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Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Approves New Service Fee

(Gonzales, CA) – On May 16, 2013, during their regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Directors of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA) unanimously approved a new fee for services that supports waste reduction and recycling programs to comply with state mandates. This decision will result in an increase of rates paid to the SVSWA by the companies that pick up the curbside trash containers. Those companies and the cities they serve will determine how the rate increase will be collected from their customers. There will be no increase to the per ton rate charged to customers at the SVSWA landfill or transfer stations.

During discussion it was made clear that the additional revenue is needed for the SVSWA to maintain a positive revenue-to-debt ratio as part of its existing 2002 Revenue Bonds agreement; to maintain its A+ bond rating in order to refinance the existing bonds at a lower interest rate resulting in savings of \$5.4 million; and so each of the Salinas Valley cities could adjust their residential and commercial collection rates to be effective July 1st. The additional revenue of \$1.7 million will help to offset the loss of \$2 million when the SVSWA stops importing waste from outside the County as a means to subsidize operating costs.

While deliberating, the Board expressed continuing support for the countywide solid waste study, as agreed to at the joint meeting between the SVSWA Board and the County Board of Supervisors on April 30. Speaking in favor of the rate increase, Board President Fernando Armenta stated, “We have a responsibility to this agency. We [Monterey County, Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City] signed on the dotted line



when we formed the Salinas Valley [Solid Waste] Joint Powers Authority [to responsibly manage three old landfills from Monterey County and one from Salinas]”

Chief Administrative Officer Patrick Mathews explains, “Operations have been streamlined and expenses have been cut as much as possible. Further cuts were not possible while meeting all regulatory requirements. The service fee will allow SVSWA to continue providing disposal and recycling services to the community, while maintaining required environmental controls for public health and safety.”

SVSWA provides management of solid waste disposal sites for the Salinas Valley cities and the Eastern portion of unincorporated Monterey County. Their facilities include drop-off recycling, electronic waste and hazardous waste collection, yard waste recycling, public education and implementation of recycling programs. The SVSWA also manages and maintains environmental compliance for three closed landfills.

Many residents and businesses have been able to reduce their trash bills by increasing recycling and utilizing a smaller trash container. For assistance call SVSWA at (831) 775-3000.

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MORE INFORMATION

SVSWA SERVICE AREA:

Aromas, Bradley, Castroville, Chualar, Gonzales, Greenfield, Jolon, King City, Lockwood, Prunedale, Royal Oaks, Salinas, San Ardo, San Lucas, Soledad and Spreckles.

RECYCLING & DISPOSAL LOCATIONS:

Sun Street Transfer Station

139 Sun Street



Salinas, CA 93902

Mon - Fri 7am - 5pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

Johnson Canyon Landfill

31400 Johnson Canyon Rd.

Gonzales, CA 93926

Mon - Fri 7am - 4pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

Jolon Road Transfer Station

52654 Jolon Rd.

King City, CA 93930

Mon - Fri 8am - 4pm

Saturday 8am - 12pm