

# Heber Public Utility District

## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**MEETING DATE:** May 21, 2021

**FROM:** Laura Fischer, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Approve a 2.3% Rate Increase Adjustment for Waste Hauling Services According to Franchise Agreement with CR&R.

**ISSUE:**

Shall the Heber Public Utility Board of Directors approve a 2.3% Rate Increase Adjustment for Waste Hauling Services According to Franchise Agreement with CR&R?

**GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve rate modifications as presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Projected at less than \$1,000 increase to HPUD Franchise Fees, which is 10% of gross revenues collected.

Customers will see a 2.3% rate increase on their bill for trash services starting in July, 2020 and reflected in their utility bill in August 2020. For Standard Residential Services that rate increase will be .46 cents per month. Current rate is \$19.83 and will increase to \$20.29 per month for residential services.

**DISCUSSION:**

HPUD received the attached letter from CR&R, and according to the Terms of the Franchise Agreement they have calculated the rate increase for FY 2020-21. If implemented, this will be the third rate increase and the largest increase our customer will have since July 2011.

The current Franchise Agreement with CR&R allows for an annual rate increase based on an "Adjustment Formula" which is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Agreement also allows CR&R to request a rate increase based on increased operating costs due to changes in Federal and State laws, rising cost of fuel, insurance, and other market driven expenses.

**CONCLUSION:**

A rate adjustment of 2.3% was determined to be appropriated according to the Terms and Conditions of the existing Franchise Agreement with CR&R. Staff recommends approval of the 2.3% increase to HPUD customer's rate for trash services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fischer, General Manager

Attachments: Letter from CR&R dated April 29, 2020



April 29, 2020

Ms. Laura Fischer, General Manager  
Heber Public Utility District  
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Heber, CA 92249

Re: Solid Waste and Recycling Services Annual Rate Adjustment - 2020

Dear Ms. Fischer:

As provided for in Section 8, Compensation for Services (Formula for Changes in Compensation), of the Agreement between the Heber Public Utility District and CR&R Incorporated for The Collection, Transportation, Recycling and Disposal of Solid Waste, Recyclable and Compostable Materials dated June 17, 2010, and Resolution 2016-2 Amending said Agreement, the rates illustrated in Exhibit "B" shall be adjusted in accordance with the rate adjustment methodology.

The Adjustment methodology utilizes the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the 12-month change with the month of February as the basis. The annual adjustment date is July 1st of each year and consists of a 2.3% overall adjustment to the rates. As such, we have supplied copies of the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics for the 12-month percentage change. The calculations utilized in the attached forms give an exact number to each category, based upon our contractual arrangement. Rates for services not listed in the attached worksheets will be adjusted according to the percentage change within each service type category. We believe the information included herein supports the Rate Adjustment mechanism as specified in our Agreement. Should anything further be needed, please do not hesitate to call.

With your review and approval, the adjustments will be implemented as of July 1, 2020 billing for both Utility District billed and CR&R billed accounts. As always, it's a pleasure being of service to the Heber Public Utility District.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

**Series Id:** CUUR000SA0  
 Not Seasonally Adjusted  
**Series Title:** All items in U.S. city average, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted  
**Area:** U.S. city average  
**Item:** All items  
**Base Period:** 1982-84=100

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2010	216.687	216.741	217.631	218.009	218.178	217.965	218.011	218.312	218.439	218.711	218.803	219.179	218.056	217.535	218.576
2011	220.223	221.309	223.467	224.906	225.964	225.722	225.922	226.545	226.889	226.421	226.230	225.672	224.939	223.598	226.280
2012	226.665	227.663	229.392	230.085	229.815	229.478	229.104	230.379	231.407	231.317	230.221	229.601	229.594	228.850	230.338
2013	230.280	232.166	232.773	232.531	232.945	233.504	233.596	233.877	234.149	233.546	233.069	233.049	232.957	232.366	233.548
2014	233.916	234.781	236.293	237.072	237.900	238.343	238.250	237.852	238.031	237.433	236.151	234.812	236.736	236.384	237.088
2015	233.707	234.722	236.119	236.599	237.805	238.638	238.654	238.316	237.945	237.838	237.336	236.525	237.017	236.265	237.769
2016	236.916	237.111	238.132	239.261	240.229	241.018	240.628	240.849	241.428	241.729	241.353	241.432	240.007	238.778	241.237
2017	242.839	243.603	243.801	244.524	244.733	244.955	244.786	245.519	246.819	246.663	246.669	246.524	245.120	244.076	246.163
2018	247.867	248.991	249.554	250.546	251.588	251.989	252.006	252.146	252.439	252.885	252.038	251.233	251.107	250.089	252.125
2019	251.712	252.776	254.202	255.548	256.092	256.143	256.571	256.558	256.759	257.346	257.208	256.974	255.657	254.412	256.903
2020	257.971	258.678	258.115												

## 12-Month Percent Change

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2010	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.2
2011	1.6	2.1	2.7	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.5
2012	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.3	1.8
2013	1.6	2.0	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
2014	1.6	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.7	1.5
2015	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.3
2016	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.7	2.1	1.3	1.1	1.5
2017	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.0
2018	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.4
2019	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.9
2020	2.5	2.3	1.5												

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Hello Laura.

As a follow up to my voice message yesterday, here is the rate survey projection for Imperial County communities.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Dean

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**From:** Chrystal Denning  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:34 PM  
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**Subject:** Rate Survey Update

For Laura at Heber.

**Residential**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>7/1/2020 (2)</b>
Holtville (CR&R)	\$ 16.56	\$ 20.12
<b>Heber Public Utility (CR&amp;R)</b>	<b>\$ 19.83</b>	<b>\$ 20.29</b>
Calexico (Republic)	\$ 20.71	\$ 21.23
El Centro (CR&R)	\$ 20.07	\$ 21.99
Imperial (Republic)	\$ 21.92	\$ 22.47
Brawley (Republic)	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.60
Westmorland (CR&R)	\$ 22.08	\$ 22.63
Calipatria (CR&R)	\$ 21.41	\$ 22.80
County Unincorporated (CR&R)	\$ 31.20	\$ 31.20

**Commercial**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>7/1/2020 (2)</b>

Westmorland (CR&R)	\$ 89.01	\$ <i>91.24</i>
Calexico (Republic)	\$ 103.36	\$ <i>105.94</i>
Imperial (Republic)	\$ 108.32	\$ <i>111.03</i>
<b>Heber Public Utility (CR&amp;R)</b>	<b>\$ 108.80</b>	<b>\$ 111.30</b>
Calipatria (CR&R)	\$ 106.92	\$ 111.78
El Centro (CR&R)	\$ 105.12	\$ 115.53
County Unincorporated (CR&R)	\$ 115.96	\$ 115.96
Holtville (CR&R) , Current (1)	\$ 100.32	\$ 117.81
Brawley (Republic)	\$ 124.84	\$ <i>127.96</i>

(1) Utility tax not included

(2) Estimating 2.5% CPI for cities with data  
not available (blue)

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