



## Staff Report

### September 10, 2019

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Brit Snipes, Town Engineer/Public Works Director  
**DATE:** September 10, 2019  
**RE:** Public Hearing – Recology Request for Rate Increase

#### Recommendation

Hold the public hearing and approve resolution increasing refuse service rates as presented or as may be amended.

#### Issue Statement and Discussion

Pursuant to the Town's agreement with Recology Auburn Placer (formerly Auburn Placer Disposal) a rate change is being requested that will increase rates on average, 6.21% (see attached post card).

Recology Auburn Placer has been the contract hauler for Loomis since incorporation in 1984. The current contract runs from July 2001 to September 2024. Recology may request one rate increase per year (Article 26) that must be approved by the Town Council. The 2019 rate increase will include missed rate increases for 2017, 2018, and this current year increase, outlined below:

	Base COLA	Disposal	Toter	4 Yd Bin	20 Yd DB	Average
	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase
2017-18	2.49%	0.00%	1.23%	1.66%	1.58%	1.43%
2018-19	3.39%	1.45%	2.47%	2.75%	2.93%	2.67%
2019-20	3.49%	0.00%	1.74%	2.36%	2.24%	2.12%
3-year increase	9.66%	1.45%	5.54%	6.92%	6.90%	6.21%

Recology provides other services to the Town such as street sweeping, dead animal pick-up, green waste program, and a yearly clean-up day. the cost of which is included in all rates. Recently Recology added additional services at no additional cost. These services include emptying the trash/recycling cans on Taylor Road, residential curbside pick-up of e-waste, motor oil and cooking oil (FOG). Recology also helps us meet unfunded mandates from the State by working with our local restaurants on commercial food waste recycling.

The requested increase this year on common services as compared to prior years is as follows (note: there was no increase in 2017 or 2018, and therefore, capturing those missed increases in 2019):

	Single Toter Residential	Unlimited Toters Residential	5 yards once per week
2006	22.98	29.51	319.79
2007	23.32	29.99	326.33
2008	23.76	30.59	334.60
2009	23.76	30.59	339.60
2010	24.03	30.98	347.50
2011	24.60	31.73	347.50
2012	24.89	32.13	352.99
2013	25.13	32.48	357.60
2014	25.33	32.76	361.41
2015	25.68	33.21	366.46
2016	25.99	33.64	372.26
2017	25.99	33.64	376.26
2018	25.99	33.64	376.26
2019	27.43	35.62	397.89

Recology continues to provide quality service and has been fiscally prudent with respect to the requested increases from the Town. The last request was in 2016 and the requests are typically less than the Consumer Price Index. This year the CPI for the All Urban Consumers – California is 3.49% based on the period from December 2017 through December 2018.

The Town of Loomis will continue to work with Recology to implement other programs as circumstances and funding allows. The State laws to lower the waste stream will require that customers, the Town of Loomis and Recology implement ways to keep Loomis in compliance. Annual per capita disposal rate (PPD) per resident over the past year was 4.1, below the State target PPD of 6.2.

#### **CEQA Requirements**

None.

#### **Financial and/or Policy Implications**

The approval of the proposed rate increase will result in increases to rate payers from 5.54% - 6.90% depending on type of service provided. Increases in revenue through the franchise fee to the Town would be minimal.

#### **Attachments**

- A. Resolution
- B. Public Hearing Post Card

**TOWN OF LOOMIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19 -**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS  
APPROVING A RATE INCREASE TO THE SOLID WASTE REFUSE COLLECTION AND HAULING  
CONTRACT FOR RECOLOGY AUBURN PLACER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Loomis has a long standing contractual relationship with Recology Auburn Placer for waste hauling and street sweeping services which has benefited both organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has sought to maintain a variety of services for its citizens while ensuring fair rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract with Recology Auburn Placer spells out the ability of both parties to make changes to the contract on an annual basis to reflect changes in the cost of doing business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has reviewed the information submitted by Recology Auburn Placer that will raise rates within the parameters of the contract;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town of Loomis Town Council approves the rate increase requested by Recology Auburn Placer and includes a rate comparison for selected services, information on the consumer price index, and the increase to be effective October 1, 2019.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Council of the Town of Loomis this 10th day of September 2019 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAINED:**

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Mayor Tim Onderko

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FEE INCREASES

The Town Council of Loomis will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at the Town of Loomis Council Chambers, 5775 Horse-shoe Bar Road, Loomis, beginning at 7:30PM to consider a garbage collection service rate increase as proposed by Recology Auburn Placer, the Town of Loomis's franchised solid waste hauler. The proposed rate changes reflect an actual increase for the average residential customer's monthly garbage rate of 6.21%. A rate increase comparison report will be available at the office of the Town Clerk, 3665 Taylor Road, and on the Town website at [www.loomis.ca.gov](http://www.loomis.ca.gov).

Owners of property and customers served by Recology Auburn Placer may protest the proposed increase in fees by addressing the Town Council at the public hearing or by filing a written protest with the Town Clerk at P.O. Box 1330, Loomis. The written protest must identify the parcel served by address or APN (assessor's parcel number) and be actually received (not postmarked) by the Town Clerk before or during the public hearing. Only one protest per parcel shall be counted for purposes of establishing a majority protest to the proposed fee increase. For further information contact the Office of the Town Clerk at (916) 652-1840 or Recology Auburn Placer at (530) 885-3735 during regular business hours.





The Town Council of Loomis will hold a public hearing on proposed fee increases for Recology Auburn Placer customers. The rate increase changes for selected residential services are as follows:

Residential	Current Rate	New 2019 Rate	Difference
Toter Only	\$25.99	\$27.43	\$1.44
Toter Plus	\$33.64	\$35.62	\$1.98

The rate increase for selected commercial services are as follows (collected 1 time per week):

Commercial	Current Rate	New 2019 Rate	Difference
1x1 Cubic Yard	\$92.59	\$99.47	\$6.88
1x4 Cubic Yard	\$302.17	\$323.10	\$20.93
1x20 Cubic Yard	\$388.13	\$414.92	\$26.79

See the other side of this postcard for more information and details of the public meeting.

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