CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, AT 5:00 PM

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Additional Documents for the April 28, 2025 City Council Meeting. The attached documents include submitted written public comments and amendments to the agenda. Submit by no later than 12:00 p.m., on the day of the City Council meeting. Correspondence received after this time will be distributed the following business day.

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Presentation for Item No. 3.pptx

Additional Documents Agenda Report

ITEM NO.

DATE: April 28, 2025

FROM: Todd Hileman, City Manager

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SUBJECT: **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE APRIL 28, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Executive Summary

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Consideration and Direction of Amendment to Exclusive Solid Waste Handling Services Agreement

April 28, 2025

South Pasadena Public Works

City of SOUTH PASADENA

Background

- Senate Bill 1383 requires jurisdictions to provide organics collection services to all residents and businesses.
- A new agreement was approved by Council, passed Proposition 218 public hearing and went into effect with a rate adjustment for all customers on January 1, 2025.
- Council directed additional negotiations with Athens to address the high diversion requirements of SB 1383.
- Athens and a City Athens Negotiations Working Group (staff + 2 Councilmembers) began meeting to negotiate an amendment to the Agreement which would transition the City from a two-container system to a three-container system (add recycling/blue container).
- Focus: provide additional services and comply with SB 1383 with minimal immediate financial impact to ratepayers.



3-Stream Implementation - Fleet

Fleet for 2-Stream System:

- (2) Commercial Front Loaders
- (2) Mother Trucks
- (1) Scout Truck
- (1) Mini Class C Rear Loader*
- (8) Manual Service Pick-up Trucks



4x
Commercial and
Mother Trucks



1x
(1) Green
Rear Loader



1x
Scout Truck



8x
Manual Service
Pick-up Trucks

Fleet for 3-Stream System:

- (2) Commercial Front Loaders
- (3) Mother Trucks*
- (1) Scout Truck
- (2) Mini Class C Rear Loaders*
- (12) Manual Service Pick-up Trucks*



5x
Commercial and
Mother Trucks



2x
(1) Blue
(1) Green
Rear Loaders



1x
Scout Truck



12x
Manual Service
Pick-up Trucks

*Vehicles to be added to fleet.

3-Stream Implementation - Containers

Residential

- Up to 7 barrels per customer (minimum 1 black, 1 blue, 1 green)
- 29,986 (32-gallon) barrels to be deployed
- Recycle existing containers



Multi-Family/Commercial

- One 96-gallon recycle cart, serviced once per week



All containers will have standard labeling indicating was is and is not acceptable in the container.

Proposed Amendment Terms

	Current	Proposed
Annual Rate Adjustment Formula	LA CPI	Trash + 1%
Annual Rate Adjustment	Every Year in July	No adjustments in July 2025 & July 2026; Freeze all rates until July 2027
Term	7 Year Rolling	10 Year Rolling
Program Implementation Period	N/A	Contract cannot be triggered for 5 years

Rate Adjustments:



Proposed Amendments

CPI → Trash CPI + 1%

- Current CPI measures the costs of consumer goods, which does not reflect the direct costs of the waste industry.
- Costs of goods and services will continue to evolve in the waste industry, and the Trash index measures those direct costs.
- To add the services of a third waste stream, Athens will need to incur significant capital expenses. The additional 1% covers these labor, operational, and equipment costs.

7 Year Rolling Term → 10 Year Rolling Term

- Enables Athens to recoup their capital investments and the loss of the rate freeze over time.
- Peer Cities with Trash CPI + 1% and minimum 10 year rolling term include Azusa, Covina, Downey, Glendora, Norwalk, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, and more.

Next Steps

1. Return to Council with amendment and resolution to set a date for a Prop 218 public hearing.
2. Upon approval of amendment, staff to mail Prop 218 Public Hearing Notices at least 45 days before the hearing.
3. Upon successful Prop 218 hearing, Athens to begin procurement and waste assessments.
    - Manufacturing of barrels may take 16-18 weeks and collection vehicles will take approximately 90 days.
4. New residential barrel and commercial and multi-family bin and cart deployment will begin with extensive outreach and education provided to all account holders.
    - Deployment will take approximately 6-8 weeks.
    - Athens will remove and dispose/recycle customer's old barrels as part of the deployment process.

Summary

- **Add recycling/blue collection service (third waste stream) for all customers**
  - Comply with SB 1383 high diversion requirements

- **Freeze all rates until July 1, 2027**
  - The proposed 2.5 year rate freeze provides South Pasadena ratepayers stability during current volatile market conditions.

- **CPI → Trash CPI + 1%**
- **7 Year Rolling Term → 10 Year Rolling Term**
- **No termination of Agreement for 5 years**
  - Enables Athens to recoup their capital investments and the loss of the rate freeze over time.
  - Allows adequate time to transition to new collection services and to provide outreach and education to all customers



Questions