



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**SUBJECT:** Hold Scheduled Hearing for Rate Increase  
Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc. – Southern Region

Accounting

Dear Board Members:

Airport

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) Hold the scheduled public hearing at 10:30 AM for a requested 2.7% rate increase for the Southern Marin franchise areas serviced by Mill Valley Refuse Service; and; 2) Approve the rate increase and authorize your President to sign the enclosed franchise amendment.

Building Maintenance

**SUMMARY:** Mill Valley Refuse Service, Inc. (MVRS) provides collection and disposal of refuse in certain Southern Marin unincorporated areas known as Southern Marin franchise areas 2,3,4,5,6 and 7 which were established by your Board in 1993. These areas include unincorporated areas near Mill Valley and Tiburon known as Shoreline and Gibson, Paradise Cay, Paradise and Mar East. There are approximately 500 accounts in these areas that include residential and commercial customers.

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program  
Agency (CUPA)

Enclosed is a letter from MVRS requesting this rate increase which is consistent with the 2012 consumer price index published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. MVRS is also proposing to implement a new service and rate to allow for commercial facilities to compost food waste. The compost rate is 35% of the normal disposal rate for commercial disposal. This new commercial compost option will dovetail with the County of Marin's zero waste goals and may result in commercial facilities requiring less disposal service.

Communications  
Maintenance

County Garage

Disability Access

A 2.7% rate increase will bring the average cost of a 32-gallon garbage can to \$40.90 per month. This amount is in line with the Bay Area average for similar service and will cost each residential customer an additional \$1.08 per month. The majority of the cities and special districts serviced by MVRS have already approved this rate increase.

Engineering & Survey

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The proposed rate increase will increase general fund franchise fee revenues by approximately \$4,000. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

Flood Control &  
Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

**REVIEWED BY:**     Department of Finance             N/A  
                                  County Counsel                     N/A  
                                  Human Resources                 N/A

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Respectfully submitted,

Stormwater Program

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Attachment  
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