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DATE: April 3, 2019

TO: Waste Haulers

FROM: Sandra Green – Assistant General Manager
Riverside County Department of Waste Resources

RE: Disposal Fee Increase – FY 2019/2020

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (Department) is responsible for assuring that there is, and will be in the future, sufficient and accessible landfill space to properly serve the population of the County in its disposal needs. To fulfill this mandate, the Department continually maintains and expands County landfill sites, and encourages, supports and develops recycling programs that minimize the dependence on landfill disposal facilities.

Due to sustained increases in labor expenses, capital improvement costs, regulatory compliance costs and closed site maintenance, an increase in disposal rates is essential to allow for continued and improved services. This letter serves as a notice that subject to approval by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, landfill disposal rates will increase in FY 19/20 by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is 3.05% for calendar year 2018. If approved, the new rates will become effective for tonnage deliveries starting on July 1, 2019.

The Department is also proposing an increase to the current rate for processed green waste used as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) from \$24.00 per ton to \$32.00 per ton. As you are aware, AB 1594 will eliminate the diversion benefit that currently exists and ADC placed in the landfill will constitute disposal beginning January 1, 2020. Our goal is to gradually increase the ADC rate to equal the disposal rate (currently \$39.31 per ton) between now and FY 20/21. While the use of ADC in the landfill system has been significantly reduced over the last several years due to the increased use of tarps to cover waste (14,000 tons in 2017, 10,000 tons in 2018), any additional revenue generated by the proposed increase will be allocated to the Department's ongoing advancement of diversion and organics processing within Riverside County. Processed green waste used as erosion control at the landfills will continue to be charged at the \$10 per ton rate for the foreseeable future, as it provides a beneficial use to the landfill system.

Thank you for your past cooperation and support. We appreciate your careful consideration and understanding of the matter.

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cc: Keith Jones, LEA