

Legislation Text

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Recycling Contracts. (Davis/Jimenez/Arenas)

That the Rules Committee approve the following recommendation:

When Environmental Services staff return to Council in May for an update on residential solid waste contracts, staff is directed to report and give recommendations on a range of options to the Council on the following issues:

1. Staff's assessment of the potential impact of changes to China's import rules and/or tariffs on any current recycled materials on San Jose's recycling program, and an assessment of whether altered contract terms, both in current residential waste contracts and in future contracts, are needed to ensure that contractors are not unfairly penalized for market developments beyond their control.
2. Conduct new independent waste characterization study as requested by at least one recycling hauler and explore feasibility of cost-sharing with haulers.
3. The possibility of eliminating the diversion penalty until such time as a waste characterization study has been completed and its results have been evaluated within the context of the market considerations referenced in Recommendation #1 and in consultation with recycling haulers.