

## **Response to Questions on the FY 2007 Advertised Budget Plan**

**Request By:** Supervisor Gross

**Question:** Will the proposed increase in the Refuse Collection Fee impact the current limit on bulk pick-ups?

**Response:**

Based on concerns by the Board of Supervisors, especially those raised by Supervisor Gross at the January 1, 2006 meeting, as well as customer requests, the following guidelines for bulk collections have been proposed. The set-out instructions for Sanitary District Customers will be modified for FY 2007 to reflect one additional bulk collection per account, as well as increasing the amount allowed from each pickup.

Currently, pile sizes are limited to six cubic yards for loose brush. This will increase to 12 cubic yards for each loose brush collection – doubling the amount of material that will be collected before additional charges are incurred related to loose brush. Twelve cubic yards is larger than a VW bug and a typical pickup load is approximately five cubic yards. Loads of dense logs will remain at six cubic yards.

The current log size limit is six inches in diameter. This will be raised to ten inches in diameter for sanitary district customers.

The current number of no-additional cost bulk pickups is limited to four per customer per year. This will be raised to five per customer per year for FY 2007.