

Refuse Rate Hearing Notice

The City's Refuse Rate Board has received an application from Recology, the San Francisco refuse collection and processing company, for an increase in residential refuse collection and disposal rates for trash, recyclables and compostables (black, blue and green bin services). Recology is requesting an average increase of 21.51 percent, or about \$6.60 a month for a single-family home. As part of that rate, Recology's proposal would impose, for the first time, separate charges for the collection and disposal of recyclable and compostable materials. If the rate increase is approved, the City and Recology anticipate that the new rates would go into effect no earlier than August 1, 2013.

The Director of Public Works will hold a series of public hearings on Recology's application in San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, as follows:

Date	Time	Room
April 12, 2013	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	408
April 15, 2013	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	416
April 22, 2013	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	408
April 24, 2013	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	400
May 20, 2013	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	408
May 22, 2013	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	400

The hearings scheduled above are subject to continuation to later dates, rescheduling or cancellation.

Arguments in favor or and opposed to this application will be heard at the public hearings of may be submitted in writing by 1 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2013, to the Refuse Rate Hearing officer, c/o Department of Public Works, City Hall Room 348, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102. The Director will take public comment at the conclusion of each of the hearings.

If the Director's Recommended Order is appealed to the Refuse Rate Board, the Rate Board will issue a new notice and hearing schedule.

Copies of relevant documents, including the Recology application, will be available at City Hall Room 348 for public inspection. The Rate Board can be reached c/o City Administrator, Room 362 City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Placce, San Franciscusco CA 94102.

The City has appointed a “ratepayer advocate” to assist the public during the rate-application proceedings. The role of the ratepayer advocate is to: provide the public with clear and accurate information regarding the proposed new rate structure; help individuals and organizations formulate comments and questions; and represent the views of the ratepayers during public workshops and hearings. Appointment of a ratepayer advocate does not preclude members of the public from offering testimony in writing or in person on their own. The ratepayer advocate can be contacted by email at ratepayeradvocatesf@hfh-consultants.com, by phone at 415-554-6921 or in writing at SF Ratepayer Advocate, c/o HFH Consultants, 201 North Civic Drive, Suite 230, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

For additional information, including updated hearing schedules, procedures for submitting a protest, and relevant documents, go to sfdpw.org/refuserates or call 311.