

**Indian River County, Florida
Solid Waste Disposal District
Board Memorandum**

Date: August 9, 2021

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Matthew Jordan, Interim Director of Utility Services

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Subject: Approval of 2022 CPI Adjustment Request by Atlas Organics

Descriptions and Conditions:

On November 19, 2019, the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) Board authorized the Yard Waste Processing and Disposal Services Agreement (Agreement) with Atlas Organics Indian River, LLC (Atlas) for a period of 10 years. The agreement approved the processing of yard waste at a rate of \$11.49 per ton, and the transportation and recycling of the yard waste at a rate of \$12.45 per ton. The agreement commenced on January 1, 2020. Article 4 of the Agreement provides a Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate adjustment process specified in the referenced Exhibit A of said agreement.

On May 28, 2021, Atlas submitted an annual rate adjustment request of 3.00% to be effective October 1, 2021, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022. This agenda item is requesting SWDD Board approval for the 2021 CPI adjustment request by Atlas.

Analysis:

Staff has reviewed, verified, and recommends the approval of the request by Atlas of 3.00% of the yard waste processing and disposal services rates. In summary, here are the changes:

Services	FY2019/20 Rate (per ton)	FY2020/21 Rate (per ton)	Proposed FY2021/22 Rate (per ton)	Change from Prior Year (per ton)	% Change
Processing	\$11.49	\$11.49	\$11.83	\$0.34	3.00%
Recycling	\$12.45	\$12.45	\$12.82	\$0.37	3.00%

Funding:

Funding for yard waste processing is budgeted and available in the Other Professional Services account in the SWDD Recycling fund, which is funded through user assessment fees.

Below is the proposed funding allocation for FY 21/22:

SWDD Item

Description	Account Number	Amount
Recycling – Other Professional Services	41125534-033190	\$1,800,000

Recommendation:

Solid Waste Disposal District staff recommends that the Board approve the request for a 3.00% rate adjustment by Atlas Organics Indian River, LLC, and authorize the County Administrator to take any necessary actions to effectuate the change.

Attachment:

1. Rate Adjustment Letter from Atlas Organics Indian River, LLC