



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Department of Solid Waste  
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St. Petersburg, FL 33716

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Barry A. Burton, County Administrator  
Pinellas County Government  
315 Court Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: Solid Waste Technical Management Committee's Recommendation for Disposal Rates for  
Fiscal Year 2020

Dear Mr. Burton,

A meeting of the Technical Management Committee's (TMC) Rate Review Subcommittee was held at the Solid Waste conference room on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

The Subcommittee reviewed a rate study, conducted by PRMG, which included a projection through fiscal year 2048 of anticipated costs and revenues. This rate study included all currently known information related to both the Solid Waste Master Plan and the possible impacts of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) renegotiation. There are adequate reserves to cover costs for the next fiscal year at the current rate (based on projected expenses and revenues, current reserve levels and estimated CIP costs). However, the rate study results reveal that a significant revenue decrease will occur in 2024, the expiration of the current PPA. In order to minimize the impact of dramatic tipping fee increases, the Subcommittee identified a strategy to incorporate gradual increases at an earlier time frame. After discussion, the Subcommittee voted to recommend to the full TMC that the tipping fee be increased from \$37.50 per ton to \$39.75 per ton (6.0% increase) beginning fiscal year 2020. An effective date of October 1, 2019 will allow municipalities, private haulers, and the County to adequately prepare their fiscal year 2020 budgets to incorporate this change.

Immediately following the Subcommittee meeting, the Rate Review Subcommittee presented their recommendation to the full TMC. Following discussion and per the request of the previous County Administrator, the TMC voted to recommend a three-year plan to increase the per ton disposal rate by 6.0% per year. Beyond year one of the rate increase, the TMC will continue its prescribed practice of reviewing rates each year and providing annual rate recommendations to you and the Board of County Commissioners.

For your information and use, following is a listing of the votes by entity.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
City of Clearwater	City of Dunedin	City of St. Pete Beach
Independent Haulers	City of Largo	City of Tarpon Springs
Pinellas County	City of Pinellas Park	
City of St. Petersburg (2 of 2 votes)	Group B Cities (Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, South Pasadena)	
Group A Cities (Safety Harbor, Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Oldsmar)	Group C Cities (Indian Rocks Beach, Belleair Beach, Belleair Shore, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, Redington Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Shores, Treasure Island)	

Sincerely,



James Walker, Chairman  
Technical Management Committee

cc: TMC Members  
Paul Sacco, Director Department of Solid Waste  
Della Klug, Senior Executive Assistant to Barry A. Burton, County Administrator