

Beyond Accounting

## **RECOLOGY OF THE COAST**

(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Recology Inc.)

**Financial Statements** 

September 30, 2018 and 2017

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



# **Beyond Accounting**

#### **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Board of Directors Recology of the Coast:

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Recology of the Coast (the Company) (a wholly owned subsidiary of Recology Inc.), which comprise the balance sheets as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of income and stockholder's investment, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Recology of the Coast as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matter**

The accompanying Schedule of Revenues by Franchise Area is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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Sacramento, California January 23, 2019

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## Balance Sheets

## September 30, 2018 and 2017

Assets		2018	2017	
Current assets: Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$34,294 and \$27,526 in 2018 and 2017, respectively Parts and supplies Prepaid expenses	\$	1,288,642 38,405 68,623	1,161,300 31,270 62,872	
Total current assets		1,395,670	1,255,442	
Property and equipment: Vehicles, containers, and operating equipment Leasehold improvements	_	564,345 24,378	568,223 24,378	
Total property and equipment		588,723	592,601	
Less accumulated depreciation		581,805	583,246	
Property and equipment, net		6,918	9,355	
Other assets: Intangible asset with indefinite life Other non-current assets		1,960,000 8,246	1,960,000	
Total assets	\$	3,370,834	3,224,797	
Liabilities and Stockholder's Investment				
Current liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued liabilities:	\$	76,507	67,884	
Payroll and payroll taxes Vacation and sick leave Accrued franchise fees and other expenses Deferred revenues	_	58,407 91,919 251,076 750,106	56,456 70,307 255,700 688,435	
Total current liabilities		1,228,015	1,138,782	
Commitments and contingencies				
Other non-current liabilities		_	5,941	
Stockholder's investment, net		2,142,819	2,080,074	
Total liabilities and stockholder's investment	\$	3,370,834	3,224,797	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statements of Income and Stockholder's Investment

Years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

	_	2018	2017
Revenues:			
Refuse collection	\$	10,905,759	10,278,835
Recycling	_	336,091	272,046
Total operating revenues	_	11,241,850	10,550,881
Expenses:			
Collection operations		6,279,658	5,947,265
Truck and garage		2,617,866	2,366,255
General and administrative	_	1,739,830	1,766,644
Total operating expenses		10,637,354	10,080,164
Operating income		604,496	470,717
Other income			
Interest and other	_	25,487	37,490
Net income		629,983	508,207
Stockholder's investment, net, beginning of year		2,080,074	2,480,772
Net distributions to Parent and affiliates	_	(567,238)	(908,905)
Stockholder's investment, net, end of year	\$	2,142,819	2,080,074

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statements of Cash Flows

## Years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

	 2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 629,983	508,207
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,437	2,437
Loss on disposal of equipment		79,828
Provision for bad debts	28,518	105,505
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(155,860)	86,252
Parts and supplies	(7,135)	(7,875)
Prepaid expenses	(5,751)	39,192
Other non-current assets	(8,246)	
Accounts payable	8,623	17,154
Accrued liabilities	18,939	56,109
Deferred revenues	61,671	26,592
Other non-current liabilities	 (5,941)	(4,496)
Net cash provided by operating activities	567,238	908,905
Cash flows used in financing activities:		
Net distributions to Parent and affiliates	 (567,238)	(908,905)
Net change in cash		
Cash, beginning of year	 	
Cash, end of year	\$ 	

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#### (1) Accounting Policies

#### (a) Organization

Recology of the Coast (the Company) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Recology Inc. (the Parent or Recology), which in turn is wholly owned by the Recology Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Recology ESOP or the ESOP).

#### (b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The more significant estimates requiring the judgment of management include the valuation of intangible assets and goodwill, pension and postretirement obligations, self-insurance reserves, allowance for doubtful accounts, and potential litigation, claims, and assessments. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (c) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Assets and liabilities that are considered to be financial instruments (such as receivables, accounts payables and accrued liabilities) are reported in the balance sheets at carrying values that approximate their fair value based upon current market indicators and the short maturity of these instruments.

#### (d) Cash Concentration Account

The Company's bank account is linked to the Parent's concentration account. Cash balances (or deficits) at the end of each day are automatically transferred to (or from) the concentration account, so that at the end of any particular day, as well as at year-end, the Company's bank account has a zero balance, with related amounts debited or credited to the underlying intercompany account.

#### (e) Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable

The Company recognizes revenues on an accrual basis when services are performed and collectability is reasonably assured. Deferred revenue primarily consists of revenues billed in advance that are recorded as revenue in the period in which the related services are rendered. The majority of the Company's revenue are subject to rate regulation by the municipalities in which it operates.

The Company's receivables are recorded when billed and represent claims against third parties that will be settled in cash. The carrying value of the Company's receivables, net of the allowance for doubtful accounts, represents their estimated net realizable value. The Company estimates its allowance for doubtful accounts based on several factors, including historical collection trends, type of customer, existing economic conditions, and other factors. In certain instances, the Company can collect receivables through a lien process. Past-due receivable balances not subject to a lien process are written off when the Company's internal collection efforts have been unsuccessful. Finance

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charge income is recognized on outstanding accounts receivable balances under the respective terms of the amounts due.

#### (f) Parts and Supplies

Parts and supplies consist of equipment parts, materials, and supplies that are recorded at average cost and are expensed when utilized.

#### (g) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, including major renewals and betterments, are stated at cost. It is the Company's policy to periodically review the estimated useful lives of its property and equipment. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of assets as follows:

	Estimated useful lives
Buildings	20-40 years
Leasehold improvements	Shorter of lease or useful life
Machinery and equipment	6-8 years
Furniture and fixtures	8 years
Vehicles	9 years
Containers	10 years

Depreciation expense on the above amounted to \$2,437 and \$2,437 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The cost of maintenance and repairs is expensed as incurred; significant renewals and betterments are capitalized.

#### (h) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets, such as property, plant, and equipment, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. A long-lived asset is considered impaired when the undiscounted cash flow from the asset or asset group is estimated to be less than its carrying value. In that event, a loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the long-lived asset. During the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, no impairment was recorded.

#### (i) Intangible Asset with Indefinite life

The Company performs an assessment of the fair value of the franchise asset with an indefinite life to test for impairment at least annually. The Company's annual assessments indicated that there was no impairment to the franchise asset value for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

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#### (j) Income Taxes

Effective October 1, 1998, the Parent elected to become an S corporation with the Company electing to be treated as a Qualified Subchapter S corporation subsidiary. Under S corporation rules, the Parent's taxable income and losses are passed through to the ESOP, the Parent's sole shareholder, which is exempt from income tax, and the Company is treated as a division of the Parent having no separate income tax obligations. The Parent has not allocated the income tax expense to the Company.

The Company recognizes income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. The Company's accounting policy for evaluating uncertain tax positions is to accrue estimated benefits or obligations relating to those positions. The Company records interest related to unrecognized tax benefits as interest expense and penalties as an administrative expense. For the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, there were no interest expenses or penalties recorded because the Company has no uncertain tax positions that meet the more likely than not threshold.

#### (k) Environmental Remediation Liabilities

The Company accrues for environmental remediation costs when they become probable and based on its best estimate within a range. If no amount within the range appears to be a better estimate than any other, the low end of such range is used. Remediation costs are estimated by environmental remediation professionals based upon site remediation plans they develop and on their experience working with regulatory agencies and the Company's environmental staff and legal counsel. No environmental remediation liabilities were accrued at September 30, 2018 and 2017.

#### (l) Allocations

The Company includes allocated charges from the Parent and affiliates in operating and other expenses. The charges are allocated by applying activity appropriate factors to direct and indirect costs of the Parent and affiliates or based upon established fees.

#### (m) Stockholder's Investment

The Company has 100 shares of common stock authorized, issued, and outstanding with no par value as of September 30, 2018 and 2017. Stockholder's investment, net, is comprised of the legal capital plus cumulative contributions net of distributions.

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#### (2) **Operations**

The Company collects refuse and recyclables in the City of Pacifica, California, and portions of the County of San Mateo, California. The Company's refuse collection rates are set by the City of Pacifica and the County of San Mateo. The rate setting process may result in the disallowance of certain costs and/or delays in cost recovery, as well as differences in the timing of when revenues and expenses are recognized.

The Company's operating results are affected by variations in its recycling revenues from the sale of recyclable commodities. The Company's recycling revenues are volatile and fluctuate in accordance with changes in recycling commodity volume mix and in the prices of recyclable commodities, which in turn are, in many cases, dependent on changes in worldwide supply of, and demand for, such recyclable commodities. In the aggregate, the costs relating to recycling operations do not fluctuate in accordance with changes in prices of such commodities.

#### (3) Employee Stock Ownership Plan

In 1986, the Parent established an employee stock ownership plan and trust (ESOP), which purchased all of the Parent's outstanding stock. The ESOP covers most of the employees of the Company and is noncontributory. Employees, except under certain conditions, become fully vested after a requirement of three years of service. Benefits, in the form of Parent company stock, are allocated to an employee's account based on a number of factors, including contributions, forfeitures, income, and changes in the underlying value of the Parent company stock.

All benefit distributions are made from the ESOP in cash, which is received from the Company, or shares, subject to immediate repurchase by the Company. A participant who is vested is entitled to begin receiving a distribution from his or her ESOP account at a future date following his or her termination of employment. Distributions may be made in a lump sum, equal annual installments over a period generally not to exceed five years or a combination of the foregoing, generally as determined by the ESOP Administrative Committee (the Committee) subject to certain limitations under the ESOP. Each participant who has attained age 55 and has participated in the ESOP for at least 10 years may elect to receive cash distributions for in-service withdrawals attributable to post-1986 shares allocated to his or her account. An eligible participant is entitled to elect payment attributable to as much as 25% of his or her eligible shares during the first five years of election and up to 50% of eligible shares in the sixth year.

Presently, the Parent makes cash contributions to fund certain of the ESOP benefit distributions. Shares attributable to those benefit distributions are reallocated within the ESOP among active participants. The Parent's common stock is not traded on an established market. The fair market value of the shares as of the most recently completed fiscal year-end is used for the next years' ESOP benefit distributions.

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#### (4) **Employee Benefit Plans**

The Company participates in a noncontributory, funded defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) sponsored by its Parent for the benefit of nonunion employees. Benefits are based on a formula that includes years of service and average compensation. As of September 30, 2018 and 2017, the Plan, of which certain of the Company's employees are participants, has a projected benefit obligation in excess of plan assets by approximately \$19.0 million and \$90.1 million, respectively. It is the Parent's current policy to contribute at least the minimum statutory required amount. The Company's financial statements do not reflect the Company's share of the projected benefit obligation in excess of plan assets. It is the Parent's current policy to contribute at least the minimum statutory required amount.

The Company's pension expense under the Plan for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, was \$10,881 and \$0, respectively, which represents an allocation of approximately 0.1% and 0% of the Parent's plan expense for both years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The weighted average discount rate used by the Parent to determine pension expense under the Plan was 4.10% and 3.95% for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The expected long-term rate of return on assets was 7.25% and 7.25% for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The rate of increase in future compensation levels used in determining the benefit obligations was 4.0% and 4.0% for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Company's portions of the actuarially computed value of the vested and nonvested benefits of the Plan and the union plan and the net assets of the related pension funds has not been determined.

Certain of the Company's union employees are participants in a union-sponsored multiemployer definedbenefit pension plan. The risks of participating in this multiemployer plan are different from singleemployer plans in that (i) assets contributed to a multiemployer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of the other participating employers; (ii) if a participating employer stops contributing to the Plan, the unfunded obligations of the Plan may be required to be assumed by the remaining participating employers; and (iii) if the Company chooses to stop participating in any of the multiemployer plans, the Company may be required to pay those plans a withdrawal amount on the underfunded status of the Plan. Pension cost charged to expense under these plans for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, were \$244,191 and \$228,164, respectively. The Company's portion of the actuarially computed value of the vested and nonvested benefits of the plans and the net assets of the pension funds has not been determined.

The following table outlines the Company's participation in multi-employer plans considered to be individually significant:

Pension Fund (1)/ Employer Identification Number/		otection Act ed Status	Funding Impr Rehabilitatio		Contri	Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining	
Plan Number	2017	2016	2017	2016	2018	2017	Agreement
	·						
Western Conference of Teamsters	Not	Not	Not	Not			
Retirement Fund (2)/91-6145047/001	Endangered	Endangered	Applicable	Applicable	\$ 244,191	\$ 228,164	October 31, 2021

(1) The Company paid no surcharges for multiemployer pension funds during the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

(2) The Western Conference of Teamsters Retirement Fund utilizes an extended amortization period for losses incurred in 2008.

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Unless otherwise noted in the table above, the most recent Pension Protection Act zone status available in 2018 and 2017 is for the plan years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The zone status is based on information that the Company received from the plan and is certified by the plan's actuary. As defined in the Pension Protection Act of 2006, among other factors, plans reported as critical are generally less than 65% funded and plans reported as endangered are generally less than 80% funded.

The Company agreed to allow certain union employees to participate in a multi-employer union-sponsored postretirement medical plan. The Company contributed \$225,581 and \$197,799 into the multi-employer union-sponsored postretirement medical plan during 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The Affordable Care Act, which was passed by Congress and signed into law in March 2010, imposes an excise tax on high value health plans (often referred to as Cadillac plans) in addition to other requirements. It is anticipated that these law changes will not have a material impact upon the Company's cost of retiree medical coverage.

The Company, through a plan managed by the Parent, also sponsors a defined contribution plan, the Recology 401(k) Plan, for certain eligible employees of the Company. The Company made matching contributions equal to a specified percentage of each participant's annual contributions, amounting to \$18,846 and \$16,174 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### (5) Self-Insurance

The Company, through plans managed by its Parent, is self-insured for various risks of loss related to general liability, automobile liability, property damage, employee and certain retiree healthcare, and workers' compensation. The Parent establishes a reserve for self-insured claims, based on estimates of the ultimate cost of claims that have been reported but not settled, and of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Adjustments to the reserve are charged or credited to the Parent's expense in the periods in which they are determined to be necessary. The Parent also purchases commercial insurance on behalf of the Company and other subsidiaries to cover risks above set limits. The Company was allocated \$602,162 and \$511,719 for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, for the cost of self-insurance programs, including certain reserve adjustments. The Company's share of the self-insurance reserve is ultimately recorded by the Parent.

#### (6) Commitments and Contingencies

Substantially all of the assets of the Company are pledged to secure the obligations of the Parent. The Company, along with the Parent and the Parent's wholly owned subsidiaries, has guaranteed the repayment, on a joint and several basis, of any and all obligations under the Parent's Revolving Credit Agreement. The Company could be required to honor the guarantee upon an uncured default event, as defined in the Parent's Revolving Credit Agreement. The Parent's Revolving Credit Agreement expires on April 12, 2022. At September 30, 2018, there was an outstanding balance of \$131.5 million on the Parent's Revolving Credit Agreement and there were standby letters of credit issued for \$284.5 million. The Parent has represented to the Company that it is in compliance with all covenants of the Revolving Credit Agreement.

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The Company, along with the Parent, and the Parent's wholly owned subsidiaries, has guaranteed the payment of amounts owed to unrelated third parties, which provided the equipment financing to affiliates of the Company. The affiliates are obligated to the unrelated third parties with various expiration dates through August 2025. At September 30, 2018, the outstanding principal on the financed equipment recorded by the affiliates was \$63.4 million.

The net book value of the equipment financed by an affiliate and utilized by the Company at September 30, 2018, was \$371,611.

Approximately, 81% of the Company's employees are subject to a collective bargaining agreement, which expires in October 2021.

The Parent and its subsidiaries, including the Company, are subject to various laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. It is not possible to quantify with certainty the potential impact of actions regarding environmental matters, particularly any future remediation and other compliance efforts. The Parent has environmental impairment liability insurance, which covers the sudden or gradual onset of environmental damage to third parties, on all owned and operated facilities. In the opinion of management, compliance with present environmental protection laws will not have a material adverse effect on the results of operations of the Company provided costs are substantially covered in the Company's rates on a timely basis.

The Company and the Parent are involved in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. It is the Company's opinion that these matters are adequately provided for or that the resolution of such matters will not have a material adverse impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Company or the Parent.

#### (7) Equipment and Property Obligations

The Company has cancelable agreements with an affiliate whereby it pays for use of certain operating equipment and property. In addition, the Company leases its operating premises from an unrelated third party, which expires on March 31, 2020. Future payments for continued use of the equipment and property, by years ended and in aggregate, as of September 30, 2018, are as follows:

	 Equipment	Real Estate	Total
Year ending September 30:			
2019	\$ 211,711	332,735	544,446
2020	173,041	168,826	341,867
2021	163,363		163,363
2022	163,191		163,191
2023	146,907		146,907
Thereafter	 173,853		173,853
Total payments	\$ 1,032,066	501,561	1,533,627

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The Company also leases its administrative offices and shop from an affiliate on a month to month basis for an annual rental of \$117,000, plus real estate taxes. The Company's rental expense for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, was \$704,562 and \$661,241, respectively, including amounts under short-term rental agreements with third parties and affiliates.

#### (8) Transactions with Related Parties

During the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, operating and other expenses of the Company included allocated charges by the Parent and affiliates. Such charges are based upon the direct and indirect costs of the Parent and affiliates, or established fees, and are allocated based on specific activities. The allocated charges are as follows:

-	2018	2017
Parent:		
Health insurance \$	105,933	72,327
Workers' compensation	302,315	301,524
Pension and 401K	29,727	16,174
General and vehicle insurance	193,914	137,868
Corporate services	498,715	445,894
-	1,130,604	973,787
Affiliates:		
Disposal costs	460,578	396,332
Processing fees	55,283	197,475
Property rental	117,000	117,000
Regional management and accounting fees	188,815	173,353
-	821,676	884,160
Total \$=	1,952,280	1,857,947

Amounts due from or payable to the Parent and affiliates are accumulated by the Company during the year, and at year-end, the net amount is settled by way of capital contributions or distributions by the Parent. Changes in amounts due from or payable to the Parent and affiliates are presented as a financing activity in the statements of cash flows, except as relating to expenditures attributable to property and equipment, which are presented as supplemental noncash investing activities.

The Company received \$63,424 and \$224,738 from affiliates in recycling revenues during the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### (9) Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated its subsequent events through January 23, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

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## Schedule of Revenues by Franchise Area

## Year ended September 30, 2018

		Pacifica	Montara	El Granada	Other	Total
Revenues:	_					
Refuse collection operations:						
Residential and commercial	\$	7,760,573	1,217,812	1,384,154		10,362,539
Debris box		491,504	27,935	23,781		543,220
Recycling				_	336,091	336,091
Total operating						
revenues	\$	8,252,077	1,245,747	1,407,935	336,091	11,241,850

See accompanying independent auditors' report.