



Public Comment for 6/14/11 Audit Committee Meeting

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Item 2 - Department of Utilities Operational Efficiency and Cost Savings Audit - City Auditor's Findings and Department Response

Name	E-mail	Street	N.Hood	City	Position	Comment
					Support	Someone needs to also audit the spending practices & staffing of DOU. Even after much negative press due to a prior audit & during the current audit? DOU is not fiscally prudent. The audit should include things like construction projects (for example a warehouse that may not be necessary. The staffing review should look at appropriate classifications especially related to management staff. Span of control should also be considered. Many managers are not working up to their classification.
Jeff Donlevy	jrd@recyclingindustries.com	8812 Garden Glen Way	D-6	Sac	None	The recommendation for a one person truck to collect LITS is unrealistic and should not be considered. The City should consider bi-weekly collection of recyclables? containerized green waste and LITS to greatly reduce collection costs. The City's current commercial trash rates are \$9.26 per yd for 3 yd bins and \$8.27 per yd for 4 yard bins. These rates are more than double what Atlas? Rep Ser? and WM charges. The City needs to adjust rates or lose all the commercial business through attrition.
					Support	Items related to staffing - reducing superintendents & supervisors & downgrading staff - need to be addressed in Phase 1. Departments like DOU that have historically had plenty of funding have engaged in frivolous spending especially when it comes to staffing. DOU used a prior audit to add staff including management positions at levels much higher than necessary both in numbers of staff & classification. This makes it REALLY difficult to hear them whine about the cost of the floridating water.