



MEETING DATE: October 8, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 5. Intermountain Disposal - Rate Increase

FROM: Tom Valentino- Solid Waste Consultant

RE: 2026 Refuse Collection Rate Increase

BACKGROUND:

Under the revised and amended franchise agreement between the City of Portola and Intermountain Disposal Company, the company is entitled to an annual rate adjustment for changes in the cost of doing business, consistent with Section 5.3 of the agreement.

The adjustment for increases of the cost of doing business is based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Energy Information Administration data for consumer indices and fuel price changes over a one-year period (August 2024 to August 2025). Specifically, the two federal agency statistics used to calculate the annual increase are:

- Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All West Urban Consumers, Non-Seasonally Adjusted; and
- Energy Information Administration California No. 2 Diesel Retail Prices.

Staff calculated the inflation and diesel fuel increases using August 2024 and August 2025 federal data and the calculation procedure stated in section 5.3 of the franchise agreement. The combined CPI/Diesel Fuel rate increase is 3.16%. Intermountain Disposal's accounting firm VT Accounting Associates separately calculated the CPI and Fuel increases and agreed with our calculations.

Transfer Station Fee Increases

The Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 25-9025 on June 10, 2025, which increased disposal fees Delleker Transfer Station by 4.42% (effective July 1, 2025). IMD seeks to increase refuse collection rates for the transfer station increase, consistent with section 5.5 of the franchise agreement – Pass-Through Costs.

To determine the percentage of the transfer station increase to pass-through to the refuse collection rates, IMD provided financial information for calendar year 2024 prepared by VT Accounting Associates. VT states IMD had total refuse collection revenue of \$517,413 and disposal fees at the transfer station of \$130,598 in 2024. Disposal cost (\$130,598) as a percentage of revenue (\$517,413) is 25.24 percent.

To calculate the transfer station fee increase to the 2026 refuse collection rates, we multiply the transfer station increase (4.42%) by the percentage cost of refuse disposal (25.24%). The result is a 1.12% increase for trash disposal services, effective January 1, 2026.

Proposed 2026 refuse collection rate sheets and the federal data sheets are attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council review the proposed 2026 refuse collection rates and direct staff to commence the Proposition 218 process to approve the new rates. Following written notification of the proposed 2026 rates to property owners and tenants in Portola, there is a 45-day public comment period. Staff anticipates a public hearing on the 2026 rates at a city council meeting on December 10, 2025 to consider written protests to the proposed rate increase.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. 2026 IMD RATE INCREASE V 2.1
- B. BLS WEST REGION CPI DATA 9-11-25
- C. CALIFORNIA NO 2 DIESEL RETAIL PRICES 9-9-25

INTERMOUNTAIN DISPOSAL COMPANY
ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR (RATE YEAR 9)

Annual Rate Adjustment Calculated per Section 5.3 of the Franchise Agreement, as Amended August 25, 2021

Rate Adjustment Calculations

Adjust for Changes in CPI and Fuel Costs August 2024 through August 2025

% Increase = 90% Annual Change West Region CPI (Aug/Aug) + 10% Annual Change California Fuel (Aug/Aug)

August 2024 West Urban CPI:	333.442	Data Reference: https://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?cu
August 2025 West Urban CPI:	344.096	
August 2024 EIA Cal Diesel Fuel:	\$4.758	Date Reference: www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_gnd_dcus_sca_m .htm
August 2025 EIA Cal Diesel Fuel:	\$4.895	
CPI/Fuel Rate Increase =	3.16%	

Adjust for Increased Disposal Fees at Delleker Transfer Station

DTS Disposal Fee Increase Effective July 1, 2025	4.42%
Disposal Cost as Percentage of IMD Refuse Collection Revenues (2024)	25.24%
Disposal Fee Rate Increase (4.42% x 0.2524) =	1.12%

INTERMOUNTAIN DISPOSAL PROPOSED 2026 RATE INCREASE
RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 UPON APPROVAL FROM PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CAN RATES
2026 RATE INCREASE (RATE YEAR 9)

Item	Current 2025 Monthly Rates	CPI/Diesel Fuel Increase (3.16%)	Delleker Transfer Station Fee Increases (1.12%)	Proposed 2026 Monthly Rates
<i>Wastecarts</i>				
32 Gallon Cart	\$16.03	\$0.51	\$0.18	\$16.72
64 Gallon Cart	\$21.80	\$0.69	\$0.24	\$22.73
96 Gallon Cart	\$27.59	\$0.87	\$0.31	\$28.77
<i>Replace Carts</i>				
32 Gallon Cart	\$78.31	\$2.47	-	\$80.78
64 Gallon Cart	\$88.77	\$2.81	-	\$91.58
96 Gallon Cart	\$109.65	\$3.46	-	\$113.12
<i>Recycling Service</i>				
64 Gallon Cart	\$5.46	\$0.17	-	\$5.64
<i>Green Waste Service</i>				
96 Gallon Cart	\$17.45	\$0.55	-	\$18.00
<i>Extra Services</i>				
New Service & Reinstatement Fee	\$8.71	\$0.28	-	\$8.99
Backyard Collection	\$8.72	\$0.28	-	\$9.00
Car Tire	\$5.73	\$0.18	\$0.06	\$5.98
Truck Tire	\$11.66	\$0.37	\$0.13	\$12.16
Appliances	\$27.47	\$0.87	\$0.31	\$28.65
Mattress/Box Spring	\$54.80	\$1.73	\$0.61	\$57.15
Waste Cart Delivery	\$15.70	\$0.50	-	\$16.19
One-Time Collection, Up to Four Cans	\$26.25	\$0.83	-	\$27.08
Returned Check Fee	\$54.63	\$1.73	-	\$56.35

INTERMOUNTAIN DISPOSAL PROPOSED 2025/2026 RATE INCREASE
RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 UPON APPROVAL FROM PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL

COMMERCIAL BIN SERVICE RATES
2026 RATE INCREASE (RATE YEAR 9)

Item	Pick-ups Per Week	Current 2025 Monthly Rates	CPI/Diesel Fuel Increase (3.16%)	Delleker Transfer Station Fee Increases (1.12%)	Proposed 2026 Monthly Rates
<i>Bin Size</i>					
1 CY	1x	\$70.72	\$2.23	\$0.79	\$73.75
	2x	\$141.34	\$4.47	\$1.58	\$147.39
	3x	\$211.85	\$6.69	\$2.37	\$220.92
1.5 Cy	1x	\$106.46	\$3.36	\$1.19	\$111.02
	2x	\$212.78	\$6.72	\$2.38	\$221.89
	3x	\$319.10	\$10.08	\$3.57	\$332.76
2 CY	1x	\$157.15	\$4.97	\$1.76	\$163.88
	2x	\$314.16	\$9.93	\$3.52	\$327.61
	3x	\$471.15	\$14.89	\$5.28	\$491.32
3 CY	1x	\$265.38	\$8.39	\$2.97	\$276.74
	2x	\$530.61	\$16.77	\$5.94	\$553.32
4 CY	1x	\$282.47	\$8.93	\$3.16	\$294.56
	2x	\$564.83	\$17.85	\$6.33	\$589.00
5 CY	1x	\$353.05	\$11.16	\$3.95	\$368.16
	2x	\$705.92	\$22.31	\$7.91	\$736.13
6 CY	1x	\$439.45	\$13.89	\$4.92	\$458.26
	2x	\$878.77	\$27.77	\$9.84	\$916.38
8 CY	1x	\$618.26	\$19.54	\$6.92	\$644.72
	2x	\$1,236.34	\$39.07	\$13.85	\$1,289.26
<i>Extra Services</i>					
New Service & Reinstatement Fee		\$8.71	\$0.28	-	\$8.99
Extra Yardage		\$18.29	\$0.58	\$0.20	\$19.07
Extra Cans		\$6.97	\$0.22	\$0.08	\$7.27
Container Delivery		\$59.18	\$1.87	-	\$61.05
Container Relocation		\$29.57	\$0.93	-	\$30.50
Weekly Rental Charge					
1 CY		\$10.90	\$0.34	-	\$11.24
1.5 CY		\$16.38	\$0.52	-	\$16.89
2 CY		\$24.12	\$0.76	-	\$24.88
3 Cy		\$40.82	\$1.29	-	\$42.11
4 CY		\$43.28	\$1.37	-	\$44.65
5 Cy		\$54.32	\$1.72	-	\$56.03
Car Tire		\$5.73	\$0.18	\$0.06	\$5.98
Truck Tire		\$11.66	\$0.37	\$0.13	\$12.16
Return Charge		\$13.07	\$0.41	-	\$13.48
Off-Day Collection		\$26.12	\$0.83	-	\$26.94
Bear-Resistant Bin		\$22.35	\$0.71	-	\$23.06
Bin Unlock/Lock		\$42.49	\$1.34	-	\$43.83
Bin Repair Per Hour		\$78.91	\$2.49	-	\$81.40

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ROLL-OFF BOX RATES
2026 RATE INCREASE (RATE YEAR 9)

	ROLL-OFF BOXES				DELIVERY CHARGE		
	Current 2025 Rates	CPI/Diesel Fuel Increase (3.16%)	Delleker Transfer Station Fee Increases (1.12%)	Proposed 2026 Rates	Current 2025 Rates	CPI/Diesel Fuel Increase (3.16%)	Proposed 2026 Rates
Box Size							
10 CY	\$342.10	\$10.81	\$3.83	\$356.74	\$57.74	\$1.82	\$59.57
12 CY	\$426.82	\$13.49	\$4.78	\$445.09	\$57.74	\$1.82	\$59.57
20 CY	\$593.00	\$18.74	\$6.64	\$618.38	\$57.74	\$1.82	\$59.57
25 CY	\$714.53	\$22.58	\$8.00	\$745.11	\$57.74	\$1.82	\$59.57
30 CY	\$870.83	\$27.52	\$9.75	\$908.10	\$57.74	\$1.82	\$59.57
40 CY	\$1,183.00	\$37.38	\$13.25	\$1,233.63	\$57.74	\$1.82	\$59.57
Demurrage Charge							
Daily	\$17.48	\$0.55	-	\$18.03			
Weekly	\$51.00	\$1.61	-	\$52.62			
Extra Services							
Off-Day Relocation, Per Hour	\$114.24	\$3.61	-	\$117.85			
Overweight Per ton (>8Tons)	\$105.07	\$3.32	\$1.18	\$109.57			
Standby Monday- Friday, Per Hour	\$110.60	\$3.50	-	\$114.10			
Standby Off Hours, Per Hour	\$171.37	\$5.42	-	\$176.79			


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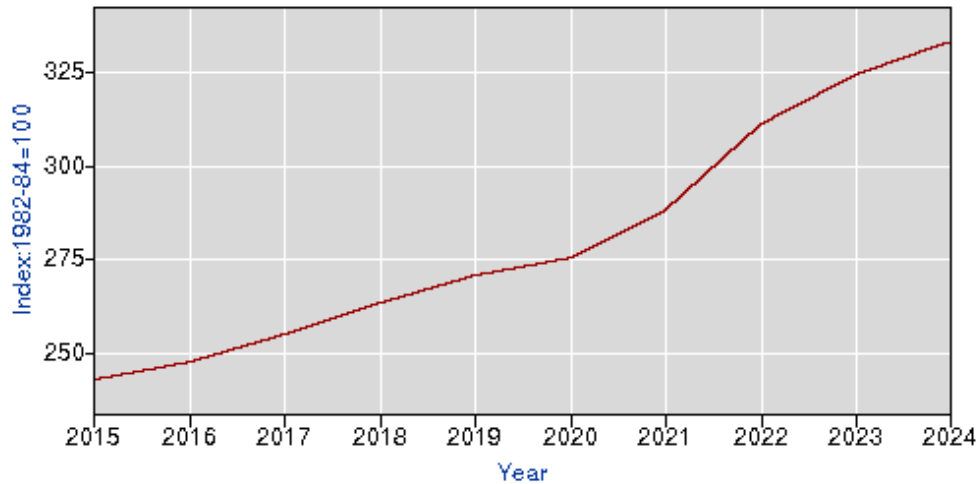
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Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

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Not Seasonally Adjusted
Series Title: All items in West urban, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted
Area: West
Item: All items
Base Period: 1982-84=100



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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2015	238.318	239.748	241.690	242.302	244.227	244.332	245.040	244.737	244.257	244.341	243.749	243.434	243.015	241.770	244.260
2016	244.600	244.821	245.404	246.589	247.855	248.228	248.375	248.498	249.234	249.897	249.448	249.516	247.705	246.250	249.161
2017	250.814	252.252	252.949	253.806	254.380	254.469	254.708	255.282	256.504	257.223	257.126	257.347	254.738	253.112	256.365
2018	258.638	259.986	260.994	262.037	263.240	263.732	263.971	264.395	265.105	266.195	265.658	265.209	263.263	261.438	265.089
2019	265.624	266.215	267.370	269.522	270.880	270.957	271.029	271.264	272.102	273.524	273.128	272.584	270.350	268.428	272.272
2020	273.340	274.412	273.995	272.913	273.062	274.155	275.597	276.443	276.422	276.876	276.875	276.593	275.057	273.646	276.468
2021	277.238	278.702	280.625	283.507	285.793	288.263	289.863	290.393	291.053	293.397	294.986	296.102	287.494	282.355	292.632
2022	298.705	301.158	305.082	307.145	309.645	313.496	313.951	314.013	315.094	317.299	315.919	314.599	310.509	305.872	315.146
2023	317.477	319.130	320.715	322.187	323.525	324.448	324.865	326.234	327.491	327.708	326.299	325.932	323.834	321.247	326.422
2024	328.053	329.339	332.202	334.050	334.292	333.662	333.174	333.442	334.265	334.558	334.218	334.084	332.945	331.933	333.957
2025	335.989	337.868	339.627	341.159	342.343	342.613	343.234	344.096						339.933	

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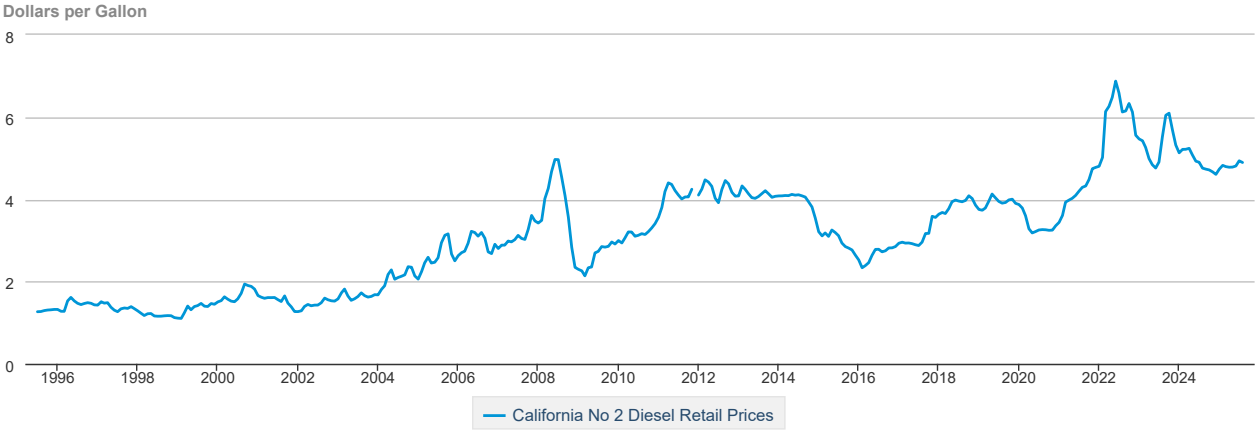
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California No 2 Diesel Retail Prices (Dollars per Gallon)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1995							1.266	1.271	1.294	1.307	1.313	1.322
1996	1.322	1.277	1.276	1.529	1.615	1.529	1.471	1.440	1.467	1.486	1.471	1.433
1997	1.427	1.509	1.475	1.486	1.376	1.304	1.267	1.337	1.357	1.347	1.390	1.340
1998	1.286	1.226	1.174	1.217	1.222	1.163	1.157	1.158	1.167	1.172	1.169	1.123
1999	1.110	1.104	1.237	1.404	1.314	1.392	1.415	1.468	1.401	1.393	1.466	1.447
2000	1.505	1.536	1.629	1.570	1.524	1.509	1.580	1.713	1.940	1.904	1.882	1.816
2001	1.659	1.618	1.593	1.610	1.609	1.612	1.561	1.514	1.651	1.475	1.384	1.270
2002	1.269	1.289	1.394	1.444	1.411	1.427	1.428	1.484	1.597	1.557	1.532	1.524
2003	1.579	1.725	1.818	1.650	1.543	1.581	1.635	1.725	1.656	1.622	1.639	1.681
2004	1.677	1.809	1.897	2.171	2.284	2.056	2.098	2.128	2.164	2.361	2.348	2.137
2005	2.059	2.244	2.455	2.590	2.450	2.469	2.578	2.945	3.125	3.160	2.668	2.504
2006	2.630	2.703	2.738	2.932	3.222	3.192	3.104	3.193	3.053	2.721	2.679	2.906
2007	2.803	2.886	2.885	2.985	2.964	3.019	3.123	3.049	3.024	3.267	3.608	3.475
2008	3.423	3.488	4.014	4.265	4.673	4.968	4.965	4.542	4.087	3.568	2.832	2.345
2009	2.297	2.260	2.139	2.336	2.354	2.697	2.734	2.850	2.837	2.856	2.962	2.913
2010	2.997	2.938	3.058	3.206	3.205	3.102	3.124	3.164	3.144	3.214	3.305	3.408
2011	3.560	3.804	4.187	4.400	4.362	4.213	4.106	4.009	4.057	4.059	4.245	NA
2012	4.103	4.251	4.474	4.419	4.316	4.027	3.917	4.240	4.456	4.376	4.170	4.076
2013	4.083	4.325	4.245	4.134	4.040	4.023	4.068	4.138	4.209	4.134	4.048	4.073
2014	4.082	4.084	4.092	4.089	4.119	4.101	4.110	4.085	4.054	3.938	3.813	3.542

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015	3.212	3.110	3.182	3.098	3.254	3.192	3.115	2.935	2.850	2.814	2.768	2.644
2016	2.526	2.335	2.387	2.459	2.636	2.782	2.785	2.722	2.749	2.817	2.820	2.851
2017	2.932	2.957	2.935	2.938	2.922	2.895	2.876	2.959	3.168	3.172	3.587	3.559
2018	3.639	3.680	3.654	3.773	3.941	3.982	3.957	3.940	3.973	4.086	4.018	3.858
2019	3.753	3.734	3.789	3.953	4.128	4.035	3.949	3.906	3.923	3.985	4.003	3.902
2020	3.873	3.787	3.601	3.283	3.182	3.216	3.254	3.263	3.259	3.246	3.250	3.356
2021	3.439	3.607	3.931	3.980	4.024	4.095	4.195	4.291	4.324	4.481	4.745	4.776
2022	4.803	5.018	6.133	6.260	6.479	6.874	6.587	6.123	6.149	6.330	6.121	5.558
2023	5.467	5.423	5.263	4.990	4.842	4.760	4.907	5.518	6.043	6.094	5.684	5.320
2024	5.130	5.214	5.216	5.239	5.078	4.927	4.901	4.758	4.733	4.714	4.667	4.606
2025	4.734	4.825	4.795	4.780	4.783	4.809	4.936	4.895				

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