

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

Date: July 9, 2019

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Vincent Burke, PE, Director of Utility Services

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Subject: Third Amendment to Tropical Recycling

Descriptions and Conditions:

On July 9, 2019, staff made a presentation to the Indian River County (IRC) Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) Board regarding single stream contamination. Although an effort to identify, educate and enforce violations to the County Code are in place, our processor, Tropical Recycling has expressed higher than normal contamination rates that make their operations unsustainable.

Currently, Tropical Recycling pays a landfill residue disposal rate of \$19.08 per ton for materials from their Fort Pierce facility to the IRC landfill. Tropical Recycling has requested some financial relief on the disposal costs.

Analysis:

Staff recommends temporary allowances to address single stream contamination until such time as formal policy changes are adopted by SWDD or until the recyclables contain twenty percent (20%) or less rejects by volume, whichever occurs first. Specifically, staff is recommending, starting July 1, 2019, a short-term allowance to allow Tropical Recycling to return the first 35% of the previous month's recyclables that are returned to the IRC landfill as a landfill residue for disposal at no cost. Please find attached the Third Amendment to Tropical Recycling.

Based on an estimated residue of 556 tons and the rate of \$13.49 per ton landfill disposal rate to Republic Services, it is estimated that this allowance to Tropical Recycling will incur an additional disposal cost to SWDD of \$7,500 per month, or approximately \$22,500 for the remaining three months of this fiscal year.

Funding:

Funding for the SWDD Class 1 landfill services is budgeted and available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 18/19 budget in the SWDD landfill account, which is funded from SWDD assessments and user fees.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Landfill – Contractual Services (FY18/19)	41121734-033489	\$22,500

Recommendation:

Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) staff recommends that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Third Amendment to Recyclables Transfer, Processing and Marketing Services Agreement between SWDD and Tropical Recycling to be effective July 1, 2019.

Attachment:

1. Third Amendment to Tropical Recycling