



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2023-1051

Motion: 23-390

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Revising operating rules and increasing Residual Reclamation Waste (RRW) processing fees.

Scope: The request is to revise the current operating rules and raise the RRW rate from \$65 to \$85 per ton on RRW containers. This is an intermediate step until a full cost of service assessment can be performed on all Solid Waste fees.

Duration: Proposed start date: January 1, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

For 2023, Solid Waste projects an estimated 140,000 tons of RRW material, generating \$9,100,000 in revenue. The anticipated additional revenue from the proposed fee increase is \$2.8 million dollars, which will offset rapidly increasing operational expenses.

Expenditures	Current Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total 6 years
402 Waste Export	\$0	\$2,800,000				\$16,800,000
						0
Total's	\$0	\$2,800,000				\$16,800,000

Revenue	Current Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total 6 years
402 Construction Debris Fees	\$0	\$2,800,000				\$16,800,000
						0
Total's	\$0	\$2,800,000				\$16,800,000

Authority Granted: Approves the Solid Waste Service Fee Schedule.

Background: The Residual Reclamation Waste (RRW) program was developed in 2011 and represents 20% of the waste exported from Snohomish County. This is non-recycled waste from recyclers and reclamation facilities within Snohomish County. The current fee of \$65 per ton is for material transported directly to the intermodal yard, with a minimum weight of 23 tons per intermodal container. There are currently two RRW customers, and each was notified via email, as well as via phone conversations and Zoom meetings.

Council approved a fee change in 2022 that set the minimum tons per container, however it failed to accurately reflect the actual expenses of the program operation. The Solid Waste Division last adjusted the tipping fee for solid waste in 2009 and has relied on fund balance to supplement operational and program budgets.

Requested Action: Move to GLS on September 27, 2023 for consideration.