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## Public Hearing Recommended for Proposed Landfill Rate Increase

Westminster, Thursday, January 28, 2016 – In today's open session of the Board of County Commissioners, the Board voted 4 -1 (Commissioner Rothschild dissenting) to proceed with public hearings on a recommended rate increase in the Landfill tipping fee. The increase in the fee is recommended by the Bureau of Solid Waste to help close the gap between the costs to operate the facility and the revenue generated by the fees.

A review of neighboring jurisdictions revealed that the current fee of \$62 per ton is well below the price charged by neighboring jurisdictions. Other landfills start at \$66 per ton, with several being significantly higher. The proposed fee increase is calculated at a rate that should remain competitive.

The last rate increase was in 2011. The proposal is to increase the current fee to \$64 per ton, and to increase by an additional dollar per ton each year for the next four years. It was noted that the average household produces one ton of waste per year, therefore, the impact to residents should be only \$2 per year.

Under this proposal, beginning July 1, 2016 the tipping fee would be \$64 per ton and would increase annually until the fee reaches \$68 per ton.

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