



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON RECOLOGY'S PROPOSED 2014 SOLID WASTE RATE APPLICATION
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.
CITY OF BELMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE TWIN PINES LANE, BELMONT**

Recology San Mateo County provides collection services for refuse, recyclable materials, and compostable materials under a ten-year franchise agreement with the City which began on January 2011. Under the franchise agreement, Recology submits its rate proposal to the City Council for approval annually. Recology's rates are strictly limited, and may not exceed a maximum rate that is based on a set formula as provided in the franchise agreement.

Recology has proposed a 12.15% increase for calendar year (CY) 2014 to the current rates. 12.53% of the increase is related to a rate smoothing option adopted in 2012, to address a then proposed 29% increase in rates for that CY. In late 2011, the City determined that the rate compensation due to Recology in CY 2012 was too large (29%), and negotiated an amendment to partially defer and spread the required contractual costs over a longer time period. A reduction of -0.38 % in the rate is related to Recology's cost components including disposal, fuel, and wages.

The need for this increase was discussed by the City Council at the October 8, 2013, Council meeting. The staff report for this matter is available at Belmont City Hall, or on the City's website within the **Hot Topics Menu at www.belmont.gov**. Recology's proposed 2014 Maximum Rates is included on the back of this notice. Additional information, and a complete table of all proposed rates, including commercial rates, can be found online.

A Public Hearing will be held on **November 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers** located at One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, to hear and consider all oral and written testimony concerning Recology's proposed Maximum Rates. **If you oppose the proposed rate changes, you may submit a formal written protest at the hearing or, via postal mail or hand delivery, to the City Clerk's office. A formal written protest must be submitted in writing, contain a description of the property (street address) and include the original signature of the property owner or solid waste customer (fax or e-mail is not acceptable).** Protests will be tabulated pursuant to procedures that have been adopted by the City Council. If written protests are submitted with respect to a majority (50% plus 1) of the affected parcels within the City, then the proposed changes will not be approved. **Protests may be mailed to:**

City Clerk, City of Belmont, One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375, Belmont, CA 94002

Questions? If you have any questions regarding the proposed rates, please contact Recology at (650) 595-3900.