

**Policy 3.2.1 Solid Waste Management — Goals and Policies**

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**Goal 3.2E. Minimize potential future City liability for wastes generated in the City.**

Policy 3.2E.1. Select disposal methods and sites for solid and hazardous wastes that incorporate technologies and practices most likely to eliminate or minimize future City liabilities.

Policy 3.2E.2. Minimize impact on future rate payers of potential liability for past disposal practices.

Policy 3.2E.3. Minimize illegal and inappropriate disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

Policy 3.2E.4. To meet or exceed all federal, state, and local laws and regulations concerning Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and implementation of HHW programs.

**Goal 3.2F. Maintain sound financial strategies and practices that will enable the City to provide comprehensive solid waste management services to the community while keeping refuse rates at or below countywide averages for cities using cost of service pricing.**

Policy 3.2F.1. Establish refuse collection and disposal rates in a manner that equitably allocates program costs among rate payers and promotes rate stability.

Policy 3.2F.2. To the greatest extent possible, anticipate changes required in refuse collection rates in response to changes in laws, regulations, and economic factors affecting the solid waste management system.

Policy 3.2F.3. Identify additional revenue sources and, where possible, increase revenues from solid waste programs, services, and facilities without jeopardizing program goals and customer service quality.

**Goal 3.2H. Manage the closed Sunnyvale Landfill in a manner that protects the public health and safety and the environment, promotes enjoyable public use of the site, and assists in the achievement of other goals of the Environmental Management Solid Waste section.**

Policy 3.2H.1. Ensure compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

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- Policy 3.2H.2. Extract available resources from the refuse buried at the landfill.
- Policy 3.2H.3. Provide for safe, enjoyable recreational access to portions of the landfill.
- Policy 3.2H.4. Provide for facilities and activities on portions of the landfill that support achievement of the City's solid and household hazardous waste goals and policies.
- Policy 3.2H.5. Generate revenues from post-closure uses of the landfill.

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