

# BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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## MEMORANDUM

<b>TO:</b>	BCPUD Board of Directors
<b>FROM:</b>	Recology Detailed Rate Review Ad-Hoc Committee
<b>RE:</b>	Status of Recology Rate Review
<b>DATE:</b>	October 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?**

- Over the past several weeks, Kevin and Georgia continued the work of the Ad-Hoc Committee: we met in person and remotely (3-4 times over several hours) to discuss and analyze Recology’s request and strategize BCPUD’s response and draft our Response Letter.
- On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Georgia sent BCPUD's formal response to RSM (Nikki Burke). The letter includes the following suggested schedule:
  - November 15—Finalize amended contract
  - November 20—Approval of the Draft Prop 218 Notice at BCPUD’s Regular November Board Meeting
  - November 25—Publish Prop 218 Notice, describing proposed rate increases
  - January 15—Hold hearing for rate increase and allow for public protest
  - **February 1—implementation of the rate increase**
- On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Georgia corresponded with Nikki Burke about next steps but we have not yet received their formal reply to our Response Letter.

- **Next Steps**

- The Ad-Hoc Committee will be meeting within the next week to discuss and formulate our strategy going forward, but we are likely to request a formal reply from RSM to our Response Letter, before the Ad-Hoc Committee schedules a meeting with RSM to continue negotiations.