

**Annual Garbage Collection
and Disposal Service Fee Report
Fiscal Year 2026-27**

Firestone Garbage Disposal District



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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
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INTRODUCTION

Section 5470, et seq. of the California Health and Safety Code requires that, if existing garbage collection and disposal service fees are to be continued and collected on the property tax roll, a report shall be prepared each year and filed with the Executive Officer of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

The report must contain a description of each parcel receiving such services and the amount of the fee for each parcel for the year. The Executive Officer shall file a copy of the report with the Auditor-Controller on or before August 10 of each year, with a statement that the report has been finally adopted by the Board, and the Auditor-Controller shall enter the amounts of the fees against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

This report documents the methodology and cost basis for increasing the Annual Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fee (Service Fee) per refuse unit in the Firestone Garbage Disposal District (GDD) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27. The Firestone GDD provides refuse, recyclable material, green waste, and abandoned waste collection services to approximately 20,000 parcels with an estimated population of 117,000 residents. The GDD encompasses only County unincorporated territory, as shown in Exhibit 1. It is essential that operation of the refuse collection and disposal services within the Firestone GDD be continued without interruption to protect the health and safety of the GDD's residents, businesses, and the general public. The necessary funds must be available to pay the cost of refuse, recyclable material, green waste and abandoned waste collection services, and administration of the GDD's contract.

ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE

In 1980 , the Board adopted an ordinance establishing the Service Fee to supplement property taxes for the collection and disposal of refuse, recyclables, organic waste, and illegal dumping in the Firestone GDD. The collection of the Service Fee on the property tax roll is the most cost-effective mechanism for the billing and accounting of the fees.

The current Service Fee for the Firestone GDD is established in Title 20, Division 4A, Chapter 20.90, Part 7 of the Los Angeles County Code (County Code). The Service Fee is levied annually upon each parcel of real property within the GDD and is calculated by multiplying the fee per refuse unit by the number of refuse units assigned to each parcel according to the parcel's property use classification pursuant to Table 1

in Section 20.90.350 of the County Code. The number of refuse units per parcel varies from one-half unit for a vacant parcel to 18 units for a community shopping center. A parcel containing a single-family residential unit is assigned one refuse unit.

On June 30, 2020, the Board approved and awarded a service contract to provide solid waste collection services, as well as monitoring and removal of illegal dumping, for the Firestone GDD. The contract reflected a significant cost increase from previous years due to enhanced service requirements, including, but not limited to, daily monitoring and removal of illegal dumping and implementation of an Organic Waste Collection Program in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 1383. SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to provide source-separated collection of refuse, recyclables, and organic waste, and to divert organic waste from landfills. Additional drivers of increased costs include inflationary pressure and increased overhead costs.

The current Service Fee for the Firestone GDD, as indicated in Section 20.90.330 of the County Code, is \$180 per refuse unit. The estimated revenues from the Service Fee at the current rate are insufficient to finance the GDD's projected annual operating costs. GDD reserves have declined from \$10,005,000 in FY 2021-22 to an estimated \$0 as of June 30, 2026. Continuing to collect the Service Fee at the existing rate would exhaust reserves and jeopardize services.

Public Works made a preliminary estimate of annual expenses for the Firestone GDD and calculated the necessary Service Fee to finance those expenses by projecting anticipated costs for refuse collection and related services for the upcoming Fiscal Year. To determine the Service Fee required for financial sustainability, an analysis was conducted on these projected expenditures in relation to the total refuse service needs of the GDD. The resulting Service Fee was established to distribute the cost of service incrementally over a five-year period, which factored in operational considerations and cost projections. This approach ensures that the fee structure reflects actual service demands and anticipated costs, supporting the GDD's long-term financial stability while minimizing ratepayer impact, as detailed in the table below.

The projected expenditures, revenues, and reserves for the Firestone GDD beginning in FY 2026-27 are set forth in Table 1, below.

**Table 1. Firestone GDD Projected Annual Expenditures,
Revenues, and Reserves Beginning FY 2026-27**

	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31
Number of Refuse Units	30,759	30,759	30,759	30,759	30,759
Proposed Annual Service Fee per Refuse Unit	\$340	\$380	\$400	\$420	\$440
Operating Revenue ⁽¹⁾	15,210,000	16,521,000	17,218,000	17,917,000	18,618,000
Reserves ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	-	-
Total Financing Sources	14,441,000	15,156,000	15,906,000	16,693,000	17,519,000
Labor ⁽³⁾	375,000	387,000	399,000	411,000	424,000
Equipment ⁽⁴⁾	14,000	15,000	16,000	17,000	18,000
Miscellaneous ⁽⁵⁾	68,000	71,000	74,000	77,000	80,000
Task 1 Customer Service ⁽⁶⁾	12,425,000	13,046,000	13,698,000	14,383,000	15,102,000
Task 2 County Service ⁽⁷⁾	1,159,000	1,637,000	1,719,000	1,805,000	1,895,000
Total Cost	14,441,000	15,156,000	15,906,000	16,693,000	17,519,000

Notes:

- (1) Operating revenue includes the annual Service Fee (proposed annual service fee multiplied by number of refuse units) and other revenue such as ad valorem and interest.
- (2) When operating revenue is insufficient to cover the total cost of the District, reserves are used to supplement funding. When operating revenue is sufficient, any additional revenue will be transferred to reserves.
- (3) Estimated Public Works labor costs are determined based on the positions needed to perform the service. The calculation applies FY 2025-26 System Employee Benefit and Overhead rates and cost of living adjustment (COLA); and is made by multiplying the estimated number of hours required for each position by the fully loaded hourly rates. For each Fiscal Year, an estimated 3 percent COLA is added.
- (4) Estimated equipment such as contract monitoring vehicles are calculated based on prior year actual costs, adjusted for CPI. For each Fiscal Year, an estimated 3 percent annual CPI is added.
- (5) Estimated miscellaneous charges including costs for outreach material and services from other County departments are calculated based on prior year actual costs, adjusted for CPI. For each Fiscal Year, an estimated 3 percent annual CPI is added.
- (6) Task 1 Customer Service cost is calculated by multiplying the number of refuse units by the monthly unit waste hauler cost from FY 2024-25 for 12 months, plus a 5 percent annual rate increase to determine estimated costs for FY 2026-27. For the estimated Task 1 Customer Service costs for each year, a 5 percent annual rate adjustment is added.
- (7) Task 2 County Service cost is calculated using prior year actual cost for waste hauler illegal dumping monitoring/collection and public receptacles, plus a 5 percent annual rate increase to determine estimated costs for FY 2026-27. For estimated Task 2 County Service costs for each year, a 5 percent annual rate adjustment is added.

Based on this calculation, Public Works held community meetings on the proposed fee increases on May 16, 2026 and June 1, 2026, and provided written notice of the proposed fee increase to the record owners of all identified parcels within the GDD by U.S. Mail on April 29, 2026, in accordance with article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution. The notice included the maximum proposed Service Fee to be collected in FYs 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, and 2030-31; the basis for calculating the increased fee amounts; the reason for the proposed increases; and the date, time, and location of the public hearing on this matter.

Upon the Board's approval, the annual Service Fee for the Firestone GDD will increase to: \$340 per refuse unit for FY 2026-27; \$380 per refuse unit for FY 2027-28; \$400 per refuse unit for FY 2028-29; \$420 per refuse unit for FY 2029-30; and \$440 per refuse unit beginning in FY 2030-31.

COMPLIANCE WITH PROPOSITION 218 AND PROPOSITION 26

The Service Fee for the Firestone GDD is allocated uniformly per refuse unit. Each parcel within the GDD pays only its proportional share of the GDD's cost of service, in accordance with Article XIII D, Section 6, Subdivisions (b)(3) and (4). Revenues from the fee will not exceed and may not be used for purposes other than the GDD's solid waste collection and disposal services (Cal. Const., art. XIII C, § 1 3 (2)).

Written notice of the proposed increases to the Service Fee was provided to the record owners of all identified parcels within the GDD at least 45 days prior to the public hearing on this matter. The increases will not be adopted if written protests are received from a majority of affected parcel owners.

IDENTIFICATION OF PARCELS TO BE CHARGED

Exhibit 2 lists the tax rate areas for the Firestone GDD for FY 2026-27. **Parcels within the GDD are further described in maps on file at the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office. Each parcel within the GDD will be charged a Service Fee in the amount of its proportionate share of the GDD's total cost of service.**

EXHIBIT 1

GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

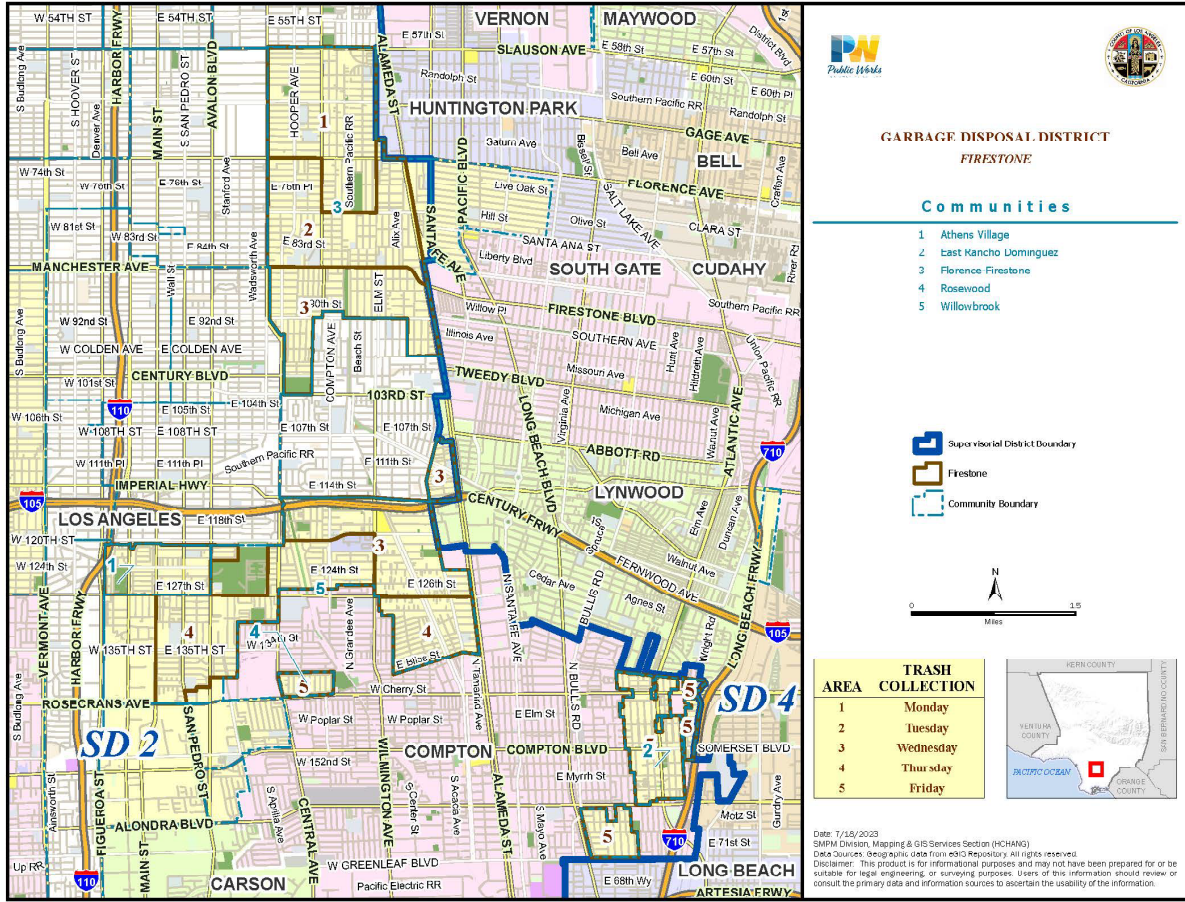


EXHIBIT 2
GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE
LIST OF TAX RATE AREAS
FIRESTONE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

ACCOUNT NO.	ANNUAL FEE PER REFUSE UNIT (\$)	TAX RATE AREA	ACCOUNT NO.	ANNUAL FEE PER REFUSE UNIT (\$)	TAX RATE AREA
3361	\$180	112	3361	\$180	2817
3361	\$180	113	3361	\$180	2913
3361	\$180	1155	3361	\$180	2914
3361	\$180	1156	3361	\$180	2923
3361	\$180	1160	3361	\$180	2924
3361	\$180	1166	3361	\$180	2934
3361	\$180	1170	3361	\$180	2935
3361	\$180	1171	3361	\$180	2941
3361	\$180	1172	3361	\$180	2942
3361	\$180	1185	3361	\$180	2944
3361	\$180	1187	3361	\$180	2945
3361	\$180	1193	3361	\$180	2946
3361	\$180	1195	3361	\$180	2947
3361	\$180	1197	3361	\$180	2948
3361	\$180	1198	3361	\$180	2949
3361	\$180	1241	3361	\$180	2950
3361	\$180	1243	3361	\$180	2951
3361	\$180	1248	3361	\$180	2952
3361	\$180	1259	3361	\$180	2956
3361	\$180	1265	3361	\$180	2957
3361	\$180	1276	3361	\$180	2958
3361	\$180	1358	3361	\$180	2999
3361	\$180	1375	3361	\$180	3775
3361	\$180	1392	3361	\$180	3777
3361	\$180	1407	3361	\$180	3778
3361	\$180	1434	3361	\$180	3797
3361	\$180	1487	3361	\$180	3810
3361	\$180	1561	3361	\$180	3822
3361	\$180	1563	3361	\$180	3825
3361	\$180	1575	3361	\$180	3897
3361	\$180	1612	3361	\$180	5378
3361	\$180	1617	3361	\$180	6757
3361	\$180	1621	3361	\$180	6856
3361	\$180	1633	3361	\$180	6857
3361	\$180	2389	3361	\$180	6858
3361	\$180	2390	3361	\$180	9739
3361	\$180	2815	3361	\$180	9740
3361	\$180	2816	3361	\$180	9748

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ACCOUNT NO	ANNUAL FEE PER REFUSE UNIT (\$)	TAX RATE AREA
3361	\$180	9749
3361	\$180	9750
3361	\$180	9751
3361	\$180	9752
3361	\$180	9753
3361	\$180	9757
3361	\$180	9758
3361	\$180	9761
3361	\$180	9763
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3361	\$180	9768
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3361	\$180	9771
3361	\$180	9772
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3361	\$180	11256
3361	\$180	11956
3361	\$180	11982
3361	\$180	11983
3361	\$180	11986
3361	\$180	12934
3361	\$180	13556
3361	\$180	13884
3361	\$180	13885
3361	\$180	14525
3361	\$180	16463
3361	\$180	16743
3361	\$180	17012