Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles for their base bid
- Republic provided an alternative bid for electric vehicles: +\$87,000/truck/year

Timeline - Continued

- October 2024– Issue Collection RFP
- November 2024– Pre-Proposal Meeting
- December 2024– Deadline for written questions
- February 2025– Received two proposals
 - MDRR
 - Republic



Timeline - Continued

- March 2025– Proposer interviews
- April 2025– Proposer presentations
- February - July 2025– Negotiations
- July 24, 2025– Recommendation

Proposal Comparison

	Republic	MDRR	Difference
\$/Year for Base Services	\$58,578,089	\$68,177,150	\$9,599,061
Estimated Rate Impact	25%	37%	12%
Routes	86.5	89.8	3.3
Trucks	105	111	6
Drivers	119	111	8
Mechanics	16	8	8
Customer Service Reps	5	10	5
Sustainability Advisors	5	5	0

Single-Family Routes

Single-Family Routes						
Truck Type	Current	Republic		MDRR		MDRR - Republic
		Proposed	Increase	Proposed	Increase	
Burro	9	12	3	12	3	0
Side-Loader	40.4	44.4	4	48	7.6	3.6

Solid Waste Lifts/Route/Day		
Truck Type	Republic	MDRR
Burro	267	322
Side-Loader	776	796

Estimated Rate Impact

Republic's Proposal for Base Services

	Current \$/year	Proposed \$/year	Increase	
			\$/year	%
Collection Costs	\$39,762,912	\$58,578,089	\$18,815,177	47%
Other Costs	\$33,742,651	\$38,000,000	\$4,257,349	13%
Total	\$73,505,563	\$96,578,089	\$23,072,526	31%

Estimated Current Annual Rate Revenue	\$77,509,953
Total Proposed \$/year	\$96,578,089
Difference	\$19,068,136
Estimated Rate Impact	25%

Estimated Rate Impact

- Other Costs in Addition to Collection
 - Payments to post-collection contractors
 - Reuse & Cleanup Days
 - Authority costs
 - Member Agency fees
- Unknown at this time
 - Republic's new agreement with the Teamsters
 - Inflation to 2027
 - Use of Member Agency reserves to phase in the rate increase

Base Services

- Same as existing collection services except:
 - Increased credits for missed pick-ups
 - Friday missed pick-ups collected on Saturday
 - Courtesy collections for late set-outs
 - More on-call collections of extra recyclables and yard trimmings
 - Used cooking oil recycling
 - Smaller, 20-gallon organics carts available

Base Services - Continued

- At least one recycling container and one organics container at every commercial and multi-family solid waste service location
- Commercial organics bin service
- Hauler neutral replacement containers
- On-call dumpsters for Member Agencies
- Re-labeling commercial bins



Alternative Bids for Additional Services

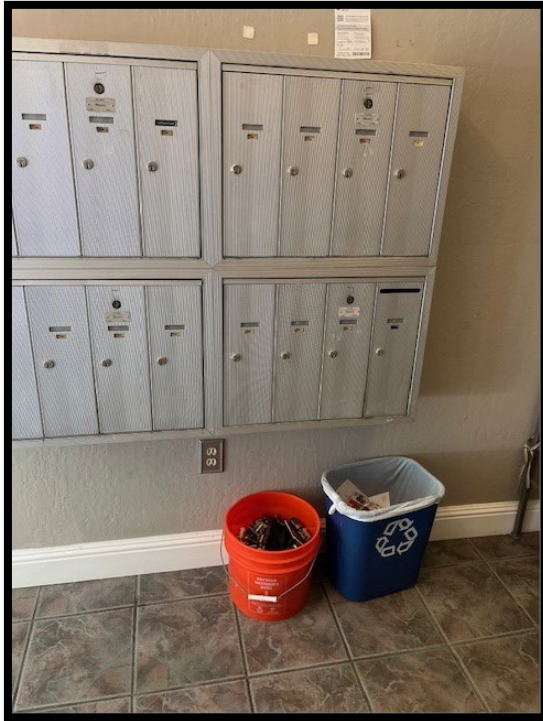
Estimated Impact of Base and Alternative Bids			
Base Bid	Annual \$ Impact	Estimated Rate Impact	Recommended
Base Collection Services + Other Costs	\$96,578,089	24.60%	Yes
Requested Alternative Bids			
Re-label Carts	\$123,053	0.16%	Yes
Replace Carts	\$1,002,389	1.29%	No
2nd Recycling Cart at no Additional Charge	\$269,266	0.35%	Yes
2nd Recycling Cart at no Additional Charge + Unlimited Recycling Overages	\$728,248	0.94%	No
2nd Organics Cart at no Additional Charge	\$319,653	0.41%	Yes
2nd Organics Cart at no Additional Charge + Unlimited Organics Overages	\$798,254	1.03%	No
Battery Collection at Multi-Family Dwellings (16+ unit complexes)	\$41,378	0.05%	Yes
Weekend Collection from Downtown Public Garbage Cans	\$106,600	0.14%	Yes
Republic Performs Annual SB 1383 Route Audits / "Lid Flipping"	\$0	0%	Yes
Cost Saving Ideas			
Don't Re-Label Commercial / Multi-Family Bins	(\$11,286)	-0.01%	No
Don't Add Cooking Oil Collection	(\$30,016)	-0.04%	No
Reduce Roll-Off Service to Member Agency Facilities	(\$187,118)	-0.24%	No
5-Year Phase in of New Vehicles	(\$760,207)	-0.98%	No
Total with Recommendations	\$97,438,039	25.71%	

Re-Label Carts

- Adhesive labels on existing cart lids
- All three types of carts
- When carts are set out for collection
- March 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028
- Update what is recyclable and compostable
- One-time cost of \$1,230,530
 - Allocated over 10 years
 - \$123,053 per year
- Estimated rate impact = +0.16%



Multi-Family Battery Recycling



Multi-Family Battery Recycling - Continued

- Collected in buckets in a common area
- Available to complexes with an on-site manager: 16+ Units
- On-call pick-up
- Pick-up location agreed to by manager and Republic
- Alternative is drop-off at retail stores
- Single-family homes have weekly curbside collection of batteries
- \$41,378 per year, estimated rate impact = 0.05%

# of complexes with 16 units or more	#
City of Lafayette	32
City of Orinda	4
City of Walnut Creek	149
Contra Costa County (RecycleSmart)	50
Town of Danville	14
Town of Moraga	27
Grand Total	276

Notable Changes to the Agreement

- Collection separated from other services
- Rate year will be July-June instead of March-February
- Cost-based rate adjustments every four years instead of every three years
- Annual compensation adjustments capped at 7% instead of 4% and 5%
- All customers receive a credit if their container is not emptied on the scheduled day: \$10 per container per day late

Recommendation

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