

NOTICE

of PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Rate for Recycling and Solid Waste Services Infrastructure Charge

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You are receiving this Notice because you may be affected by a Recycling and Solid Waste Services infrastructure charge the County of Santa Cruz is updating. The Board of Supervisors will consider the charge at their June 30, 2026 meeting.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
**Department of Community
Development and Infrastructure**
701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at their June 30, 2026, meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers at 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz, California. The Board will listen to public comment, accept oral and written testimony, as well as written protest, regarding the proposed charges before it considers adoption of an updated Service Charge for Recycling and Solid Waste Services Infrastructure. Written testimony, including protests, will also be accepted at the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure, 701 Ocean Street, Room 410, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Items mailed must be received prior to the hearing in order to be considered by the Board.

Please check the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Meeting Materials web page for more information at:
www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Government/BoardofSupervisors/SantaCruzCountyMeetingMaterials.aspx

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, June 30, 2026

UPDATED RATE CHARGE FOR RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE

The Buena Vista Landfill is projected to reach maximum capacity in approximately 5-6 years at current waste generation rates and will no longer bury refuse at that time. To maintain the Buena Vista site as a location where county residents can take solid waste and recycling for off-site disposal, the County plans to construct transfer station facilities. Construction of these new facilities may also require environmental mitigation and the purchase of land to expand the Buena Vista site footprint. To meet the state law requirements of SB 1383, an organics processing area is also planned. The County will need to bond for construction of these new facilities.



Buena Vista Landfill

Santa Cruz County established a Recycling and Solid Waste Infrastructure Services Charge in fiscal year 2022-2023 to pay for the construction and operation of these necessary waste management facilities and the federally mandated Buena Vista Landfill closure costs. Under Proposition 218, the Infrastructure Service Charge needs to be updated periodically to ensure property owners are not over or under charged for county provided services and to include environmental mitigation and the purchase of property needed to expand the Buena Vista site footprint to locate the new facilities. An updated cost of services study, that includes facility design and planning, property acquisition, construction, landfill closure, transfer station operations and maintenance, and any necessary mitigation, was developed to calculate the updated Infrastructure Services Charge per parcel through fiscal year 2030-2031. A copy of the cost of services study is available upon request from the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure, Recycling and Solid Waste Services, at 701 Ocean Street, Room 410, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

PROPOSED CHARGE PER PARCEL

Fiscal Year:	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031
Annual Amount	\$175.00	\$183.00	\$192.00	\$202.00	\$210.56
Equivalent Monthly Amount	\$14.58	\$15.25	\$16.00	\$16.83	\$17.55