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Dear Commissioners,

A recent Commission meeting included discussion of recycling in Sunriver. I attended that meeting via Zoom and I'd like to add my thoughts for your consideration.

I was pleased that all the commenters from Sunriver believed that the current recycling system is unsatisfactory. It is an embarrassment for a community as environmentally conscious as Sunriver. We can and should do better.

Unfortunately, that is where the consensus ended. Half the commenters supported a universal service, the other half a subscription service. Universal service with an easy On/Off system is the best choice.

I understand the allure of a subscription service where everybody chooses to pay for only the services they want. However, this will not solve Sunriver's recycling problems. While the full-time residents would likely choose to pay for a subscription recycling service, it won't make sense for many part-time residents and rentals. Since full-timers are only around 20% of the population of Sunriver, 80% of Sunriver's recycling problems would remain unchanged. The recycling depot would still be overrun during peak seasons, the safety & noise issues would be only slightly improved, and residents would still have limited seasonal options for getting rid of pine needles/cones and other small ladder fuels.

Please support Cascade Disposal's proposal for universal garbage/recycling/yard debris in Sunriver. The key to making it work for more Sunriver residents beyond the full-timers is to make it easy to turn on and off, and to only charge for the months the residents want service.

Advantages of Their Proposal

- 1.) Universal service would allow SROA to close the recycling depot, eliminating the noise, safety, and improper use problems.
- 2.) Universal service would help reduce fire danger by maximizing ladder fuel reduction on private property, making it easy for people to dispose of flammable yard debris whenever they do yard work.
- 3.) Universal service would maximize recycling by mimicking the recycling programs of Portland, Seattle, Eugene, and other places where part-time Sunriver residents and renters live when they're not here.
- 4.) Universal service would improve the efficiency of operations and economics for Cascade Disposal. This will help keep the cost down for customers. The proposed \$14/month additional cost for side yard recycling and yard debris is a bargain and anyone that can afford to live in Sunriver can afford it – though some will tell you otherwise.

Please make sure that Cascade Disposal will allow residents to turn their service off and on to accommodate the times when they are not here. This was not clear at the hearing. With that one assurance, I'd encourage you to support Cascade Disposal's proposal for universal garbage/recycling/yard waste service in Sunriver.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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