

# YUBA-SUTTER REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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## Request for Qualifications and Cost Proposal

### Independent Third-Party Review of Recology Extraordinary Increase and SB 1383 Cost Attribution

<b>Issue Date</b>	May 26, 2026
<b>Proposals Due</b>	June 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM
<b>Submit To</b>	Carrie Baxter, Executive Director
<b>Contact</b>	530-634-6890 <a href="mailto:ExecutiveDirector@yubasutterrecycles.com">ExecutiveDirector@yubasutterrecycles.com</a>
<b>Estimated Contract Award Date</b>	June 18, 2026

### 1. Purpose

The Yuba-Sutter Regional Waste Management Authority (RWMA) is requesting qualifications and a cost proposal from qualified, independent consultants to review the Extraordinary Increase (EI) components of Recology Yuba-Sutter's proposed rate adjustment.

The selected consultant will provide an independent opinion on the validation of the EI and of the amount attributable to Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) compliance costs, and identify any costs that appear unsupported, duplicated, previously recovered, or not related to SB 1383.

### 2. Background

Recology Yuba-Sutter has proposed an Extraordinary Increase as part of a rate adjustment request. RWMA seeks a focused, independent review to assist RWMA and its member agencies in evaluating the SB 1383-related portion of the requested increase.

RWMA will provide the consultant with copies of the rate request, EI cost drivers and supporting documents. RWMA expects Recology to provide additional items to further support the request for EI. Examples may include new collection vehicles, carts or totes, additional staffing, route changes, processing costs, outreach, monitoring, reporting, and other operational or administrative costs related to SB 1383 implementation.

### 3. Scope of Work

The review is intended to be practical, focused, and completed on an expedited schedule. The selected consultant shall complete the following tasks:

- 1. Kickoff and Data Request:** Meet with RWMA staff and prepare a concise data request for Recology. The request should identify the documents needed to evaluate the EI and determine SB 1383 cost attribution.
- 2. Review EI Cost Components:** Review Recology's itemized EI cost components and supporting materials for completeness, reasonableness, arithmetic accuracy, and consistency with the rate adjustment request.
- 3. Determine SB 1383 Attribution:** Classify each EI cost component as direct SB 1383, partial SB 1383, non-SB 1383, or insufficiently supported. For partial items, identify the allocation method used.

4. **Identify Recommended Adjustments:** Identify costs that should be adjusted, excluded, further supported, or separately explained, including any costs that appear duplicative or previously recovered.
5. **Prepare Findings:** Prepare a short, written report summarizing the analysis, conclusions, and recommended SB 1383-attributable percentage of the EI.

## 4. Expected Recology Information

RWMA anticipates that the consultant will require the following list of data from Recology. Proposers may recommend additions or refinements to this list.

- Complete EI request and supporting schedules.
- Itemized list of EI cost components and cost impacts.
- Identification of which costs Recology believes are SB 1383-related.
- Capital cost support, such as vehicle, container, equipment, financing, lease, or depreciation information.
- Labor and staffing assumptions, including new positions or reassigned staff.
- Processing, transfer, disposal, contamination monitoring, outreach, reporting, and compliance costs.
- Customer count, route, service level, and jurisdictional allocation assumptions, if used.
- Prior rate recovery, offsets, grants, avoided costs, or other credits related to the same costs.

## 5. Deliverables

- 1) Data request for Recology.
- 2) Brief status update identifying missing or incomplete information, if any.
- 3) Draft findings memorandum or report.
- 4) Final report identifying the validated SB 1383-attributable percentage of the EI and any recommended adjustments.
- 5) One virtual presentation to RWMA Technical Advisory Committee, tentatively scheduled for July 2, 2026.
- 6) Optional presentation to RWMA Board of Directors or member agency representatives, if requested, tentatively scheduled July 16, 2026

## 6. Proposal Requirements

Proposals should be concise, no more than 5 pages double-sided (excluding resumes and conflict of interest disclosure(s) from the count). Please include the following:

- Cover letter and primary contact information.
- Firm qualifications and relevant solid waste rate review experience.
- Project team and brief resumes of key staff.
- Proposed approach, including how SB 1383 attribution will be evaluated.
- Proposed schedule.
- Cost proposal with hourly rates, estimated hours, reimbursable expenses, and total not-to-exceed amount.
- Conflict of interest disclosure, including any current or recent work for Recology or its affiliates.

## 7. Minimum Qualifications

- Experience reviewing solid waste rate applications, extraordinary rate adjustments, or hauler compensation requests.
- Familiarity with California solid waste franchise agreements and local government procurement practices.
- Understanding of SB 1383 implementation requirements and cost categories.
- Ability to review hauler cost data, capital costs, labor costs, operating assumptions, overhead, and allocation methods.

- Ability to provide independent and objective findings suitable for public agency use.

## 8. Independence and Conflict Disclosure

Because this review is intended to provide an independent third-party validation, proposers must disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest. At a minimum, proposers shall disclose:

- Current or prior work for Recology or its affiliates within the last five years.
- Current or prior work for RWMA or its member agencies within the last five years.
- Any financial, contractual, or organizational relationship that could affect, or appear to affect, independence.
- Whether the proposer performs work for private solid waste haulers.

RWMA reserves the right to determine whether a disclosed relationship creates a disqualifying conflict.

## 9. Evaluation Criteria (Total: 20 pts)

Criterion	Relative Importance
Relevant solid waste rate review experience	6 pts
Understanding of SB 1383 and cost attribution	4 pts
Independence and absence of conflicts	4 pts
Schedule, availability, and cost	6 pts

## 10. Tentative Schedule

Milestone	Target Date
RFQ issued	May 26, 2026
Questions due	June 2, 2026
Proposals due	June 11, 2026
Consultant selected / notice to proceed	June 18, 2026
Data request submitted to Recology	Within 3 business days of notice-to-proceed.
Final report due	Within 30-45 days of complete data response.

## 11. RWMA Rights

RWMA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive minor irregularities, request clarification, negotiate scope and cost, modify or cancel this solicitation, and award a contract in the best interest of RWMA.

## 12. Submission Instructions

Submit proposals electronically by the deadline listed above to:

**Carrie Baxter**

Executive Director

Yuba-Sutter Regional Waste Management Authority

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