



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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Subject: Refuse and Recycling Update

The City of Troy tracks and receives benefits for all its curbside collected recycling through rebates and avoided disposal costs.

In 2013, 4,691 tons of recyclables were collected, an increase of 242 tons compared to the 4,449 tons collected in 2012. In 2014, collections remained level at 4,683 but fell in 2015 to 4,566 tons. The drop was due to the flood of August 2014. Recycling collection was not completed for three weeks because of the massive amounts of flood debris requiring 100 percent of the contractor's collection efforts, thus resulting in a 150-200 ton drop.

SOCRRA rebates the city \$35 for each ton collected. In 2015, Troy received a rebate of \$159,800 and \$123,285 in avoided disposal costs for a total benefit of \$283,085. Below is a three-year comparison of collected tonnage and total benefits received by the City. Please note that in 2013/14 SOCRRA reduced its rebate amount by 30% due to lower commodity rates. Prior to then we were paid a rebate of \$50 per ton.

	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
Recycling collected in tons	4691.4	4682.96	4566.10
Rebate paid by SOCRRA	\$234,515	\$163,904	\$159,800
Avoided Disposal Costs	\$126,153	\$126,440	\$123,285
Total Benefit	\$361,153	\$290,344	\$283,085

Current 1st quarter fiscal year collection amounts are at 3,536 tons compared to 3,273 tons in 2014 and 3,500 in 2013. Collection levels have returned to normal with a slight increase overall.

During the months of November and April, the City of Troy with SOCRRA hosts a Bin Blitz selling recycling bins at a reduced cost of \$6, 40% off the regular \$10 price. SOCCRRA credits the City \$3 for each bin sold by the City and charges \$3 for each bin sold at SOCRRA. Last year Troy sold 145 bins in November and 240 in April and received a total credit of \$1,041.

An RFP to convert SOCRRA to a single stream facility was issued September 21, 2015 and includes 3 options: Design/Build, Design/Build/Operate and Transfer of single stream recyclables to another location for processing. Proposals are due on November 24, 2015.

Refuse and recycling contracts will expire on June 30, 2017. SOCRRA is currently reviewing and updating the contract to include single stream recycling, changes to State Regulations and clarification of contract language in preparation for negotiations with current collection contractors. The expectation is to have contracts in place by early to mid-2016, to allow time to have the single stream facility and collection equipment in place.