

## REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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**DATE:** June 2, 2020

**TITLE:** Desert Valley Disposal Placing Delinquent Disposal Billings on the County Tax Roll, Fiscal Year 2020-21

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) Staff Report;
- 2) Entertain questions of Staff from the City Council;
- 3) Open the Public Hearing;
- 4) Take testimony from those in favor;
- 5) Take testimony from those opposed;
- 6) Take testimony from those in a neutral position;
- 7) Close the Public Hearing;
- 8) City Council discussion and questions to Staff; and
- 9) Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs, California, Placing the Delinquent Desert Valley Disposal Billings on the Fiscal Year 2020-21 County Tax Roll, after Holding a Public Hearing.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Pursuant to the City's agreement with Desert Valley Disposal, an annual hearing has been scheduled to consider placement of delinquent billings on the tax roll. All affected property owners have received notice of the public hearing, which provided an opportunity to address the City Council prior to consideration of the assessment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Desert Valley Disposal requests placement of past due amounts for disposal service totaling \$95,922.64 representing, 80 accounts, on the Fiscal Year 2020-21 tax roll.

The City has agreed to place delinquent disposal billings on the County Tax Roll on behalf of Desert Valley Disposal Inc. as allowed pursuant to California Government Code Section 38790.1. The billing, policies, and procedures of Desert Valley Disposal, Inc. are established by the waste disposal agreement between the City of Desert Hot Springs and Desert Valley Disposal, Inc. as further detailed by Resolution No. 2014-008.

As provided in the City of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code Section 8.04.040, authorizing placing delinquent waste disposal accounts on the tax roll, the delinquent charges shall constitute a lien on said property. Adoption of the resolution will enable the County Auditor-Controller to collect these delinquent charges in conjunction with property taxes. An updated listing will be provided to the City by Desert Valley Disposal on or before June 30, 2020, which would reflect any payments received between/since the date of the Public Hearing.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

All costs for the placement of delinquent billings on the County Tax Rolls will be absorbed by Desert Valley Disposal. Additionally, Desert Valley Disposal will pay the City a 10% fee on the net amount collected.

### **EXHIBIT(S):**

- 1) Resolution

- 2) Annual Report letter including an affidavit certifying the mailing and sample notice of Public Hearing on June 2, 2020
- 3) Listing of all delinquent amounts due to Desert Valley Disposal
- 4) Desert Valley Disposal Notice of Public Hearing