



# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Refuse Rate Adjustment

MEETING DATE: March 17, 1993

PREPARED BY: Assistant City Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** The City Council consider the request of Sanitary City Disposal Company, Inc. for a 19.5% increase in residential and commercial rates.

**BACKGROUND:** Last year, October 1992, the City Council implemented a refuse rate increase along with a change in collection method. The Council understood that Sanitary City Disposal Company would be requesting a rate increase effective April 1, 1993. We were told then that that increase could be as high as 31%.

Sanitary City Disposal Company, in late February, presented staff with a rate proposal to be effective April 1, 1993 of 19.5%.

Staff is evaluating that request and is in the process of preparing scenarios to provide this increase. We did review the request with the Solid Waste Management (SWAM) Task Force. It is their recommendation that the greater burden of this increase be placed on single residence dwellings rather than apartment houses and mobile homes.

The rationale is that apartment house dwellers were paying \$7.25 per month and their rate was increased to \$12.83 per month, an increase of 77%. The single family dwellers were the greatest user of the waste carts and their increase was from \$11.90 to \$12.83, an increase of 7.8%. The SWAM Task Force feels that an across-the-board increase is not equitable.

Staff is developing scenarios to incorporate this thinking, and will have some options for the shirtsleeve session on Tuesday, March 16, 1993, and will present final suggestions on March 17.

FUNDING: Unknown.

Respectfully submitted,

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Disposal 1993 Rate Application Package.")