



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 19, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.
BIOLA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (DISTRICT)
PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO SOLID WASTE RATES
at 4925 N. Seventh Street, BIOLA, CA 93606**

The DISTRICT is proposing increases in Solid Waste rates, effective **February 1, 2023**. You are receiving this notice because you are either a District utility customer or you own property receiving District utility services. The Board will hold a public majority protest hearing on **Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:00pm** to consider solid waste rate changes for the next five (5) years. If the proposed maximum rates are adopted, the District may collect rates at or below the proposed maximum as needed to meet the District's financial needs related to the service.

The solid waste utilities rely entirely on rate revenues to fund its operations. The District contracts with Mid Valley Disposal to provide weekly solid waste and recycling collection. Mid Valley Disposal is a local, privately held recycling and waste management company that provides garbage collection services to 26 cities in the Central Valley. Solid waste rates pay for weekly removal, processing, transfer and disposal of solid waste, recyclables, and food waste from all District residences and businesses. Solid waste operations are not funded by property tax or any other tax revenue.

Why is a solid waste rate increase needed?

Since 2016, disposal service costs from Mid Valley Disposal have increased approximately 60% to comply with environmental protection S81383 regulations and mandates to increase diversion of organics and other materials from landfill disposal. Solid waste rates are set by Mid Valley Disposal, and the District can add a percentage to recover the District's share of associated overhead costs.

Proposed Solid Waste Rates

Residential customers are billed a flat rate for standard services which includes three carts for refuse, recycling, and green waste including food waste. Commercial accounts are billed based on the size of the bin and the number of times picked up each week. Mid Valley Disposal has also implemented commercial organic and recycling rates to comply with State regulations. The proposed monthly solid waste rates for each service are shown in Attached A below.