

## **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Solid Waste Rate Adjustment**

### **Property Owners and Tenants - Customers:**

This notice is intended to inform you that Cambria Community Services District (“District”) will hold a public hearing regarding rate Adjustments (the “Proposed Rate Adjustment”) proposed by Mission Country Disposal for properties and customers receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the District. The Proposed Rate Adjustment will be considered by the District Board of Directors (“Board”) at the date, time, and location specified below. Consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218, this notice also provides you with the following information:

- The Date, Time, and Place of the Public Hearing;
- The Reason for the Proposed Rate Adjustment;
- The Effective date of the Proposed Rate Adjustment;
- The Basis for the Proposed Rate Adjustment; and
- The Majority Protest Procedures.

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**The Public Hearing for the Proposed Rate Adjustment within the District limits will be held on:**

**Date: January 16, 2025    Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: 1000 Main Street Cambria, CA 93428**

**Or online as listed below:**

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**At the Public Hearing, the Board will consider all public comment in support of and in opposition to the Proposed Rate Adjustment and whether or not a Majority Protest exists pursuant to the California Constitution (as described below). If approved, the Proposed 2025 Rate Adjustment would become effective on January 1, 2025 and annual adjustments would be effective each January 1 of 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029.**

## Reason For and Basis of the Proposed Rate Adjustments

The Proposed Rate Adjustment for 2025 is based on the Garbage Company's documented cost of providing solid waste services and is a 12.59% increase above current solid waste rates. This cost-based adjustment is necessary for the Garbage Company to continue to provide safe, environmentally sound and reliable solid waste removal, transportation and disposal services to the residents and businesses of the District. The adjustments are requested due to:

- Increases in organics processing costs – Third-party costs for the organic waste post-collection processing facility operated by the company formerly named Hitachi Zosen INOVA, and which are not within the Garbage Company's control, have doubled since 2022. The change in cost is the result of changes in facility capital and operating costs.
- Increases in landfill disposal costs – Related party costs for landfill waste disposal at Cold Canyon have remained flat since 2016. The 2025 rate adjustment reflects a market adjustment to these costs, from a per ton tipping fee of \$41 per ton (in place since 2016) to a per ton tipping fee of \$70. The Garbage Company provided market comparison demonstrating the applicability of the \$70 per ton market tipping fee.
- Collection costs including labor, vehicles, operating expenses and overhead – These costs are increasing approximately 4.21% in 2025.
- Adjustments necessary for moving to a new methodology for annual rate adjustments that provides for increased rate stability, predictability, fairness, transparency, ease of administration, and cost-effectiveness. These include updated depreciation lifespans for solid waste collection vehicles, removal of a limitation on corporate overhead costs for legal, tax, payroll, human resources, engineering, compliance, IT, training and recruiting programs, and updated profit allowance in-keeping with industry standards.
- Adjustments for new service enhancements, including the ability for residents to exchange a solid waste collection cart once annually at no additional cost, no charge collection for one bulky item twice annually via clean-up weeks.

The Proposed Rate Adjustments for 2025 applicable to residential solid waste customers are shown in the table below.

<b>Garbage Container Size</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Change in Monthly Rate</b>
32-gallon	\$ 41.52	\$ 46.75	\$ 5.23
64-gallon	\$ 83.03	\$ 93.48	\$ 10.45
96-gallon	\$ 124.58	\$ 140.26	\$ 15.68

In addition, commencing each January 1 of 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 solid waste rates will be adjusted based on the following:

- Annual change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Garbage and Trash Collection in the U.S all city average, with a minimum 2% adjustment and a maximum 5% adjustment. Amounts below the minimum or above the maximum will carry forward to the following year.
- Calculation of a 10% profit allowance starting in 2026 (estimated at additional 0.67% to 0.69% adjustment in 2026).
- Addition of a revenue balancing mechanism starting in 2027, wherein actual revenues from solid waste rates over or under projections carry forward as additions to, or offsets against, the annual CPI adjustment.
- Rate adjustments for January 1, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 are not expected to exceed 7%.

The Proposed Rate Adjustments have been independently reviewed for consistency with the City of San Luis Obispo Rate Setting Process and Methodology Manual for Integrated Solid Waste Management dated June 1994 and in accordance with the provisions of the District's Franchise Agreement with the Garbage Company, as amended, governing solid waste service within the boundaries of the District. The Proposed Rate Adjustments contemplate implementation of a new methodology for annual rate adjustments which is described in New Solid Waste Rate Adjustment Methodology and 2025 Rates report authored by independent reviewer, R3 Consulting Group, Inc. The consultant's report and the complete set of proposed 2025 solid waste rates is available at the CCSD Administrative office located at 2150 Main Street, 1-A, Cambria, CA 93428.

## **How Do I Protest the Proposed Rate Adjustment?**

Pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, the following persons may submit a written protest against the Proposed Rate Adjustment to the Confidential Administrative Assistant before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

- An owner(s) of property (parcel(s)) receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the District limits. If the person(s) signing the protest, as an owner, is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll as the owner of the parcel(s) then the protest must contain or be accompanied by written evidence that such person signing the protest is the owner of the parcel(s) receiving services; or
- A tenant(s) whose name appears on Mission Country Disposal's records as the customer of record for the corresponding parcel receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the District limits (tenant-customer).

A valid written protest must contain a statement that you protest the Proposed Rate Adjustment, the address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) of the parcel or parcels which receive solid waste, recycling, and green waste services, and a signature by either the owner or the tenant-customer of the parcel or parcels. One written protest per parcel shall be counted in calculating a majority protest to the Proposed Rate Adjustment subject to the requirements of Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution. Written protests will not be accepted by e-mail or by facsimile. Verbal protests will not be counted in determining the existence of a majority protest. To be counted, a protest must be received in writing by the Confidential Administrative Assistant before the close of the Public Hearing referenced above.

Written protests regarding the solid waste rate Adjustment may be mailed to:

**Cambria Community Services District  
Attn: Confidential Administrative Assistant  
P.O. Box 65, Cambria CA 93428**

Written protests may also be personally delivered to the CCSD Administrative office located at 2150 Main Street, 1-A, Cambria, CA 93428.

If valid written protests are presented by a majority of owners and/or tenants-customers of parcels receiving solid waste, recycling, and green waste services within the District limits, then the District will not adjust the rates for the services. The CCSD serves 4010 parcels.

**MISSION COUNTRY  
DISPOSAL  
RATE ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025  
CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Pickups Per Week</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Effective 01/01/2024</b>	<b>Proposed Rate Adjustment</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Effective 01/01/2025</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND MULTI-UNIT (4 UNITS OR LESS):</b>				
32 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$41.52	5.23	\$46.75
64 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$83.03	10.45	\$93.48
96 Gallon Waste Wheeler	1	\$124.58	15.68	\$140.26
Residential customers must use the waste wheelers provided by the garbage company. The solid waste residential service fee for trash collections (container with black or gray lid), includes once a week pick-up of one green waste/organics container (green lid) and one recycling container (blue lid).				
<b>RESIDENTIAL - OTHER CHARGES:</b>				
Garbage extras (per bag)	1	\$20.78	2.62	\$23.40
Loose Cardboard	each	\$22.02	2.77	\$24.79
Loose Yardage	each	\$43.95	5.53	\$49.48
Small item pickup (TV, toilet)	each	\$31.37	3.95	\$35.32
Recycling extras(per bag)	1	\$10.39	1.31	\$11.70
Residential Trip Charge	each	\$15.65	1.97	\$17.62
Service away from the curb (per cart or commodity)	per month	\$18.81	2.37	\$21.18
Switch waste wheelers twice/year		\$15.65	1.97	\$17.62
Residential Restart Fee	each	\$55.57	7.00	\$62.57
Tax Lien Cert Mail Fee	each	\$6.44	0.81	\$7.25
White good, couch, hide-a-bed	each	\$109.82	13.83	\$123.65
Xtra 64 gal Green Waste Pickup	each	\$10.38	1.31	\$11.69
Xtra Green waste 64 or 96 gal cart	per month	\$2.93	0.37	\$3.30
Xtra Recycle 64 or 96 gal cart	per month	\$2.91	0.37	\$3.28
Mattress pickup	each	\$31.37	3.95	\$35.32
<b>COMMERCIAL DUMPSTERS - ALL AREAS:</b>				
1 yd dumpster	1	\$139.51	17.56	\$157.07
1 yd dumpster	2	\$208.21	26.21	\$234.42
1 yd dumpster	3	\$283.04	35.63	\$318.67
1 yd dumpster	4	\$355.23	44.72	\$399.95
1 yd dumpster	5	\$427.02	53.76	\$480.78
1.5 yd dumpster	1	\$177.03	22.29	\$199.32
1.5 yd dumpster	2	\$289.38	36.43	\$325.81
1.5 yd dumpster	3	\$362.88	45.69	\$408.57
1.5 yd dumpster	4	\$482.11	60.70	\$542.81
1.5 yd dumpster	5	\$602.24	75.82	\$678.06
2 yd dumpster	1	\$201.99	25.43	\$227.42

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2 yd dumpster	2	\$351.97	44.31	\$396.28
2 yd dumpster	3	\$495.82	62.42	\$558.24
2 yd dumpster	4	\$640.10	80.59	\$720.69
2 yd dumpster	5	\$774.80	97.55	\$872.35
3 yd dumpster	1	\$259.59	32.68	\$292.27
3 yd dumpster	2	\$487.52	61.38	\$548.90
3 yd dumpster	3	\$714.71	89.98	\$804.69
3 yd dumpster	4	\$953.19	120.01	\$1,073.20
3 yd dumpster	5	\$1,222.99	153.97	\$1,376.96
4 yd dumpster	1	\$346.11	43.58	\$389.69
4 yd dumpster	2	\$650.04	81.84	\$731.88
4 yd dumpster	3	\$952.97	119.98	\$1,072.95
4 yd dumpster	4	\$1,270.89	160.01	\$1,430.90
4 yd dumpster	5	\$1,630.64	205.30	\$1,835.94
6 yd dumpster	1	\$519.19	65.37	\$584.56
6 yd dumpster	2	\$975.05	122.76	\$1,097.81
6 yd dumpster	3	\$1,429.45	179.97	\$1,609.42
6 yd dumpster	4	\$1,429.45	179.97	\$1,609.42
6 yd dumpster	5	\$2,446.04	307.96	\$2,754.00

The rates shown above include the monthly container rental fee and a semi-annual dumpster cleaning.

Rates for all commercial customers include recycling or greenwaste/organics pickup once per week, included with the garbage service rate. Customers can choose from a 64 or 96 gallon blue commingled recycle waste wheeler or a 32 or 64 gallon organics waste wheeler included with the garbage service rate (96 gallon waste wheelers can only be used with green waste due to weight). If you need more frequent recycling, including organics/greenwaste service, it can be provided at 25% of the garbage service rates for the specified level of service required. If you need a dumpster for recycling, it can be provided at 25% of the garbage service rates for the specified level of service required.

**MULTI-FAMILY (5 or MORE)**

Rates are the same as commercial dumpsters (above) and waste wheeler rates (below).

**COMMERCIAL GARBAGE CANS - ALL AREAS:**

32 gallon waste wheeler	1	\$41.52	5.23	\$46.75
64 gallon waste wheeler	1	\$83.06	10.46	\$93.52
64 gallon waste wheeler	2	\$133.39	16.79	\$150.18
96 gallon waste wheeler	1	\$124.56	15.68	\$140.24
96 gallon waste wheeler	2	\$155.72	19.61	\$175.33
96 gallon waste wheeler	3	\$194.64	24.51	\$219.15
Garbage extras (per bag)		\$20.78	2.62	\$23.40
Garbage extras (per yard)		\$43.95	5.53	\$49.48

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* Maximum volume and weight per garbage can: 33 gallons / 80 pounds				
Rates for all "Waste Wheeler Container Service" customers include recycling or green waste/organics pickup once-per-week. Customers can choose from a 64 or 96 gallon blue waste wheeler once-per-week for commingled recycling, or a 32 or 64 gallon organics green lid waste wheeler once per-week for organics collections. More frequent than once-per-week pickup can be provided at 25% of the garbage service rate for the specified level of service required. Due to potential weight issues, organics are only collected in 32 or 64 gallon green lidded waste wheelers.				
<b>COMMERCIAL - OTHER CHARGES:</b>				
Additional 1Yd Recycle Pick Up		<b>\$11.00</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>\$12.38</b>
Additional 2Yd Recycle Pick Up		<b>\$21.98</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>\$24.75</b>
Additional 3Yd Recycle Pick Up		<b>\$32.96</b>	<b>4.15</b>	<b>\$37.11</b>
Bin Cleaning		<b>\$75.30</b>	<b>9.48</b>	<b>\$84.78</b>
Cmml Trip Charge		<b>\$15.67</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>\$17.64</b>
Lock Charge		<b>\$94.07</b>	<b>11.84</b>	<b>\$105.91</b>
Loose Cardboard		<b>\$15.82</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>\$17.81</b>
Recycle Bin Rental		<b>\$13.91</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>\$15.66</b>
Rental		<b>\$64.62</b>	<b>8.14</b>	<b>\$72.76</b>
Special Pickup 1.5yd		<b>\$65.86</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>\$74.15</b>
Special Pickup 1yd		<b>\$43.95</b>	<b>5.53</b>	<b>\$49.48</b>
Special Pickup 2yd		<b>\$87.85</b>	<b>11.06</b>	<b>\$98.91</b>
Special Pickup 3yd		<b>\$131.84</b>	<b>16.60</b>	<b>\$148.44</b>
Standby Time		<b>\$4.03</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>\$4.54</b>
Temporary Rental Charge		<b>\$2.33</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>\$2.62</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ALL CUSTOMERS:</b>				
1. Customers requesting Temporary Bins or Roll-off Box Service can call the office for current rates				
2. Polystyrene (Styrofoam, Plastic #6) is not collected for recycling and should be thrown away as trash. Please bag Styrofoam packing peanuts before placing in trash container.				
3. It is encouraged to bag your trash in the garbage container but do not bag your recyclables or greenwaste in their respective containers and keep it loose.				
4. Recycling, Greenwaste/Organics and Garbage containers should be spaced 3 feet apart away from any obstacles (e.g., mailboxes, cars, etc.) before 6:00am on collection service day.				
5. The fee schedule above only includes the Garbage Company rates and does not include IWMA fees, which are separately noted on the billings.				
6. Cleaning fees will be billed on a time and materials basis.				
7. Late Fees are imposed for residential customers over 30 days delinquent. The fee is 1.5% per month of the outstanding charge, with a minimum fee of \$5.00. No prior notice is required, as this late fee policy is stated at the bottom of every bill.				
8. Customers can be charged for contamination fees in the trash, recycling and/or the greenwaste/organics containers.				
<b>Any additional recycling services are charged at 25% of the garbage rate <u>for the equivalent container size and frequency.</u></b>				