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**Oakland approves waste contract compromise,  
securing lowest rate increases and record-setting  
environmental practices**

**Oakland, CA** – The City Council voted Monday night to approve a waste contract proposal to which California Waste Solutions and Waste Management of Alameda County mutually agreed, a deal reached in negotiations mediated by Mayor Jean Quan.

Under the agreement, which takes effect July 1, 2015:

- Residents will get more services and pay \$36.82 per month, total, which is the lowest rate increase negotiated and significantly less than increases seen recently in nearby cities. The new rates to residents are a 24% increase after a decade with no increases to their base rate. (This is the same rate the City Council approved in August when it voted to give CWS the contract for all three services: the two companies have agreed to share the contracts at the same bottom-line price to residents. Alternatively, residents can cut back to a 20-gallon can and pay a monthly increase less than \$3.)
- California Waste Solutions, which currently provides recycling service for about half the city, will provide recycling services for the entire city.
- Waste Management will continue providing trash and compost service.
- The City of Oakland enters its greenest-ever waste contract, with a record 80 percent of waste diverted away from landfills.
- Waste Management will drop its legal action against the City Of Oakland as well as its referendum efforts toward a special election to overturn the Council's August decision.
- Oakland's ongoing efforts to reduce and mitigate illegal dumping get a boost, with 25 illegal dumping site pickups per day.

“Oakland has come a long way to get to this deal,” Mayor Quan said. “I’m grateful to California Waste Solutions and Waste Management of Alameda County, the City Council and my administration’s staff for their hard work and dedication to the people of Oakland. In particular I thank Councilmembers McElhaney and Kalb for their leadership and partnership, and David Duong and his family for their deep dedication to our city.

“The bottom line behind this deal is good news for residents,” Quan added. “We have fought for and secured the lowest rate increase we could after a decade without increases. We have guaranteed continuity of service when the contract changes over July 1. And we have won the greenest contract in Oakland’s history, making our city a national leader in diverting waste away from our landfills. I look forward to our continued work together serving the people of Oakland.”

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