

# REGIONAL DIRECT RATE

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**Solid Waste Division**

# Regional Direct Rate Defined

## **King County Code 10.04.020 Definitions. FFFF.**

"Regional direct" means any solid waste generated and collected in King County and transported to Cedar Hills regional landfill by conventional long haul transfer vehicles from privately owned solid waste transfer stations or intermediate handling facilities permitted by the health department as provided for in King County board of health regulations.

# Regional Direct Rate Today

## **KCC 10.12.021 C.**

Service fees at the Cedar Hills regional landfill shall be:  
Cedar Hills Regional Direct \$103.50 per ton  
(*Regional Direct Rate*)

## **10.12.021 A. Fees for use of disposal sites.**

Service fees for the use of solid waste facilities... shall be:  
Solid waste disposal:  
Other vehicles \$120.17 per ton  
(*Basic Fee*)

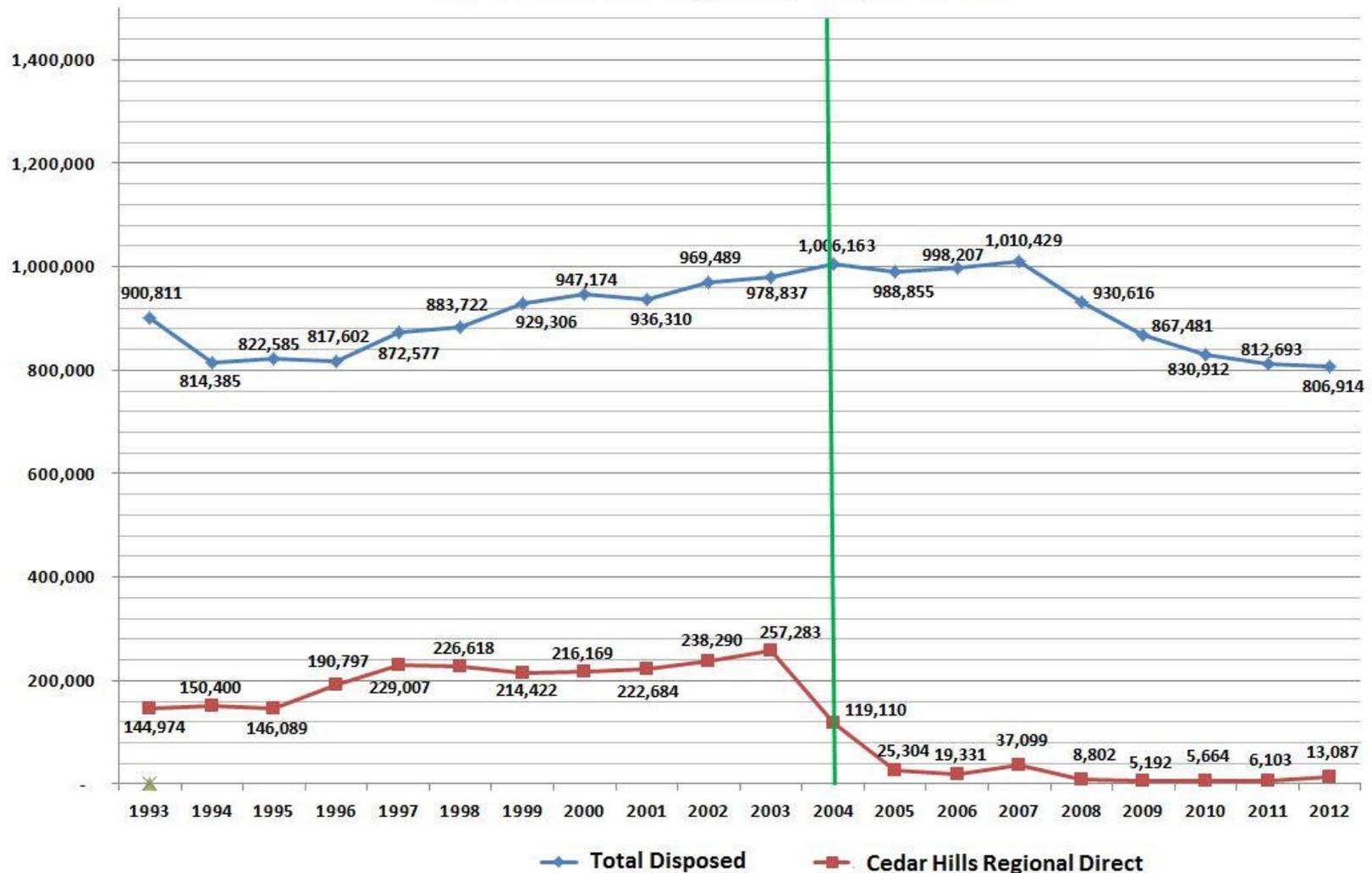
**Regional Direct Fee differential- \$16.67 per ton**

# Regional Direct Rate Calculation

- Calculated from Basic Fee, minus marginal cost of handling waste at transfer stations
- Marginal cost includes:
  - Transportation costs, driver labor, fuel and equipment
  - Transfer costs, employee labor, equipment, fuel and utilities
  - Additional cost of Bow Lake 24 hour operation serving overnight commercial customers

# Historic Use of Regional Direct Rate

## Total Refuse Tonnage Disposed, 1993- 2012



# Sources of Regional Direct Tonnage 2003

- Eastmont Transfer Station - 131,272 tons
  - (Waste Management)
- Rabanco Recycling – 123,158 tons
  - (Republic Services)
- Other regional Direct- 2,753 tons
  - (WM Sno-King, Recycling NW)

Source- Solid Waste Division 2003 Tonnage Report

# Regional Direct Rate Change

- Changed in 2004 SWD budget
- Division was charged with making a number of changes to be more efficient and hold changes to Basic Fee at or below rate of inflation
- Basic Fee was subsidizing Regional Direct- for each ton diverted, the division lost money
- Calculated to make the division “indifferent” to use of Regional Direct

# Why limit Cedar Hills Traffic?

- Community and environmental considerations
- Operational efficiency
- Safety



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