Dear Chair Haschak and Board Members,

In the last week, the Mendocino County Farm Bureau office received several calls from Members who were concerned with the significant rate increases seen in their commercial and residential Waste Management accounts.

The main source of frustration was the retroactive charges going back to 2018. In some cases, the individuals didn't even have an account with Waste Management at that point in time.

The other main question we received was regarding the Board's and/or County's role in approving the current and retroactive rate increases.

With the current COVID-19 pandemic and related economic impacts, the timing for these rate increases is even more challenging.

Mendocino County Farm Bureau requests that the Board clarify the current and retroactive rate increase process and consider the current economic state prior to approving these rate increases.

Sincerely,

Devon Jones Executive Director Mendocino County Farm Bureau