

LEA/Solid Waste Programs

2023 Fee Proposal



The mission of the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) is to protect public health and the environment by ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.



31 Environmental Programs

Special Fund Department
100% fee supported

FY 2022-2023: over **28,000**
inspections countywide

113 FTE specifically trained
Environmental Specialists
and support staff



Environmental
Compliance
Division



Above Ground Storage Tanks	Cal Accidental Release Prevention Program	Hazardous Materials Business Plan and Storage
Hazardous Waste Storage and Generation	Underground Storage Tanks	Incident Response
Toxic Site Clean up	Wells	Abandoned Well Program
Cross Connection Control Program	Solid Waste Facilities	Land Use
Small Water System	Liquid Waste/Septic Systems	Recycled Water
	Stormwater	

Robert Duncan, Chief
Environmental Compliance

Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)

The **Environmental Compliance Division** has been certified by the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) as the **Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)** for Sacramento County. The LEA enforces state laws pertaining to the storage, processing, and disposal of solid waste.

The LEA permits and inspects solid waste facilities to ensure compliance with State Minimum Standards, inspects refuse collection vehicles operating in the County, and responds to complaints about illegal dumping and public nuisances caused by solid waste facilities.

Solid Waste Facilities regulated by the LEA include

- Active and Closed Landfills
- Transfer Stations
- Composting Facilities
- Wood and Green Waste Chip and Grinding operations
- Construction, Demolition, and Inert Debris Processing Facilities

Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)

Authority for EMD to act as the LEA is found in

- Division 30 of the Public Resources Code (PRC), section 43209, and
- Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), sections 18051 and 18084

LEA Program Implementation

- Inspection and investigation of solid waste collection, handling, and storage, solid waste facilities, operations, and disposal sites and equipment to verify compliance with the state minimum standards, solid waste facilities permits, and related state solid waste laws and regulations within their purview for the protection of the environment and the public health and safety
- Investigations of illegal dumping and public nuisance complaints
- Processing of permit applications and closure/postclosure plans
- Enforcement as required by PRC Division 30; 14 CCR Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 4; 27 CCR, Division 2, Subdivision 1

LEA Billing

Section 6.99 of the Sacramento County Code (SCC) describes the fee structure for all EMD programs including the Solid Waste/LEA program. There are 3 fee components to the solid waste program:

- 1) Permit Fee: an annual facility fee based on facility type
- 2) Regional Fee: a share of the program costs, distributed based on the percent of the total County-wide tonnage received by solid waste facilities each quarter
- 3) Exceptional Hours Fee: billed at the EMD hourly rate, incurred when facility-specific staff time exceeds the hours covered by the permit fee

The Regional Fee fluctuates depending on program budget. For fiscal year 2022–23 the Regional Fee was \$240,000. Starting January 2024, the Regional Fee will be \$280,000. If proposed fees are approved, EMD expects the Regional Fee to decrease in time.

Proposal to Increase Fees

- EMD does not receive General Funding
- At least 10 years since last fee increase; fee study completed in 2023
- Proposed EMD Hourly Rate increase from \$213 to \$232 to be effective July 2024; last increase was in 2010
- The rest of the proposed fee increases will be phased in over 2 years
- Starting July 2025, fees may increase annually pursuant to the US Western Region Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Hours per permit will be set based on the fee study
- EMD anticipates conducting another fee study in 2 years, and then every 5 years after that

LEA Fee Comparison

LEA jurisdictions can have different ways of billing their solid waste facilities, based on one or more of the following:

- Dollar amount per ton
- Hourly rate
- Permit fee
- Share of program cost (e.g., Regional Fee)

Jurisdictions included in the fee comparison are either nearby or of a similar size.

The following charts calculate a sample of what a facility would be billed for permit fee and tonnage fees as applicable if it were operating in the listed jurisdiction, based on its reported tonnage. Calculations for Active sites include a portion of the Regional Fee:

- Current Sacramento includes a portion of the \$240,000 Regional Fee.
- Proposed Sacramento includes a portion of the \$280,000 Regional Fee.



FEE COMPARISON

TRANSFER STATION: LARGE VOLUME, MONTHLY INSPECTION

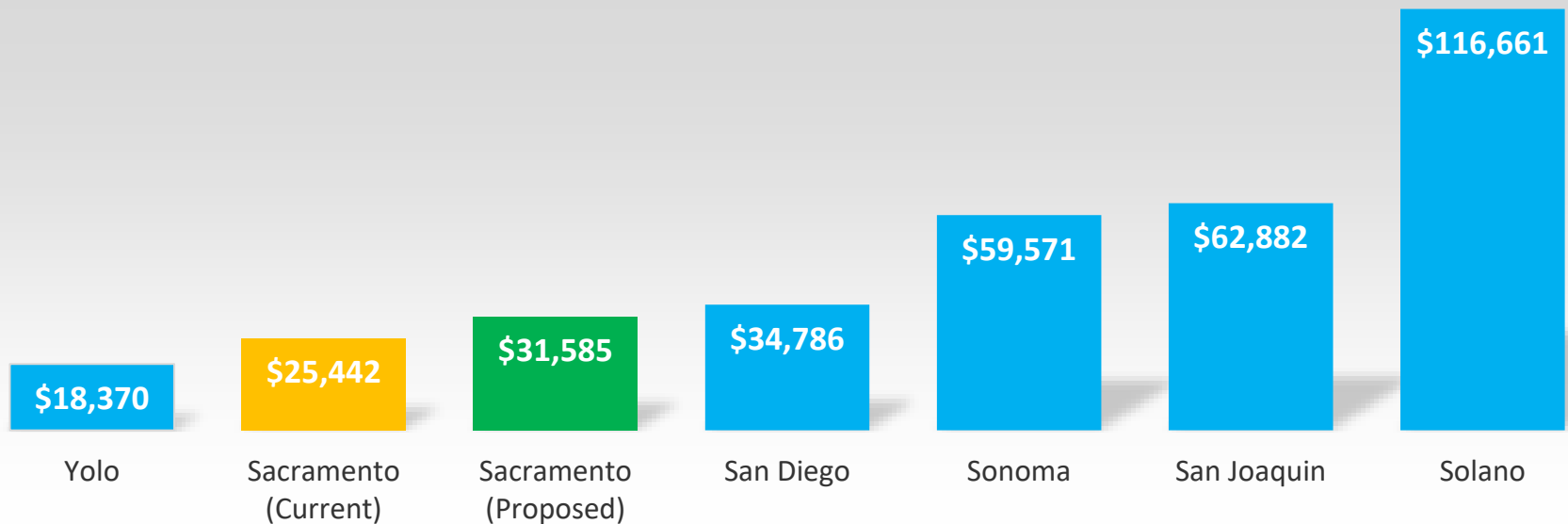
Fee Code 4445

Transfer & Processing, Large Volume

Fee Code 4445

Permit fee + tonnage charge (Annual)

Example facility #1: 105,481 tons/year;
5% of the total tonnage received

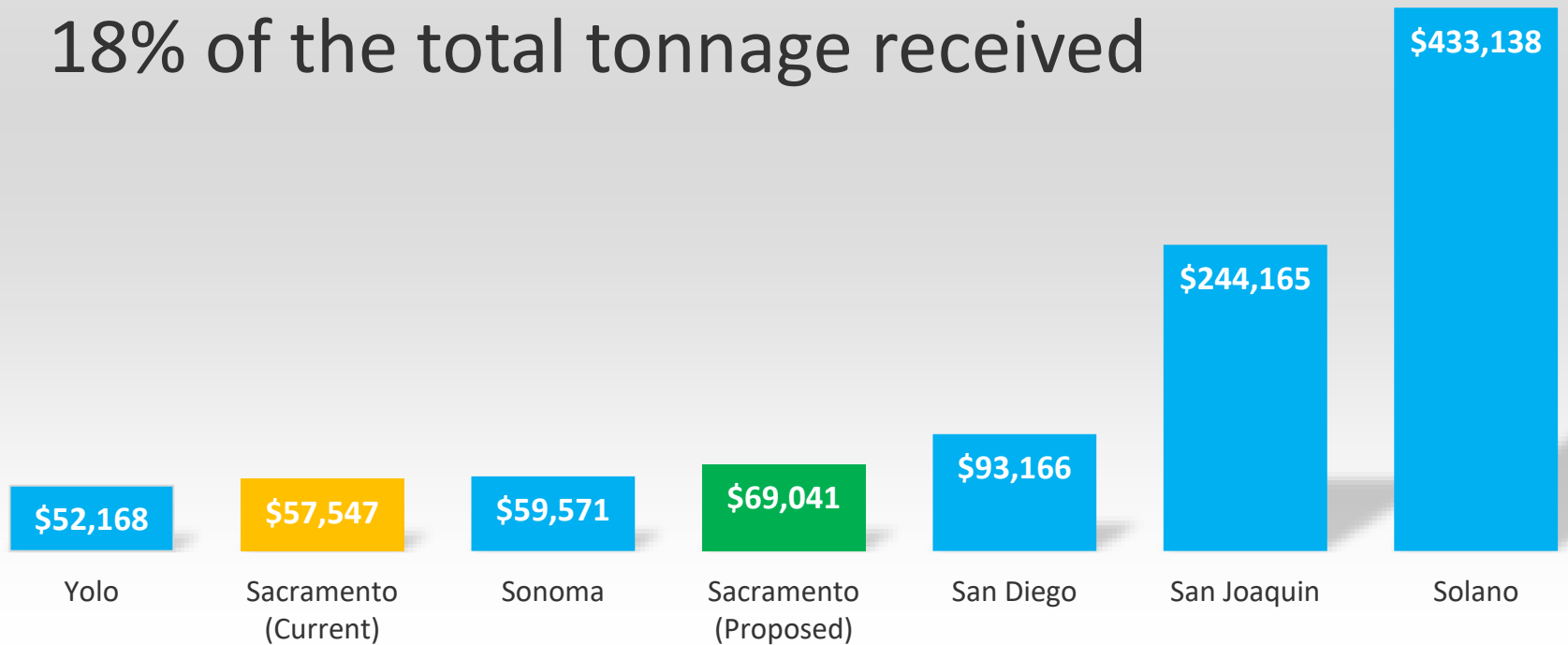


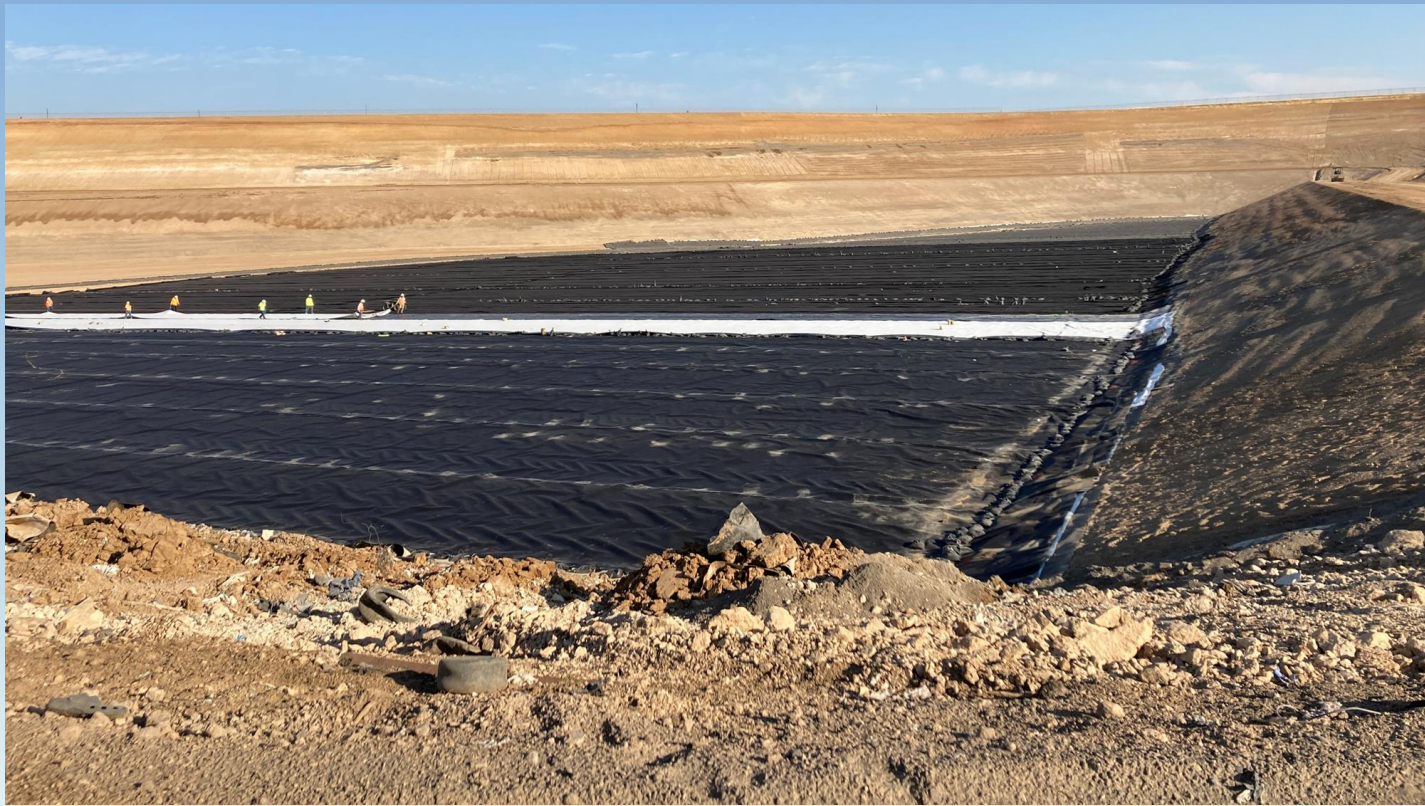
Transfer & Processing, Large Volume

Fee Code 4445

Permit fee + tonnage charge (Annual)

Example facility #2: 412,740 tons/year;
18% of the total tonnage received





FEE COMPARISON

SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS

Fee Code 4436

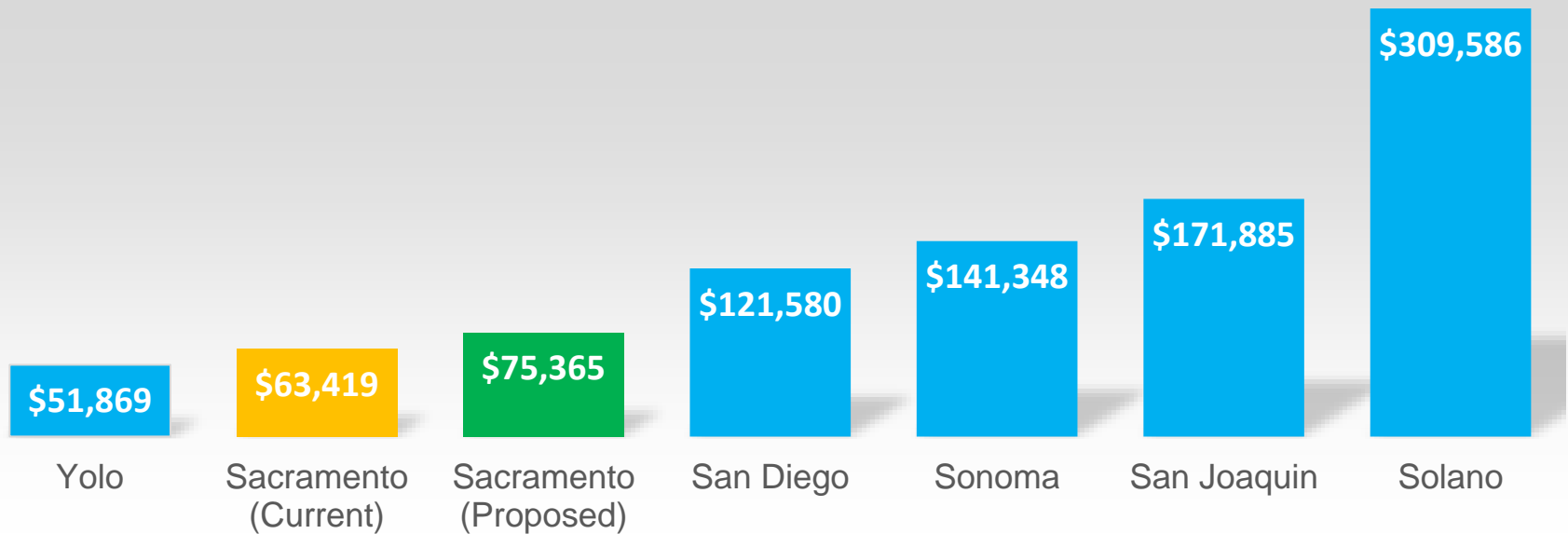
Solid Waste Landfill

Fee Code 4436

Permit fee + tonnage charge (Annual)

Example facility: 290,343 tons/year

13% of the total tonnage received





FEE COMPARISON

COMPOSTING FACILITY

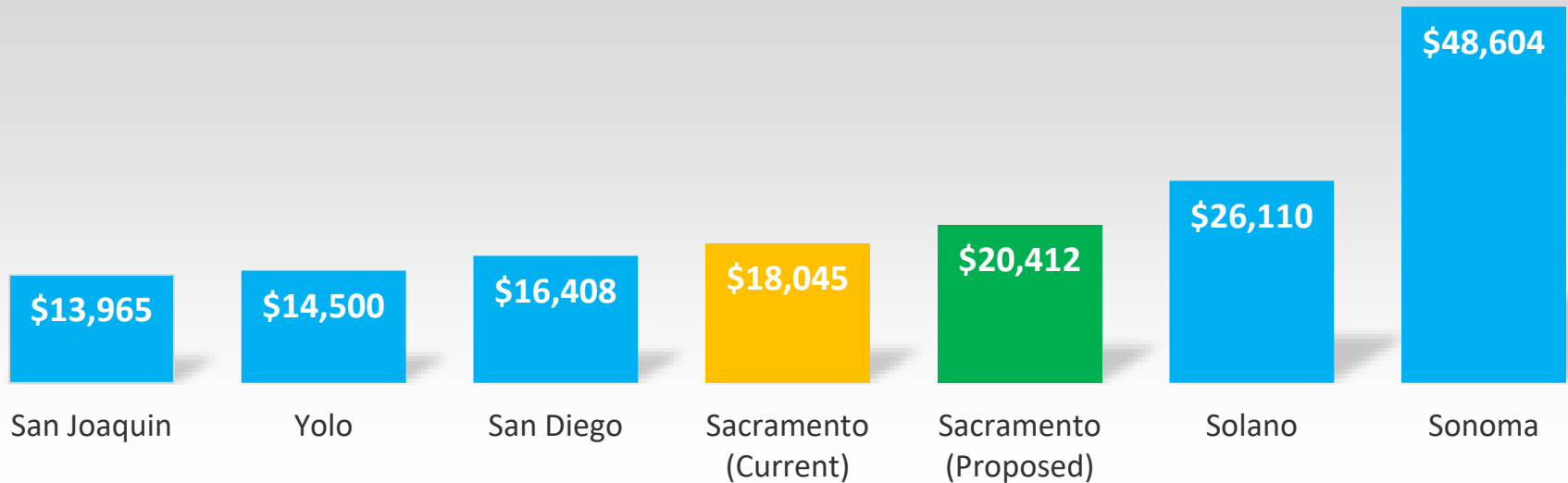
Fee Code 4442

Composting Facility Fee Code 4442

Permit fee + tonnage charge (Annual)

Example facility: 22,572 tons/year

1% of the total tonnage received





FEE COMPARISON

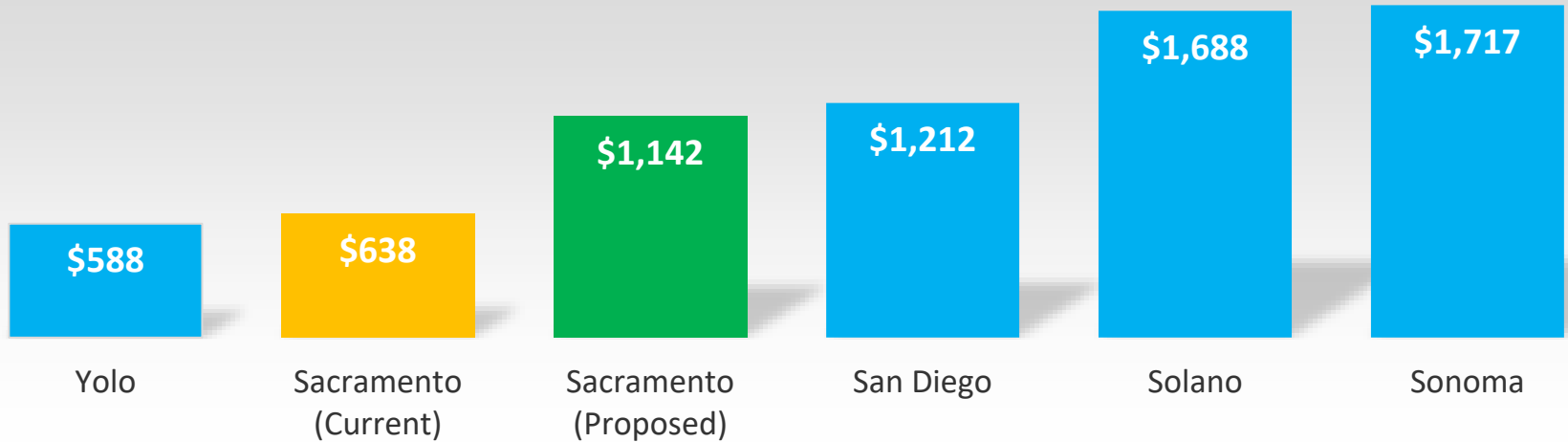
CLOSED LANDFILLS

Fee Codes 4460, 4479, 4480

Closed Landfill, Annual Inspection

Fee Code 4479

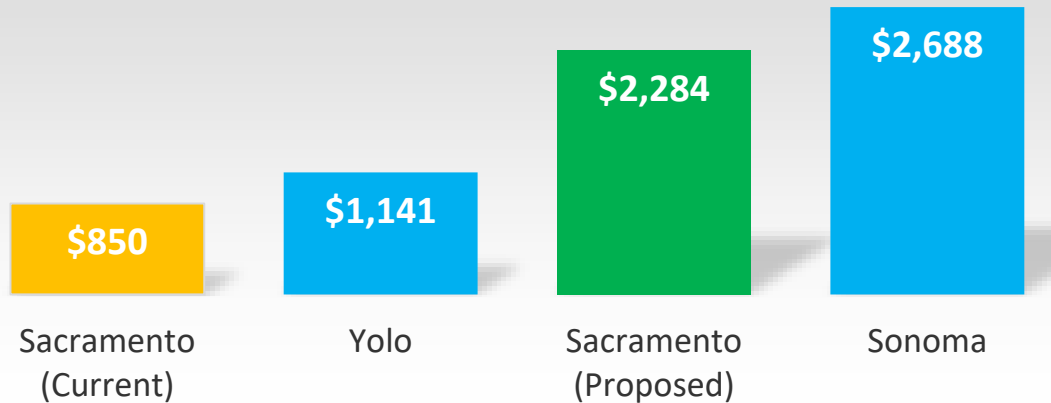
Permit fee



Closed Landfill, Biannual Inspection

Fee Code 4480

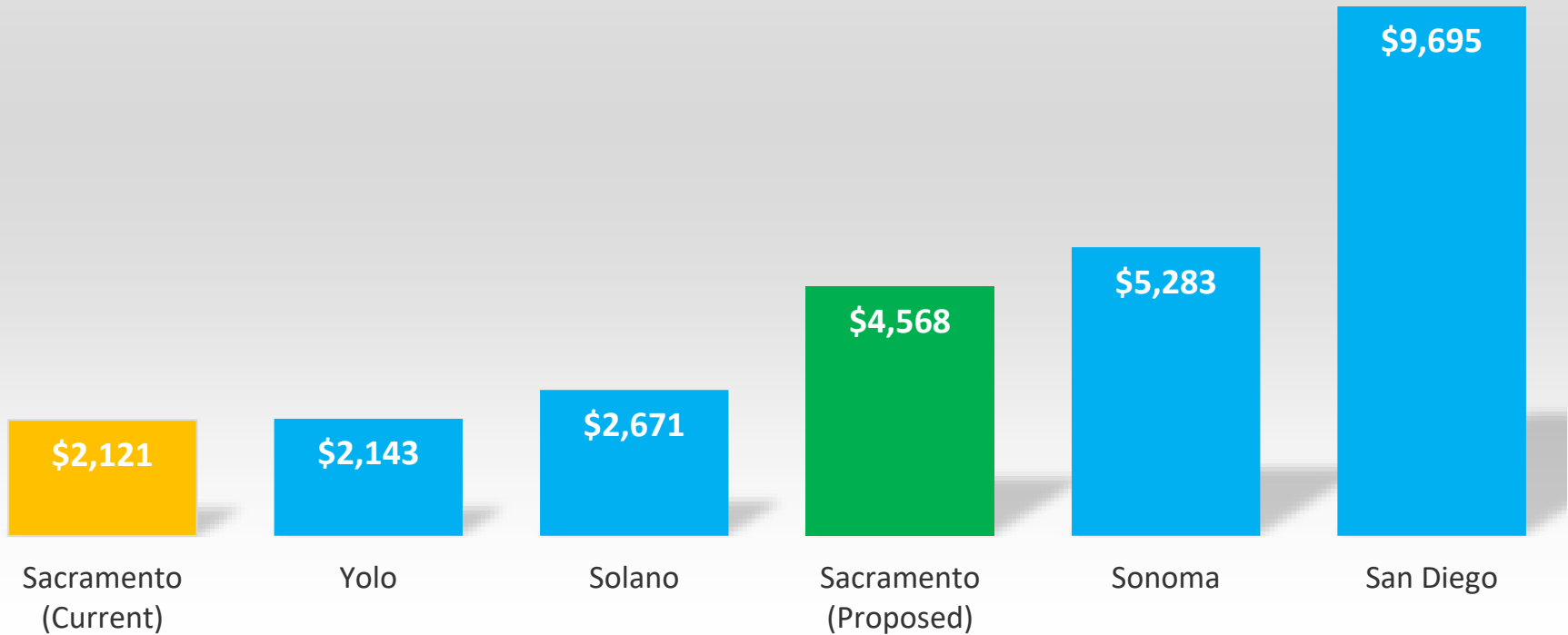
Permit fee



Closed Landfill, Quarterly Inspection

Fee Code 4460

Permit fee



Solid Waste Program Proposed Permit Fees

Program/ Fee Code	Fee Description	Current FY 2023-2024 Fee	Proposed FY 2024-2025 Fee	Proposed FY 2025-2026 Fee*
4404	New Solid Waste Project Application	\$2,130	\$2,584	\$3,038
4423	Refuse Vehicle	\$106	\$124	\$142
4436	Municipal Solid Waste Landfill	\$33,081	\$36,526	\$39,971
4437	Construction/Demo/Inert Landfill	\$19,086	\$25,570	\$32,054
4441	Composting Facility (Annual Inspection)	\$1,060	\$1,238	\$1,415
4442	Composting Facility (Monthly Inspection)	\$15,686	\$16,673	\$17,660
4443	Composting Facility (Quarterly Inspection)	\$4,241	\$5,013	\$5,785
4445	Transfer Station: Large Volume, Monthly Inspection	\$14,420	\$16,573	\$18,726

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4447	Transfer Station: Medium Volume, Monthly Inspection	\$14,420	\$15,127	\$15,834
4448	Transfer Station: Annual Inspection	\$1,060	\$1,086	\$1,112
4460	Closed Site, Quarterly Inspection	\$2,121	\$3,345	\$4,568
4479	Closed Site, Annual Inspection	\$638	\$890	\$1,142
4480	Closed Site, Biannual Inspection	\$850	\$1,567	\$2,284

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This presentation includes proposed changes to currently issued Solid Waste permits; the entire schedule of proposed fee changes is available at emd.saccounty.gov.

Solid Waste Program Proposed Annual Hours Per Permit

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4404	New Solid Waste Project Application	10.00	10.00	10.00
4436	Municipal Solid Waste Landfill	155.31	143.29	131.27
4437	Construction/Demo/Inert Landfill	89.61	97.44	105.27
4441	Composting Facility (Annual Inspection)	4.98	4.81	4.65
4442	Composting Facility (Monthly Inspection)	73.64	65.82	58.00
4443	Composting Facility (Quarterly Inspection)	19.91	19.46	19.00
4445	Transfer Station: Large Volume, Monthly Inspection	67.70	64.60	61.50

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4447	Transfer Station: Medium Volume, Monthly Inspection	67.70	59.85	52.00
4448	Transfer Station: Annual Inspection	4.98	4.31	3.65
4460	Closed Site, Quarterly Inspection	9.96	12.48	15.00
4479	Closed Site, Annual Inspection	3.00	3.37	3.75
4480	Closed Site, Biannual Inspection	3.99	5.75	7.50

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Questions



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