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Public Workshop

San Francisco Residential Refuse Rates

Allocation of Refuse Rate Surcharge

Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 9 a.m.
City Hall, Room 416
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Workshop Agenda

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1. Introduction of workshop participants and procedures
2. Background on refuse collection rates
3. Review of 2010 Rate Board directive
4. Presentation by the Department of the Environment addressing the Special Reserve Fund
5. Presentation by the Department of Public Works addressing removal of refuse from City streets and properties
6. Public comment and discussion

Rate Board Directive

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In approving the reallocation of the surcharge to the Impound Account in 2010, the Rate Board encouraged the DPW Director and the Department of the Environment to engage in a public process to address two issues:

- The appropriate size of the Special Reserve Fund, what should happen to any excess in that Reserve, and whether the 1.3% surcharge should be reduced; and

- The extent to which garbage rate funds should pay for litter and other street-related collection and disposal going forward.

Makeup of DPW-Collected Solid Waste

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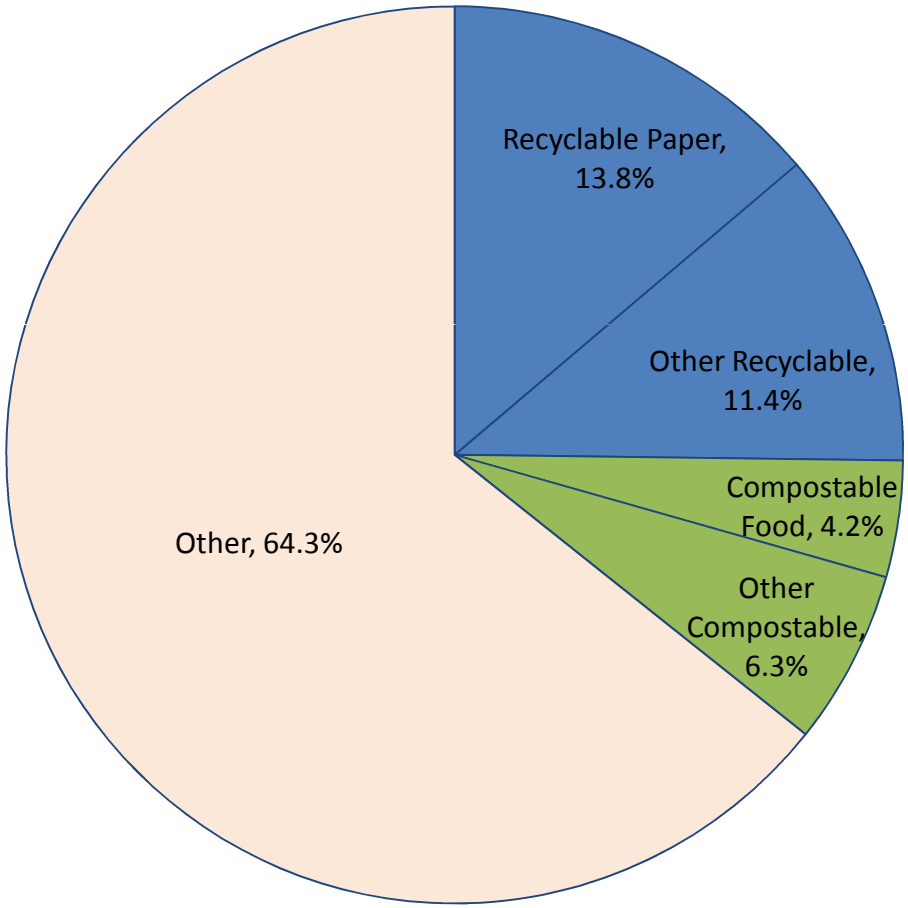
46,047 Total Tons Collected



Source: ESA, March 2006

San Francisco Solid Waste Diversion Goals

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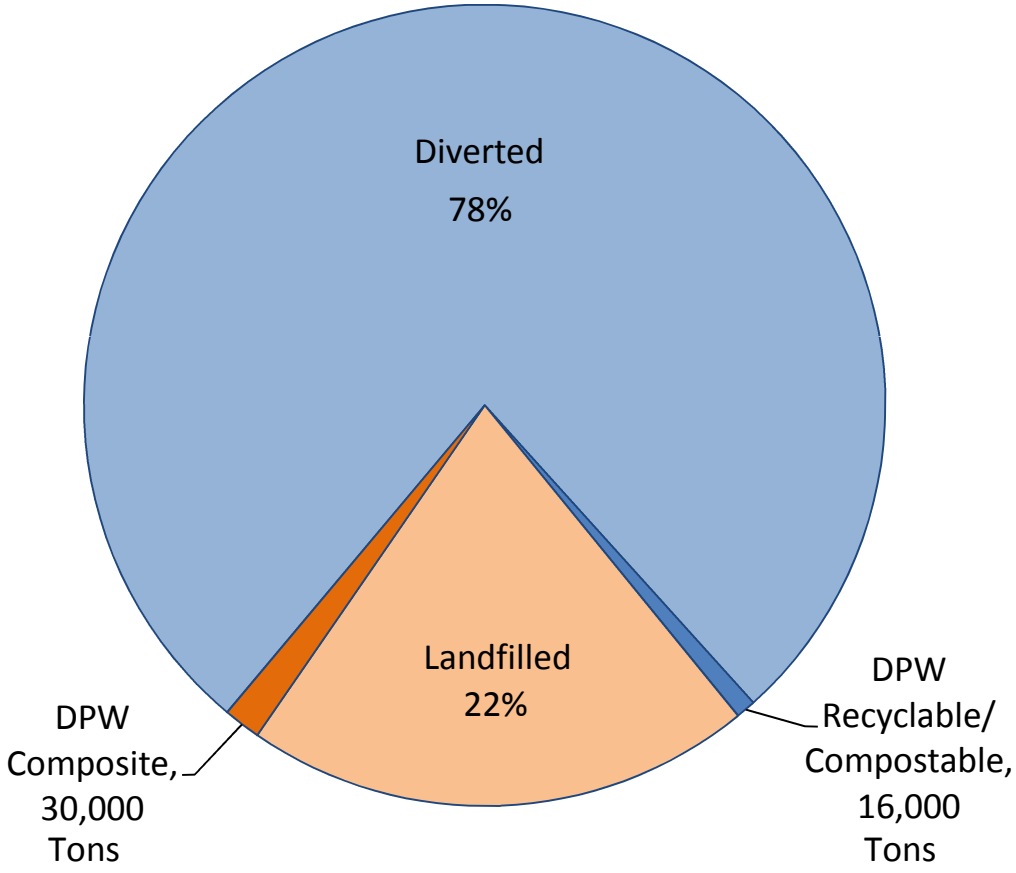
2,000,000 Tons Waste Generated Annually



Source: SF Department of the Environment, March 2012

Cities that Include Street Cleaning and Litter Control in Garbage Rate Base

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R3 Consulting Group study (May 26, 2011):

- Belmont
- Burlingame
- East Palo Alto
- Foster City
- Hayward
- San Carlos
- San Mateo

FCS Group study (March 2011):

- Davis
- Sacramento
- Stockton