

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

Date: June 23, 2022

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Sean C. Lieske, Director of Utility Services

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Subject: Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Consumer Price Index 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 August 17, 2021, the SWDD Board approved a 3.00% rate adjustment for the processing of yard waste at a rate of \$11.83 per ton and the recycling of yard waste at a rate of \$12.82 per ton effective October 1, 2021.

On May 27, 2022, Atlas submitted an annual rate adjustment request of 3.00% to be effective October 1, 2022, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023. This agenda item is requesting SWDD Board approval for the FY2023 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)	FY2021/22 Rate (per ton)	Proposed FY2022/23 Rate (per ton)	Change from Prior Year (per ton)	% Change
Processing	\$11.49	\$11.49	\$11.83	\$12.18	\$0.35	3.00%
Recycling	\$12.45	\$12.45	\$12.82	\$13.20	\$0.38	3.00%

Based on the significant increase in development and landclearing projects, the incoming yard waste materials and in turn the amount recycled has increased year after year. It is projected that approximately 97,000 tons of incoming yard waste materials will be processed by Atlas at a cost of \$1,181,460. In

addition, approximately 62,000 tons will be recycled into compost at a cost of \$818,400, for a grand total of approximately \$2,000,000. The remaining 35,000 tons is utilized for cover material.

Funding:

Funding for yard waste processing for FY2022/2023 will be budgeted and available in the SWDD/CC & Recycling/Other Professional Services account, number 41125534-033190 in the amount of \$2,000,000, which is funded from SWDD assessments and user fees.

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
SWDD/CC & Recycling/Other Professional Services	41125534-033190	\$2,000,000

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