

Resolution NUMBER: 6750-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL APPROVING AN ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES FOR SONOMA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY, LLC, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol entered into a Solid Waste Collection Agreement with Sonoma County Resource Recovery, LLC ("SCRR"), effective July 1, 2025, granting SCRR an exclusive franchise to provide solid waste, recycling, and organic waste collection services within the City; and

WHEREAS, Article 6 of the Solid Waste Collection Agreement allows for annual adjustments to maximum service rates beginning July 1, 2026, using the Refuse Rate Index ("RRI") methodology set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, SCRR timely submitted its annual rate adjustment application for the 2026–27 rate year in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate adjustment is based on documented changes in the cost of providing collection, disposal, organics, and recycling services and was calculated using the RRI methodology established in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial draft submission, finalized Sonoma County disposal and processing fees were received and incorporated, resulting in a revised proposed RRI adjustment of 3.82 percent; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the rate adjustment application and determined that it complies with the Solid Waste Collection Agreement and reflects reasonable and documented cost changes necessary to maintain service reliability and compliance with state waste diversion requirements; and

WHEREAS, approval of the proposed rate adjustment has no direct impact on the City's General Fund; and WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Collection Agreement is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, as the action assures the protection of the environment through regulatory oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol does hereby:

1. Approve the annual adjustment to the maximum solid waste collection rates for Sonoma County Resource Recovery, LLC, based on a 3.82% Refuse Rate Index adjustment, effective July 1, 2026; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to implement the approved rate adjustment in accordance with the Solid Waste Collection Agreement and to take any administrative actions necessary to carry out this Resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

**VOTE:**



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 City of Sebastopol Rate Application  
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 for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027  
 Exhibit 14 to the Contract- RRI Calculation-Final**

Operating Categories	Operating Category Annual Costs	Weighted Percent of Annual Total	Index Percentage Change	Weighted Adjustment Percentage
Collection Services	824,849	73.92%	4.80%	3.55%
Garbage Disposal Costs	179,619	16.10%	-0.77%	-0.12%
Organic and Food Waste Diversion Costs	55,978	5.02%	11.48%	0.58%
Recyclable Material Processing Costs	55,387	4.96%	-3.61%	-0.18%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,115,833</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		
			<b>RRI</b>	<b>3.82%</b>

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<b>Collection Services Costs</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1) Salary and Wage Accounts(Operations, Maintenance, Admin, Officer)</b>	<b>292,565.66</b>
<b>2) Payroll Tax Accounts Related to Item #1</b>	<b>23,062.90</b>
<b>3) Fuel Costs</b>	<b>43,856.71</b>
<b>4) Collection and Collection Related Vehicle Depreciation Accounts</b>	<b>67,703.18</b>
<b>5) Vehicle Lease or Rental Accounts Related to Collection or Collection Related Vehicles</b>	<b>129,181.50</b>
<b>6) Collection or Collection related Vehicle Parts and Costs</b>	<b>28,939.76</b>
<b>7) All Other Expenses</b>	<b><u>239,539.57</u></b>
<b>Total Collection Services Costs</b>	<b><u><u>824,849.28</u></u></b>
<b>Post-Collection Services Costs</b>	
<b>8) Garbage Disposal Costs</b>	<b><u>179,618.83</u></b>
<b>9) Organice Waste and Food Waste Diversion Costs</b>	<b><u>55,977.95</u></b>
<b>10) Recyclable Material Processing Costs</b>	<b><u><u>55,386.94</u></u></b>

**Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)  
Original Data Value**

Series Id:	CUR0000SEHG																		
Seasonally Adjusted	Water and sewer and trash collection services in U.S.																		
Series Title:	U.S. city average																		
Area:	Water and sewer and trash collection services																		
Item:	DECEMBER 1997=100																		
Base Period:	2015 to 2025																		
Years:	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	HALF1	HALF2	2025 Average	2024 Average	Change in Average	% Change
2015	210.090	210.981	211.468	211.987	212.729	213.269	213.986	215.560	216.143	216.550	217.124	217.742							
2016	218.191	218.681	219.417	220.319	221.497	221.880	221.530	222.383	223.102	223.631	224.493	225.013							
2017	226.235	227.001	227.360	227.883	228.445	228.803	229.186	229.664	230.178	230.838	231.604	232.042							
2018	232.771	233.609	234.041	234.873	235.894	236.642	237.301	238.261	238.605	239.276	241.862	242.436							
2019	241.276	241.538	242.397	243.288	243.924	244.538	245.073	245.294	245.965	247.032	247.682	248.024							
2020	248.846	249.751	250.359	250.673	250.921	251.435	252.401	253.974	254.266	254.781	255.650	256.456							
2021	257.722	258.763	259.204	259.581	259.542	260.400	261.706	262.810	263.747	264.278	264.580	265.365							
2022	268.128	269.521	269.821	270.419	270.844	271.925	273.097	274.984	276.759	276.892	277.824	278.464							
2023	281.461	283.663	284.166	285.052	286.322	287.467	289.005	290.975	291.279	291.683	292.684	292.915							
2024	297.079	298.751	299.183	300.178	299.987	300.682	302.106	303.311	305.117	306.336	308.015	308.234							
2025	310.239	313.344	313.925	314.820	315.565	316.881	318.244	319.403	319.867	321.363	322.728					316.9426	302.412417	14.53022	4.80%

X : Data unavailable due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations

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**Summary of Post Collection Cost Fee Increases(Decreases)**

	<b>County Garbage Disposal Per Ton Tip Fee</b>	<b>County Organic Per Ton Tip Fee</b>	<b>Recycling Processing Per Ton Processing Fee</b>
<b>2026-2027 Rate Year</b>	170.30	130.06	92.76
<b>2025-2026 Rate Year</b>	171.63	116.67	96.23
<b>Dollar Increase(Decrease) in Fees</b>	<b>(1.33)</b>	<b>13.39</b>	<b>(3.47)</b>
<b>Percentage Increase(Decrease) in Fees</b>	<b>-0.77%</b>	<b>11.48%</b>	<b>-3.61%</b>

## Adjustment Indices Data Input

**Table 8: Disposal Tip Fee**

Year	Tip-Fee Charge	Difference from Prior Year	Index Percent Change
2017	\$130.57	n/a	n/a
2018	\$133.77	\$3.20	2.45%
2019	\$138.76	\$4.99	3.73%
2020	\$141.66	\$2.90	2.09%
2021	\$142.87	\$1.21	0.85%
2022	\$148.25	\$5.38	3.77%
2023	\$155.47	\$7.22	4.87%
2024	\$164.92	\$9.45	6.08%
2025	\$171.63	\$6.71	4.07%
2026	\$170.30	-\$1.33	-0.77%

# Adjustment Indices Data Input

**Table 10: Organic Waste Processing**

Year	Tip-Fee Charge	Difference from Prior Year	Index Percent Change
2017	\$76.53	n/a	n/a
2018	\$78.92	\$2.39	3.12%
2019	\$87.22	\$8.30	10.52%
2020	\$87.64	\$0.42	0.48%
2021	\$96.43	\$8.79	10.03%
2022	\$101.64	\$5.21	5.40%
2023	\$106.84	\$5.20	5.12%
2024	\$116.08	\$9.24	8.65%
2025	\$116.67	\$0.59	0.51%
2026	\$130.06	\$13.39	11.48%

## Adjustment Indices Data Input

2025 Recyclable Material Processing / Sales Element Allocation				
Approved Facility	Delivered Recyclable Materials Tonnage	Percentage Delivered	Per Ton Tip Fee	Allocated Tip Fee
WMRF-Mixed Debris	472	9%	\$ 173.00	\$15.65
WMRF-Concrete	10	0%	\$ 115.00	\$0.21
Napa Recyclables	-	0%	\$ 30.00	\$0.00
Soils Plus (Rock)-Concrete	-	0%	\$ 30.00	\$0.00
Stony Point Rock Quarry-Concrete	509	10%	\$ 30.00	\$2.92
GMRS-Concrete	53	1%	\$ 110.00	\$1.12
GMRS-Cardboard	22	0%	\$ 24.00	\$0.10
GMRS-Dirt	-	0%	\$ 110.00	\$0.00
MRRC-Recyclables	-	0%	\$ 110.22	\$0.00
Upper Valley-Direct Haul Recyclables	-	0%	\$ 75.00	\$0.00
Upper Valley-Pacific Sanitation-Recyclabl	-	0%	\$ 140.00	\$0.00
West Coast Metals-Metal	27	1%	\$ -	\$0.00
Pacific Recycling Solutions-Direct Haul-Re	1,424	27%	\$ 75.00	\$20.45
Pacific Sanitation-Recyclables	1,081	21%	\$ 140.00	\$28.99
Pacific Sanitation-Re Residential	1,624	31%	\$ 75.00	\$23.32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,222</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$92.76</b>

## Adjustment Indices Data Input

2024 Recyclable Material Processing / Sales Element Allocation				
Approved Facility	Delivered Recyclable Materials Tonnage	Percentage Delivered	Per Ton Tip Fee	Allocated Tip Fee
WMRF-Mixed Debris	278.38	5.6%	\$166.00	\$9.29
WMRF-Concrete	-	0.0%	\$65.00	\$0.00
Napa Recyclables	-	0.0%	\$50.00	\$0.00
Soils Plus (Rock)-Concrete	-	0.0%	\$30.95	\$0.00
Stony Point Rock Quarry-Concrete	422.44	8.5%	\$30.00	\$2.55
GMRS-Concrete	202.43	4.1%	\$110.00	\$4.48
GMRS-Cardboard	36.65	0.7%	\$24.00	\$0.18
GMRS-Dirt	8.41	0.2%	\$110.00	\$0.19
MRRC-Recyclables	-	0.0%	\$104.58	\$0.00
Upper Valley-Direct Haul Recyclables	-	0.0%	\$75.00	\$0.00
Upper Valley-Pacific Sanitation-Recy	-	0.0%	\$140.00	\$0.00
West Coast Metals-Metal	9.12	0.2%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pacific Recycling Solutions-Direct Ha	2,562.73	51.5%	\$75.00	\$38.65
Pacific Sanitation-Recyclables	1,452.94	29.2%	\$140.00	\$40.90
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,973</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$96.23</b>