



REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL RATE BOARD CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015
ROOM 263, CITY HALL, 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

CITY HALL
ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102

This Special Meeting of the Refuse Collection and Disposal Rate Board (“Rate Board”) is to receive and consider a report from the Director of Public Works on the Abandoned Materials Collection Program and a report from the Department of the Environment regarding the Special Reserve Fund. These reports were requested by the Rate Board at its special meetings in July 2013 on the Rate Application filed by Applicants Recology Sunset Scavenger, Recology Golden Gate, and Recology San Francisco (“Recology”).

This Special Meeting will commence on December 16, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall Room 263, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco CA 94102. Public comment will be taken. After hearing presentations and public comment on the two reports, the Rate Board will deliberate and may take action on two items:

(1) The Rate Board may adopt a finding, based on the report of the Director of Public Works, that the Abandoned Materials Collection (“AMC”) Program has increased the diversion of abandoned materials from landfill in a cost-effective manner consistent with the City’s goal of zero waste. If the Rate Board makes this finding, the July 2013 Resolution and Rate Order states that the AMC Program will continue after June 30, 2016, at the same rates as in the pilot program, subject to any adjustments authorized in the Rate Orders.

(2) The Rate Board may determine, based on the report of the Department of the Environment, whether there is a continuing need for the Special Reserve Fund under the 1987 Waste Disposal Agreement. If some or all of the Fund is no longer needed as of the expiration of the 1987 Agreement, the Board will determine how the funds will be used.

Copies of the Director of Public Works transmittal letter to the Rate Board (dated October 30, 2015), the Abandoned Materials Collection Program Report, and the Special Reserve Fund Report are posted on the Public Works web site at <http://sfdpw.org/index.aspx?page=737%20> (“Refuse Collection and Disposal Rates (“Garbage Rates”)”). Documents are also available from San Francisco Public Works, City Hall Room 348, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco CA 94102, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by calling (415) 554-6932. Notices are also available at the San Francisco Main Library Government Information Center, (415) 557-4500, Fifth Floor, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco CA 94102.

This is a Special Meeting because the Rate Board does not meet at a regularly scheduled time or place. The Chair in her discretion may modify the order or time limits of this Agenda in order to assure a fair and efficient hearing.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Introductory Remarks by Chair Discussion
- III. Presentation and Discussion of the Report Regarding the Abandoned Materials Collection Program Discussion and Action
 - A. Presentation by Public Works of the “Abandoned Materials Collection Program Report” (dated October 30, 2015)
 - B. Public comment regarding Agenda Item III
Maximum three (3) minutes per speaker.
 - C. Discussion of the Abandoned Materials Collection Program Report and consideration of whether to find that the Abandoned Materials Collection Program has increased the diversion of abandoned materials from landfill in a cost-effective manner.
- IV. Presentation and Discussion of the Report Regarding the Special Reserve Fund Discussion and Action
 - A. Presentation by Department of the Environment of the “Special Reserve Fund Report” (dated October 30, 2015)
 - B. Public comment regarding Agenda Item IV
Maximum three (3) minutes per speaker.
 - C. Discussion of Special Reserve Fund Report and consideration of whether there is a continuing need for the Fund, or some portion of it. If some or all of the Fund is no longer needed as of the expiration of the 1987 Waste Disposal Agreement, the Rate Board may determine how to use the Fund in the future.
- V. Resolution Adopting Findings of the Rate Board: Consideration of a resolution consistent with the Rate Board’s findings on Items III and IV. Discussion and Action
Explanatory document: Proposed Resolution
 - A. Public comment regarding Agenda Item V
Maximum three (3) minutes per speaker.
- VI. General Public Comment
Maximum three (3) minutes per speaker.
- VII. Adjournment

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