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BOARD TENTATIVELY APPROVES REDUCING TRASH RATE

(Costa Mesa, CA) – At their May 24th regular meeting, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board of Directors directed staff to set the trash rate for fiscal year 2012-13 at \$19.00 a month. Residents residing in Costa Mesa and small portions of Newport Beach and the unincorporated county are currently paying \$19.95 a month. District staff recommended temporarily lowering the rate by using some of the District's unreserved fund balance. Because the District has no capital expenses in solid waste such as collection trucks, trash bins, or recycling facilities, the Board believes it was prudent to begin giving some of the money back to the ratepayers. The Board will analyze the unreserved fund balance every year to determine if the lowered rates can continue while at the same time the District will look at using these funds to expand existing solid waste programs. The Board will consider officially adopting the new rate after a public hearing that is scheduled for June 28th. The new rates will go into effect on July 1, 2012.

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