



**DATE:** June 26, 2019

**TO:** Waste Management Authority Board

**FROM:** Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

**BY:** Pat Cabrera, Administrative Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing and Annual Adoption of Fee Collection Report for Household Hazardous Waste Fee

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## **SUMMARY**

At the June 26, 2019 WMA meeting, staff will give an overview and update on the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program and ask the Board to adopt the FY 2019-20 fee collection report as required by Ordinance 2014-01.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the May 2014 WMA meeting, the Board adopted HHW Ordinance 2014-1: "Ordinance Establishing a Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Fee," which included an annual \$9.55 fee per residential unit. This fee in combination with the HHW landfill tip fee and product stewardship savings supports the four HHW facilities (Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, and Oakland).

The fee also supports up to twelve one-day HHW events around the county per year. The permanent facilities and one-day events are operated under two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs): one with the City of Fremont and one with the County of Alameda. The City of Fremont continues to exceed its goal of serving 13,000 households per year. The County facilities along with the one-day events are projected to serve over 56,000 households by fiscal year end, reaching approximately 85% of its collective goal of serving 66,000 households annually.

### Fee change

Under the ordinance, a Fee Collection Report must be approved by the WMA Board each year prior to placing the parcel fee on the Alameda County property tax roll. A proposed Fee Collection Report (FCR) was publicly noticed this month. The purpose of the notice of the proposed FCR is to allow residential property owners subject to the fee to provide updated information about the number of units on their property, since the fee applies to each unit. The 2019 Fee Collection Report includes changes that property owners have requested throughout the year and during the review of the 2019 Fee Collection Report. Staff has incorporated all requests for changes to the proposed FCR

into the draft linked below. The Fee Collection Report lists all the parcels in Alameda County subject to the fee together with the fee amount for the parcel. The 2019 Fee Collection Report may be viewed at <http://www.stopwaste.org/file/6193>. *Please be aware that the file is very large and will take time to download.* Consistent with last year, staff will keep a digital copy on a tablet at the front desk, and print any requested sections.

The HHW fee ordinance calls for the fee to be adjusted each year beginning in FY 16-17, based on the HHW tip fee collected and product stewardship savings. Based on collections and savings in FY 17-18, the FY 19-20 HHW fee will be \$6.64 per residential parcel. While the current ordinance requires the fee to reset to \$9.55 for the following fiscal year, staff presented a proposal at the Programs and Administration (P&A) Committee last month to amend the current ordinance. This amendment included establishing a fee of \$6.64 per year through FY 23-24. The P&A directed staff to proceed with this option, which will be presented to the WMA Board for approval under separate cover.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the WMA Board hold a public hearing on the Fee Collection Report and approve by resolution, the Fee Collection Report for FY 2019-20, which includes adjusting the annual fee downward from \$7.40 per unit in FY 2018-19 to \$6.64 per unit for FY 2019-20.

Attachment: Resolution Adopting the Fee Collection Report

**ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION #WMA 2019 -**

**MOVED:  
SECONDED:**

**AT THE MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2019**

**THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZES ANNUAL ADOPTION OF  
THE FEE COLLECTION REPORT FOR THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) FEE**

**WHEREAS**, HHW Ordinance 2014-01 established a Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Fee, and

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance requires that a Fee Collection Report be approved by the WMA Board each year prior to placing the fee on the Alameda County property tax roll, and

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance further requires the fee to be adjusted each year beginning in fiscal year 2016-2017 based on a formula that includes the HHW tip fee collected and product stewardship savings, and

**WHEREAS**, based on this formula the annual HHW Collection and Disposal Fee for fiscal year 2019-2020 will be \$6.64 per residential parcel, and

**WHEREAS**, legal notice of the public hearing of the Fee Collection Report been provided, and the matter scheduled on the June 26, 2019 Waste Management Authority agenda for adoption.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alameda County Waste Management Authority hereby approves adjusting the annual Household Hazardous Waste Fee from \$7.40 per residential unit in fiscal year 2018-2019 to \$6.64 per residential unit for fiscal year 2019-2020.

**Passed and adopted this 26th day of June 2019 by the following vote:**

**AYES:  
NOES:  
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ABSENT:**

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**Wendy Sommer, Executive Director**