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NCS D Customers to Receive 50% Discount on Solid Waste Bill

At their December 13th Regular Meeting the District's Board of Directors approved a request from the garbage company for a 1.6% increase for the upcoming year and a one-time discount to District customers' solid waste bill.

The District holds a Franchise Agreement with South County Sanitary Services (SCSS) for providing solid waste collection services within the District. Under the agreement, the District is required to administer annual lien process for the collection of delinquent solid waste payments and administer rate proceedings. SCSS is requesting a Consumer Price Index adjustment of 1.6% across its service area. This increase equates to approximately \$0.35 per month for a single family home for solid waste collections within the District. The requested rate adjustment is to cover increases in the cost of services and landfill expansion.

The District receives a proportion of the fees collected by SCSS from customers within NCS D. The District uses these fees to fund community wide cleanup efforts including sponsorship of Creek Day and servicing the garbage cans in Olde Towne. District solid waste reserves have grown over the years and the Board of Directors tasked NCS D staff to find a method to return the excess funds to those who contributed them.

The Board reviewed a number of options and felt a direct return of the funds to all District customers, both residential and commercial, by subsidizing the garbage bill was the most equitable and efficient way to return the funds.

District customers will see a one-time 50% reduction in their bi-monthly solid waste bills thereby getting two months of service for the price of one. For example, if a customer's two-month solid waste bill is normally \$60, they will see a \$30 discount on their bill. Commercial accounts that receive monthly bills will see a 50% reduction on two of their monthly bills resulting in the same benefit as bi-monthly billed customers.

Director Craig Armstrong stated "If we collect more money than we need, we need to return it to the people we collected it from."

General Manager, Mario Iglesias, stated "The Board of Directors is committed to keeping the cost of services to District customers equitable and reasonable. Many south county public agencies are permitted to collect a 10% franchise fee. NCS D's Board of Directors has dedicated some of the franchise fees to reducing rate increases to its customers. Currently, NCS D is collecting 5.14% of the franchise fee out of the 10% it is eligible to collect."

The franchise fee increase and one-time bill discount will occur early 2018.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 9AM, District Jon S. Seitz Board Room at 148 South Wilson, Nipomo.

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