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Departmental Statement in Lieu of Testimony

May 27, 2025, Agenda, Item 1:

Hearing to Approve Annual Solid Waste Generation Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2025-26

My name is Mark Pestrella, and I am the Director of Los Angeles County Public Works.

1. This item is requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve the Annual Solid Waste Generation Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and find that it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The purpose of the action before you today is to seek your approval of an annual report to provide for the continued collection of the Solid Waste Generation Service Charge at the current rate on the property tax roll for Fiscal Year 2025-26.
3. The recommended action will provide continued funding for the planning and implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs to achieve State waste reduction mandates in unincorporated County areas.
4. In September 1991, the Board adopted an ordinance establishing the annual service charge as authorized by the California Public Resources Code, Sections 41901 and 41902.
5. Currently, each parcel of real property within unincorporated County areas is assessed an annual service charge based on the number of solid waste generation units assigned to that parcel. The annual service charge per unit is currently \$3.51.
6. Since no increase in the service charge is being proposed, today's action is not subject to the requirements of Proposition 218.
7. I am familiar with the proceedings for the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025-26 that was prepared by members of my staff, and I have concluded the following:
 - These charges have been fairly imposed, and it is in the public interest to continue to collect the solid waste generation service charge on the property

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tax roll since it provides for the most orderly and cost-effective collection of the charges from the affected property owners.

- As recommended, the continued collection of the service charges for Fiscal Year 2025-26, at its current level, is fair and necessary and complies with the requirements of State law.
8. A notice of the time and place of the public hearing regarding this annual report has been posted and was published for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation.
 9. Public Works has not received and is not aware of any formal protests to the report.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 21, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella", written over a horizontal line.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works