

College/Glen Neighborhood Association

Utilities Rate Advisory
Commission
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Item 7 - Public Comments,
Matters not on the Agenda

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To: Utility Rate Commission
City of Sacramento

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Regarding: **City Utilities**

With reference to the article in the Sacramento Bee, Monday, March 7, 2011, we question the staff assertion that containerized pickup of street waste is \$26.00 a month cheaper than the traditional street pick up. Please show us the numbers.

- What was the funding source for the new green waste cans?
- What is the funding source for promotion of the containerized program?
- What is the expected life of the containers?
- How are you funding the replacement cans?
- Is all of the above cost recovered in the current rate?

In the summer heat, organic material in cans decompose faster than materials in open piles. How do you plan to control the odors and the flies, mosquitoes, and other vectors attracted to the decomposing material? At what cost will the management of this by-product of the process be for the ratepayer?

With the containerized process came an increase in the odor from the accelerated decomposition process. The City's current operator receiving the green waste has not been able to control the increased odor from the containerized transfer process. There have been numerous days when area residents, and businesses along the Power Inn and 14 Avenue corridors and their customers have had to endure the noxious odors.

With reference to subsidies, if the current street pickup process is subsidized, it is not the only program subsidized by the City. Subsidies for rapid transit and light rail, enterprise zones, and sports facilities are widely accepted. We provide traffic lanes on the City streets for bicycles whose users pay nothing, not even a license for their bikes.