

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE COLLECTION RATES

October 28, 2022

Dear Property Owner/Customer:

This notice explains the Bolinas Community Public Utility District (“District”)’s proposed increase in monthly rates for solid waste, recycling and green waste collection services (“Waste Collection Rates”). This notice also provides reasons for the proposed Waste Collection Rates. The Board of Directors of the District will consider adoption of Waste Collection Rates for the next five years. The Board will vote on the Waste Collection Rates after a public hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on December 14, 2022 at the District offices, 270 Elm Road, Bolinas. The Waste Collection Rates would take effect on January 1, 2023. The new rates would replace the current rates, which have been in effect since 2015, adjusted annually per the rate-setting methodology set forth in the District’s existing franchise agreement with its solid waste contractor, Recology Sonoma-Marin.

Summary of Proposal for Increased Rates

Through this proceeding, the District proposes to increase rates by approving maximum monthly Waste Collection Rates. The proposed maximum Waste Collection Rates are necessary to generate sufficient revenue to cover costs to implement certain requirements of Senate Bill 1383, the Short-lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act (“SB 1383”) throughout the District service area, and also are needed due to increases in general business administration costs as reflected in the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers, San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose) published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics (“CPI”).

Formula for Increased Rates

If the District decides to spend grant funds issued by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (“CalRecycle”) to pay for certain SB 1383 implementation-related costs in 2023, the proposed maximum Waste Collection Rates will be increased as follows: (1) beginning on January 1, 2023, the current (2022) rates will increase by the percentage increase in the CPI over the preceding year (measured from September to September); and (2) beginning on January 1, 2024, the current (2023) rates will increase one time by 2.9% to cover the costs of providing certain SB 1383 implementation-related services and at the same time, on January 1, 2024, and for each year thereafter through January 1, 2027, the Rates shall be adjusted by the percentage increase in the CPI over the preceding year (measured from September to September) each year on January 1.

If the District decides to not spend grant funds issued by CalRecycle to pay for certain SB 1383 implementation-related costs in 2023, the proposed maximum Waste Collection Rates will be increased as follows: (1) beginning on January 1, 2023, the current (2022) rates will increase one time by 2.9% to cover the costs of providing certain SB 1383 implementation-related services; and (2) at the same time, on January 1, 2023, and for each year thereafter through January 1, 2027, the Rates shall be adjusted by the percentage increase in the CPI over the preceding year (measured from September to September) each year on January 1.

Use of Revenues and Proportionality of Rates

The revenue collected from the Waste Collection Rates will be used solely for the costs associated with the collection of solid waste, recyclable materials and green waste throughout the District service area and for certain SB 1383 implementation-related costs. The proposed rates will be proportional to the cost of service because they have been set based on the volume and type of refuse collected, as well as the frequency of the collection service and the proportionate cost of implementing certain SB 1383 related services in the District.

How Will the Rates Impact You?

The proposed Waste Collection Rates will be imposed for the next 5 years and will result in an increase in the monthly bill for all customers, according to the formula described above.

For example, if the District decides to spend grant funds issued by CalRecycle to pay for certain SB 1383 implementation-related costs in 2023, a residential customer using a 32-gallon can would see a rate adjustment as follows:

Current rate (2022): \$24.63 per month

Year one (2023): rate = \$24.63 + (\$24.63 * CPI Increase)

Year two (2024): rate = Year one rate + (Year One Rate * .029%) + ((Year One Rate + (Year One Rate * .029)) * CPI Increase)

Year three (2025): rate = Year two rate + (Year two rate * CPI Increase)

Year four (2026): rate = Year three rate + (Year three rate * CPI Increase)

Year five (2027): rate = Year four rate + (Year four rate * CPI Increase)

If the District decides not to spend grant funds issued by CalRecycle on these SB 1383 implementation-related costs in 2023, a residential customer using a 32-gallon can would see a rate adjustment as follows:

Current rate (2022): \$24.63 per month

Year one (2023): rate = \$24.63 + (\$24.63 * .029%) + ((\$24.63 + (\$24.63 * .029)) * CPI Increase)

Year two (2024): rate = Year one rate + (Year one rate * CPI Increase)

Year three (2025): rate = Year two rate + (Year two rate * CPI Increase)

Year four (2026): rate = Year three rate + (Year three rate * CPI Increase)

Year five (2027): rate = Year four rate + (Year four rate * CPI Increase)

Public Hearing and Protest Procedures

The District Board of Directors will consider the proposed maximum Waste Collection Rates at a public hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m., December 14, 2022, at the Bolinas Community Public Utility District Office, 270 Elm Road, Bolinas. You have the right to protest the proposed maximum Waste Collection Rates. If you do, you must submit your protest in writing, even if you plan to attend the public hearing. Your written protest must be received prior to the close of the December 14, 2022 public hearing. Written protests must identify the parcel by assessor parcel number or District account number. Only one protest will be counted per parcel. E-mail or facsimile protests will not be accepted. Send written protests by mail to Bolinas Community Public Utility District, P.O. Box 390, Bolinas, California 94924, or deliver to the District office at 270 Elm Road, Bolinas, California 94924.

If written protests are submitted by a majority of the affected property owners and customers that would be responsible for paying the Waste Collection Rates, the District may not impose the proposed rates and the District will consider alternatives to the Waste Collection Rates.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Blackman
General Manager