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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:	BCPUD Board of Directors
FROM:	Recology Detailed Rate Review Ad-Hoc Committee
RE:	Status of Recology Rate Review
DATE:	September 18, 2024

Background—Recology Sonoma Marin has requested a one-time extraordinary rate increase due to increased operational costs, inflationary pressures, and the need for enhanced service capabilities.

## Where are we in that process?

- On September 4<sup>th</sup>, BCPUD's General Manager (Georgia), along with board members Kevin McElroy and Jack Siedman, met to discuss Recology's Detailed Rate Application (DRA) and Recology's request therein.
- The Ad-Hoc Committee discussed concerns and formulated a general strategy underlying BCPUD's response.
- The Ad-Hoc Commitee's response to the DRA has been drafted and the district had hoped to adhere to the following schedule:
  - September 26—Finalize amended contract
  - October 27—Publish Prop 218 Notice, describing proposed rate increases
  - December 11—hold hearing for rate increase and allow for public protest
  - January 1—implementation of the rate increase
- Due to emergent needs that have required staff attention, the Ad-Hoc Committee has not been able to finalize the draft response to the DRA prior to the September 18, 2024, board meeting. Therefore, the schedule noted above will need to be pushed out.
- Staff contacted Recology and stated that we intend to respond to them by the end of this month.

## Next Steps

- The Ad-Hoc Committee plans to finalize the response to the DRA and send it to Recology by the end of September.
- After providing Recology with our response to their DRA, the Ad-Hoc Committee presumes that negotiations will continue over the next few weeks.
- The Ad-Hoc Committee will report back at the October meeting regarding the status of those negotiations.