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## **CITY COUNCIL AWARDS NEW SEVEN-YEAR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT TO WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Chino Hills, CA – At the January 25, 2022, Council Meeting, the Chino Hills City Council voted 3-1 to award the City’s seven-year solid waste and recycling services contract to Waste Management. The new agreement updates the City’s residential and commercial waste and recycling programs to comply with the State of California’s new organic waste laws under Senate Bill 1383 that went into effect January 1, 2022. The agreement term is for seven years beginning on July 1, 2022, with the City’s option to extend for an additional two years. Between now and July 1, Republic Services will continue to fulfill their contractual agreements in servicing the Chino Hills community.

Under the new agreement, single-family homes with the standard service of three containers will see a monthly increase of \$1.23 beginning July 1. Trash service rate increases are capped based on rates adopted in compliance with the Proposition 218 process. City staff and Waste Management will develop a community outreach plan over the next few months to educate the community about the service transition and billing.

Waste Management, a company that is long established in the Chino Valley, has local customer service, billing, and administration offices located in the neighboring city of Chino. The City Council approved the agreement with minor revisions including the addition of a contingency plan demonstrating how services will be provided during a work stoppage related to labor issues as the Chino Hills community experienced in December. At the direction of the City Council, Waste Management will also donate \$40,000 per year to community organizations and charitable institutions located in the City of Chino Hills.

As the City’s new contracted waste and recycling hauler, Waste Management will work closely with City staff in educating the community on new organic waste collection services and implementing these changes for all residents and businesses in Chino Hills. This bill sets goals to reduce the disposal of organic waste in landfills, which includes food waste and landscaping waste items, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as methane, and address food insecurity in California. Under this new program, Californians will be required to start separating their food waste, just as most already separate their yard waste.

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