



## Technical Workshop on San Francisco Residential Refuse-Collection Rates

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Place: [San Francisco City Hall](#), Room 421

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Recology, the San Francisco refuse collection and processing company, filed an application for an increase in residential collection and disposal rates for trash, recyclables, and compostables (black, blue, and green bin services). In its application, Recology is requesting to rebate surplus revenues to ratepayers and to increase rates, for an effective increase of 16.40% in the first year (or about \$5.70 a month for an average single family home), 4.98% in the second year, and 0.62% in the fourth year. If the increases are approved, the City and Recology anticipate that new rates would go into effect on July 1, 2017.

According to the City's 1932 Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance, the Director of Public Works is responsible for the City's review of the rate application and the determination of whether the rates are just and reasonable.

At the February 28 technical workshop people can learn more about and weigh in on the proposed rate increase. Public Works will also be holding a series of public hearings in March, April, and May to review the application. The Public Works Director will be taking public comment at the end of each scheduled hearing. To find more information on the application, please visit [sfpublicworks.org/refuserates](http://sfpublicworks.org/refuserates). The application and relevant documents are also available for review at City Hall, Room 348.

At the technical workshop, representatives from Recology will present an overview of the application, which will be followed by a question and answer period. Staff from Public Works, the Department of the Environment, and the Ratepayer Advocate will be present to answer questions.

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 application and to help people convey their comments and concerns during the proceedings. The ratepayer advocate will participate in the workshop and in future public hearings. People are encouraged to contact the ratepayer advocate directly at [www.ratepayeradvocatesf.org](http://www.ratepayeradvocatesf.org), by phone at 415-324-8477, or by regular mail at Ratepayer Advocate, c/o RDJ Enterprises, 1485 Bayshore Boulevard, Suite 201, San Francisco, 94124.

To receive notices about future rate activities, please submit your email request to: [refuserates@sfdpw.org](mailto:refuserates@sfdpw.org) or by regular mail to: San Francisco Public Works, Attn. Refuse Rates, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 348, San Francisco, CA 94102

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Minutes of the meeting are available in alternative formats. If you require the use of a reader during the meeting, American Sign Language interpreters, and/or a sound enhancement system, please call Public Works' Accessibility Access Coordinator at (415) 557-4685 at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

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