



Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**DATE:** May 19, 2020

**TO:** County Clerk, County of Riverside

**PROJECT CASE NO/TITLE:** NOE 20-04/County Ordinance 779.21 Relating to County Solid Waste Facilities and Establishing Fees

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Riverside County Owned, or Contracted Sites Used for Disposal of Solid Waste

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Amendment to County Ordinance No. 779 (Project) consisting primarily of changes to the landfill disposal fees and other policy changes to incoming waste streams (see Attachment A - Ordinance 779.21)

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** County of Riverside (County)

**PROJECT SPONSOR:** Riverside County  
Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR)

The project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. The project will not cause any impacts to scenic resources, historic resources, or unique sensitive environments. Further, no unusual circumstances or potential cumulative impacts would occur that may reasonably create a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical environmental impact.

### EXEMPT STATUS:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Statutory Exemption: **Section 15273, Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges**
- Categorical Exemption
- Other Exemption: **Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption**

### REASONS FOR EXEMPTION:

#### **Section 15061(b)(3) - General Rule Exemption**

The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

**This project is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) because:**

The Project proposes to increase landfill disposal fees/rates consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for certain solid waste streams. Direct haul/non-contracted rate for routine refuse, for example, is proposed to increase from the current \$40.51 per ton to \$41.74 per ton, a 3.03% increase. Additionally, the Project also proposes an increase to the existing fee for uncovered loads from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per load for all scaled sites (Lamb Canyon, Badlands, El Sobrante, and Blythe). A \$10.00 uncovered load fee for rural sites is also proposed to ensure consistency throughout the County in the application of the uncovered load fee. Various other fee structure changes are also proposed, including hard to handle waste and clean green waste, among others (see Attachment A).

The Project would merely increase waste disposal fees/rates to be consistent with the CPI for the new Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario index for the 12 month period ending January 2020, make changes to the uncovered load fee assessed at scaled sites and rural sites and implement other fee structural changes. Changes in the fee structure would not have an effect on environmental resources.

Based upon the entire record, the Project would not result in the potential for any significant effect on the environment. This determination is an issue of fact and sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. As such, the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *Muzzy Ranch Co. v. Solano County Airport Land Use Comm'n* (2007) 41 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 372.

**Section 15273. Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges**

CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of:

- Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits,
- Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials,
- Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements,
- Obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, or
- Obtaining funds necessary to maintain such intra-city transfers as are authorized by city charter.

**This project is exempt under Section 15273 because:**

The Project involves the modification and restructuring of fees and approval of rates for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, financial reserve requirements, and obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. As such, due to the administrative nature of the Project, no environmental resources will be affected; therefore, the Project meets the scope and intent of Section 15273, Statutory Exemption.


**FINDINGS:**

1. Based upon the identified exemptions and justifications above, the RCDWR, on behalf of the County, hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the Project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

2. The proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), and statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15273.
3. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this Project would have a direct, indirect, or cumulatively significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is exempt under CEQA as previously identified.

If there are any questions regarding the above matter, I can be reached at (951) 486-3200.

**Hans Kernkamp, General Manager - Chief Engineer  
Riverside County Department of Waste Resources**

By:   
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Ryan Ross

Title: Planning Division Manager

Date: May 19, 2020

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**Attachment A**  
**Ordinance 779-21**



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OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD:  
KECIA R. HARPER

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
April 14, 2020

By: *Synthia M. Gunzel*  
SYNTHIA M. GUNZEL  
Chief Deputy County Counsel

**APPENDIX A TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 779.21  
SCHEDULE OF WASTE DISPOSAL FEES  
FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES  
Effective July 1, 2020**

The following gate fees will be applicable at  
El Sobrante, Badlands, Lamb Canyon, and Blythe Landfills

<b>WASTE GROUP DESCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>RATE</b>
1. <b>Direct Haul/Non-Contracted Rate for Routine Refuse:</b>	
a) Cars/SUV	\$ 41.74 /ton*
b) Van, Pick-up Trucks, Pick-up Trucks w/ Trailer	\$ 41.74 /ton*
c) Non-contracted Commercial Vehicles	\$ 41.74 /ton*
2. <b>Hard to Handle Rate:</b>	
a) Applied to All End Dump Vehicles	\$ 55.67 /ton*
b) Applied to Any Load Requiring Immediate Burial or Special Handling	\$ 55.67 /ton*
3. <b>Clean Green Waste</b> (less than 1% contamination) (Lamb Canyon Landfill Only)	\$ 36.74 /ton*
4. <b>Minimum Load Fees:</b>	
a) Routine Refuse (net disposal load weight of 0.5 tons or less)	\$ 10.25 /load*
b) Mixed Green Waste Loads (net disposal load weight of 0.5 tons or less)	\$ 14.50 /load*
c) Hard to Handle Loads (net disposal load weight of 0.5 tons or less)	\$ 14.50 /load*
d) Clean Green Waste (less than 1% contamination) (net disposal load weight of 0.5 tons or less)	\$ 9.00 /load*
5. <b>Surcharges (added to the charges listed herein):</b>	
a) Passenger/Light Duty Tires From Residential Customers Only. No semi tires. Limited to 5 Tires Per Residential Customer Per Day.	\$ 2.00 /tire
b) Per Uncovered Load of Refuse Which Has Exposed Material Which in the Opinion of the General Manager-Chief Engineer or His/Her Designee May Litter Roadways to the Landfill or Along Landfill Roads to the Dumping Pad.	\$ 25.00 /load
c) Mixed Green Waste Loads	\$ 10.30 /ton*
d) Incidental Out of County Refuse	\$ 5.15 /ton**
e) Surcharge rate per appliance requiring special handling (including but not limited to washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove, water heater, air conditioner, microwave). Limited to four appliances per customer per day.	\$ 4.50 /item
6. <b>No Charge Loads:</b>	
a) Any Residential customer hauling 2 or less large trash bags per day.	No Charge
b) Up To 2 Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Devices (e.g. TVs or computer monitors) Per Residential Customer Per Day.	
c) Up To 3 Holiday Trees For Recycling/Composting Per Residential Customer Through The Second Weekend Following The Christmas Holiday.	
d) Material Pre-Approved By The General Manager-Chief Engineer Or Designee As Needed For Beneficial Re-Use (concrete/asphalt for wet weather, etc).	
e) Up to 2 mattresses/box springs per residential customer per day.	
7. <b>Emergency Towing Services:</b>	
a) 10 Minutes or Less	\$ 20.00
b) Over 10 Minutes	\$ 35.00
8. <b>*Late Staying Customer Fees</b>	
a) Every 15 Minutes Past Closing *Arrival to pay window (outbound)	\$ 60.00

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<b>9. Erosion Control Material:</b> Any vehicle hauling processed green waste approved by the General Manager-Chief Engineer or designee as needed for beneficial re-use (Erosion Control) and spread by County.	\$ 10.00 /ton*
<b>10. Very Small Quantity Generator Waste (a.k.a. Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Waste) -</b> Fees based on a Pass Through of the Departments Contracted Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Fee Added To 1.49% of the hourly rate of staff involved in waste disposal.	varies*
<b>11. Recycled Materials Fees (sale of items):</b> a) Mixed Metal Items b) Flat Screen Television with serial no. c) Flat Screen Television without serial no. d) Projection Television e) Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Television f) Recycled Material Handling Surcharge Fee Per Item	\$ 0.05 /pound* \$ 0.20 /pound* \$ 0.30 /pound* \$ 0.18 /pound* \$ 0.20 /pound* \$ 6.25 /item
<b>Restrictions:</b> 1.) Four (4) Appliance Limit Per Residential Customer Per Day. No Commercial/Business Appliance Loads Accepted 2.) Five (5) Tires Per Residential Customer Per Day. No semi tires. No Commercial/Business Tire Loads Accepted. 3.) Two (2) Mattresses Per Residential Customer Per Day. No Commercial/Business Mattress Loads Accepted.	
<b>Definitions</b> 1.) Clean Green Waste a) Acceptable: bushes, tree trimmings, grass clippings b) Unacceptable: sod, soil, cactus, yucca, tumbleweeds, lumber/wood, concrete, glass, plastic, metal, trash, palm fronds. 2.) Mixed Green Waste - Green waste with greater than 1% contamination of unacceptable material.	
<b>NOTES:</b> 1) Rate for Transfer Trucks determined by individual contracts. 2) Loads of dead sheep or small calves from the Blythe service area separated from other waste will be received at no charge at the Blythe Landfill (daily from 8am to 9am) due to health and safety risk in the vast open canal system in the area. 3) Certified loads of illegally dumped nonhazardous municipal solid waste retrieved along open flowing irrigation canals, which are delivered by the agency responsible for maintaining the canals shall be received at no charge at the Blythe Landfill. 4) The General Manager-Chief Engineer is authorized to recoup costs associated with the segregation of unauthorized waste commingled with routine refuse. * Cash customers prorated to the nearest \$0.25 ** Exception - El Sobrante Landfill. Incidental Out of County (OOC) rate established by Waste Management, Inc.	

**APPENDIX B TO ORDINANCE NO. 779.21  
RESIDENTIAL SELF-HAUL CARDS and OTHER FEES - OASIS LANDFILL  
FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES  
Effective July 1, 2020**

The Residential Self-Haul Card shall be necessary for admittance to the Oasis Landfill for all residential haulers. For use by residents of Oasis, Mecca, North Shore, and Thermal.

**RESIDENTIAL CARD REGULATIONS:**

**Authority:** Riverside County Ordinance No. 657 requires that, "Every tenant, occupier, operator, or owner of a residence...shall not less than once a week, cause to be removed all solid waste created, produced or brought upon the property to an approved disposal facility."

1. **Number of Uses** - Monthly Residential Self-Haul Card allows up to 4-400 lb. standard load uses per month.
2. **Expiration Date** - The expiration date for the yearly card is the last day of the fiscal year, June 30th. The expiration date for monthly cards is the last day of the month. In addition, any unused punches for each month will expire on the last day of that month.
3. **No Refunds** - There will be no refunds on partially used cards.
4. **Standard Load** - The maximum load allowed access to the landfill with one use of the Residential Self-Haul Card will be four hundred (400) pounds, which is equivalent to one punch on the card. If the Gate Services Assistant judges a load to be over this Standard Load limit, two or more punches will be made to the card.
5. **Cost** - The Residential Self-Haul Card discounted rate is fifteen dollars and ninety three cents (\$15.93) per month.
6. **Payment Options – Cards may be purchased:**

Period	Cost	Number of Punches One Punch Per 400 lb. Standard Load. Additional Punches Applied in Excess of Standard Load.
Monthly	\$15.93	4
Advance Sale - Annual (purchased on or before June 30th)	\$159.26	52 (400 lb. estimated load per punch)
Multiple Months	\$15.93 no. of months	4 x no. of months

7. **Lost Cards** - Lost cards are to be reported immediately. The customer will not be responsible for unauthorized use of a card after if it is reported lost to the Waste Resources business office located at 14310 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553, (951) 486-3200.
8. **Restrictions on Use of Card** - Household hazardous waste, other hard-to-handle waste, or commercial business waste will not be accepted on this card. Card may only be used by persons residing at the purchaser's address on file.
9. **Alternative Riverside County Landfill Usage** – In the event that the rural landfill is unable to accept waste on a normal operating day, customers will be directed to a scaled Riverside County landfill and may use their Residential Self Haul Card.

**APPENDIX C TO ORDINANCE NO. 779.21**  
**RURAL SITE ACCESS - COMMERCIAL CARDS - OASIS LANDFILL**  
**FOR**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES**  
**Effective July 1, 2020**

The Rural Site Access Commercial Card shall be necessary for admittance to the Oasis Landfill for all non-permitted/contracted entities hauling commercial waste. For use by commercial entities of Oasis, Mecca, North Shore, and Thermal.

**COMMERCIAL CARD REGULATIONS:**

A Rural Site Access Commercial Card provides for disposal of commercial waste generated within the remote service areas and is required unless a permitted waste hauler or other large commercial users have negotiated a separate contract for disposal access to rural landfills with the County.

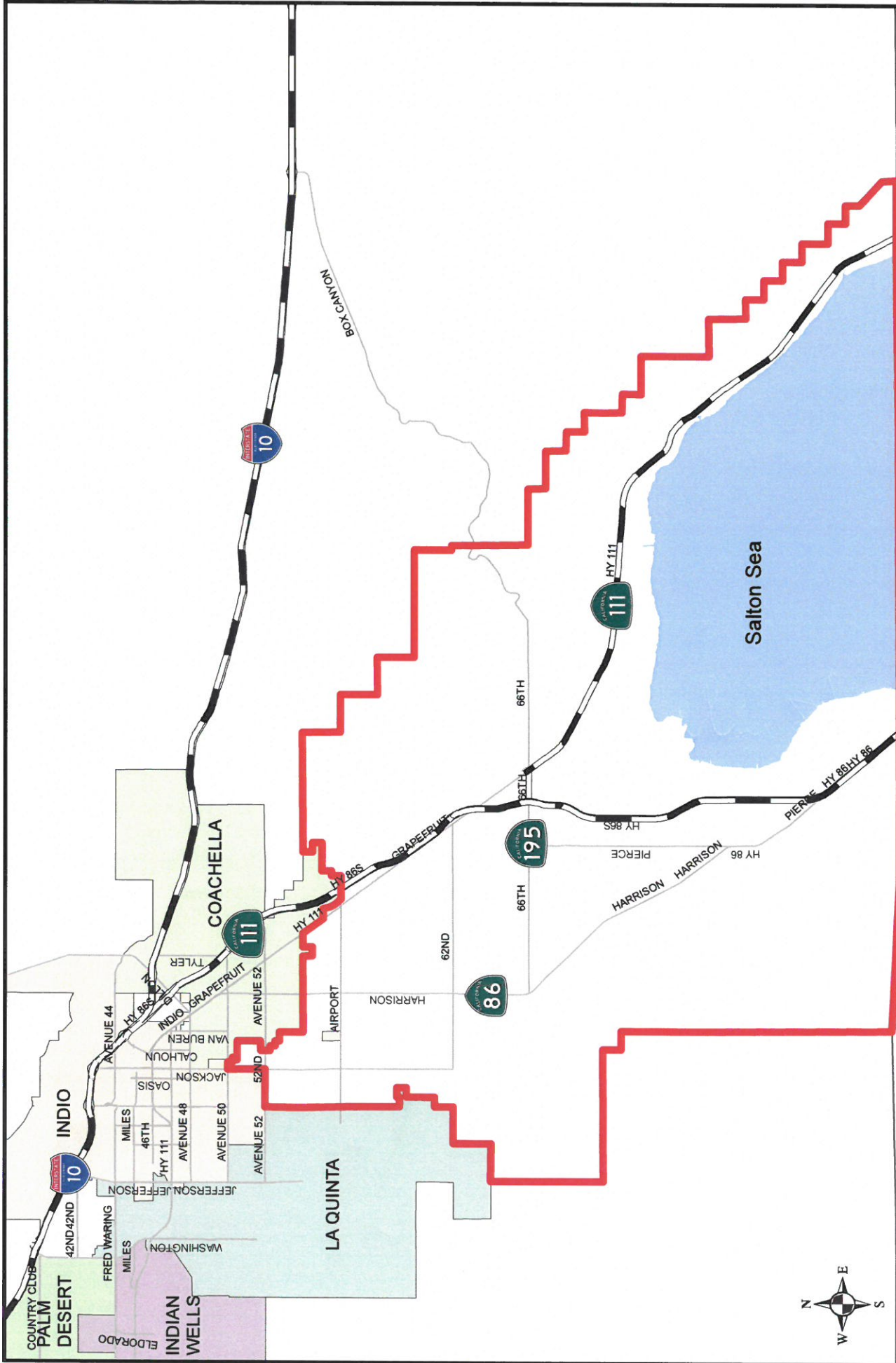
1. **Number of Uses** - The Commercial Card will have twenty-four (24) ½ ton available uses.
2. **Expiration Date** - There is no expiration date for the Commercial Card.
3. **No Refunds** - If a commercial operator goes out of business, there shall be no refund for the unused card punches.
4. **Cost** - The Commercial Card will be priced at five hundred dollars and eighty-six cents (\$500.86).
5. **Payment for Card** - The card shall be purchased in advance of usage. Cards may be purchased at any time of the year. Acceptable forms of payment at the fee booth include money order or cashier's check. Cash, personal/business checks, and credit/debit card payments are accepted at the Department's business office or by phone (951) 486-3200.
6. **Lost Cards** - Lost cards are to be reported immediately. The customer will not be responsible for unauthorized use of a card after it is reported lost to the Waste Resources business office located at 14310 Frederick St., Moreno Valley, CA. (951) 486-3200.
7. **Restrictions on Use of Card** - Hazardous waste, tires, or other hard-to-handle waste will not be accepted at the Oasis landfill from commercial haulers.
8. **Alternative Riverside County Landfill Usage** - In the event that the rural landfill is unable to accept waste on a normal operating day, customers will be directed to a scaled Riverside County landfill and may use their Rural Site Commercial Card.

**APPENDIX D TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 779.21  
SCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS FEES  
FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES  
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<b>FEES FOR DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS</b>		
Document Name	Document Fee	Mailing/Handling Cost
Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)	\$60.00	\$10.00
Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) and Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE)	\$60.00	\$10.00
Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE)	\$10.00	\$5.00
Countywide Disposal Tonnage Tracking System (CDTTS) Procedure Manual	\$50.00	\$10.00
<b>Copy Service</b> (Note: all map copies are on bond unless special request is made. Extra charge for special materials.)		Copy Fee
Plotter Printer Map Copies		
Size D		\$4.50
8-1/2"x 11"		.15 per side
8-1/2" x 14"		.15 per side
11" x 17"		.30 per side
Color Copies		
8-1/2"x 11"		\$1 per side
8-1/2" x 14"		\$1 per side
11" x 17"		\$2 per side
Request for Extra Ticket Copies		10¢/page w/ \$1.00 minimum
Request for Extra Billing Statement Copies		10¢/page w/ \$1.00 minimum
Requests for Document Copies in Electronic Format (e.g. CD)		\$5.75/disc + \$2.25 for postage & mailer
<b>OTHER FEES</b>		
Service	Fee	
Replacement of Self Haul or Rural Site Access Cards	\$10.00	
Cards Ordered After Initial Setup of a Deferred Billing Account or Sub-Account Replacement Access Cards for Deferred and Pre-paid Account Holders	\$3.00 each	
Setup Fee for Each Deferred Billing Account	\$50.00	
Setup Fee for Each Deferred Billing Sub-Account	\$25.00	
Administrative Charge for Delinquent Deferred Account Payment	1-1/2% per billing period on unpaid balance if payment is not made within 15 days from billing.	
Checks Returned for Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)	\$20.00 per occurrence	
Account Correction Due to Hauler Resulting From Driver Error Fee [Commercial Hauler Error Resulting in Voided and Corrected Ticket Due to the Driver Providing Incorrect Information at Time of Transaction (i.e. Incorrect Account Number, Mis-identified Refuse Type, etc.)	\$25.00 per occurrence	
Late Ticket Submittals as Described in the CDTTS Procedure Manual	\$25.00 per day	
Credit/Debit Card Transaction Fee	percentage of transaction fee per County of Riverside Resolution No. 2018-128	
Landfill Transaction Credit/Debit Processing by Telephone Surcharge	\$10.95	

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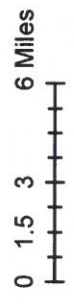
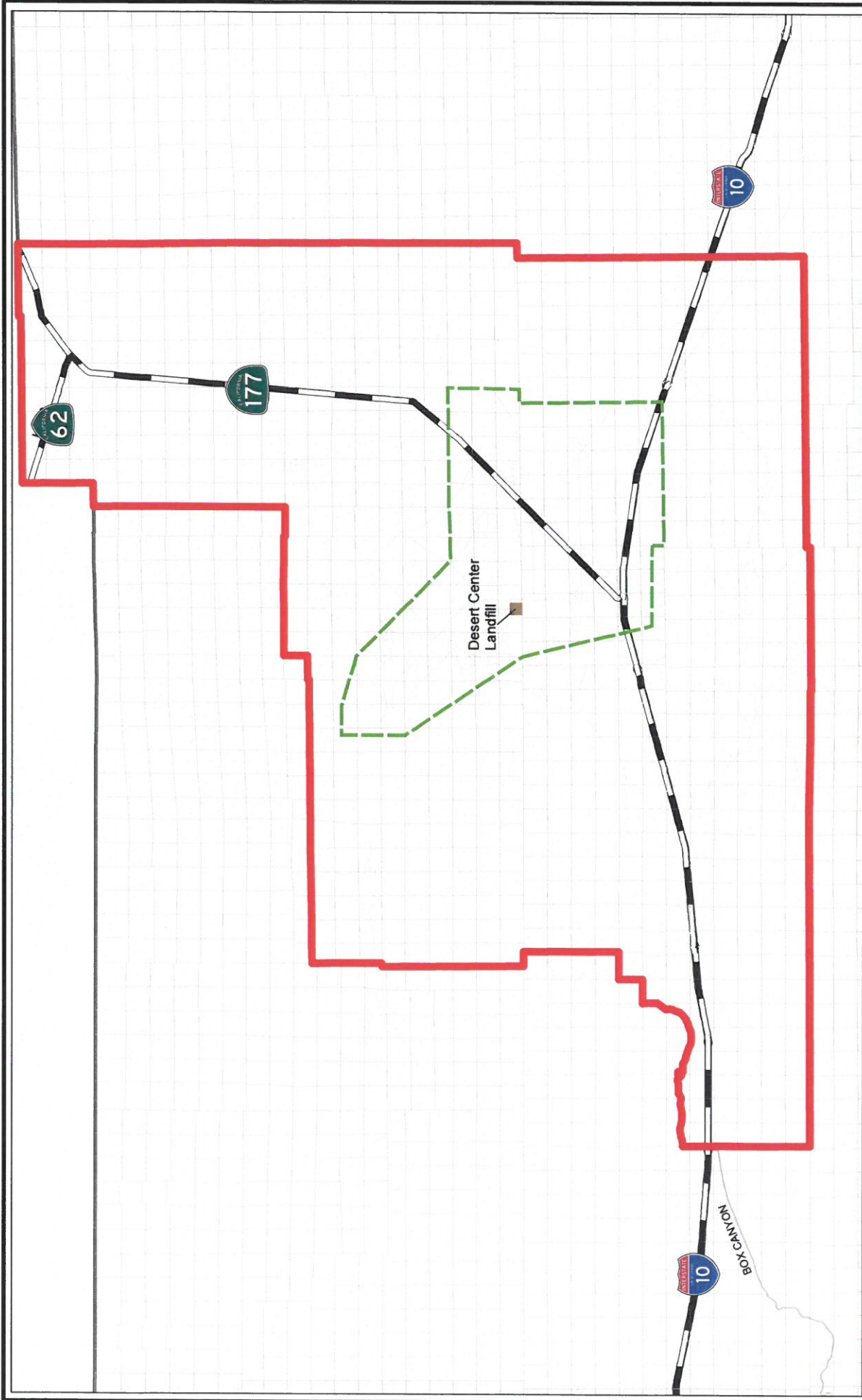
Base Hourly Rates for Services Rendered	<b>Actual Hourly Cost of Personnel</b>
Departmental Overhead Rate applied to Basic Hourly Rates	<b>49%</b>
Special FAX Requests for Accounts Receivable	<b>\$3.00 for the 1st page \$1.00 for each additional page</b>
Special Accounts Receivable Research Requests	<b>No charge within 30 days of statement date; \$3.75/qrtr hr if requested past 30 days</b>
Sale of Orange Polyester Safety Vest to Landfill Visitors	<b>\$9.00</b>
Sale of Orange Safety Vest to Landfill Visitors	<b>\$0.75</b>
Sale of Compost Bins to Riverside County Residents Only	<b>Geobin -- \$12.00</b>
Sale of Worm Bin Kit	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Lend-A-Bin Program Fees (must provide a valid credit/debit card at time of bin is loaned)</b>	
(a) Replacement Fee	<b>\$64.95</b>
(b) Cleaning Fee	<b>\$13.00</b>
(c) Late Fee	<b>\$13.00</b>



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# Rural Site Service Area #1





- Legend**
- Desert Center Landfill
  - Existing Desert Center Landuse Area
  - Rural Site Service Area # 2
- Note: 2718 Total parcels within the service area.  
196 of those parcels have a structure value & a non-vacant landuse code



# Rural Site Service Area #2