

Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023 1:00- 2:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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Agenda

1. Introductions

Brice Hagan (Oceanside), Dave Didonato (Chula Vista), Jill Larner (CalRecycle), Monica Martinez (El Cajon), Jenna Roripaugh (AgriService), Rosemarie Chora (Oceanside), Emily Schuetz (CalRecycle), AVECITA Jones (Carlsbad), Craig Kolodge (San Pasqual Valley Soils), Tess Sangster (San Marcos), Janin Rodarte (Escondido)

2. SB 1383

a. General Updates

i. County of San Diego – CalRecycle shared that future guidance for non-local entities (NLEs) is forthcoming.

1. Chula Vista – confirming education, inspection, monitoring = responsibility of the local jurisdiction. Enforcement = CalRecycle. Except for private businesses operating on the NLE (like a grocery store or fast food restaurant).

a. CalRecycle – confirmed but it should be a collaborative effort with CalRecycle, local jurisdiction, and NLE. Same for local education agencies.

b. Education and Outreach

i. Chula Vista – saw City of SD on the news about composting pumpkins!

c. Facility Updates – no updates.

d. Procurement

i. Chula Vista – 130cy stock pile of compost for Parks to use as needed. Also 4 distributions per year at the Otay facility for the public and working with local golf course.

ii. County of San Diego – at December RMDZ meeting, CalTrans will speak on compost and mulch use.

3. Market development of processed organics

a. Compost & mulch application

1. Training

a. San Pasqual Valley Soils – signed a contract with Filtrex for compost socks (mesh) distribution. Good for stormwater BMPs. Some meshes are biodegradable, and others are polypropylene (best for high water flow).

b. AgriService – has a blower truck, so they can fill the socks. But they do not sell the actual mesh.

- c. County of San Diego – compost/mulch blower demonstration at San Pasqual Valley Soils in October. Creates a berm that is good for roadside stormwater BMPs. Smaller unit (not a truck) that can be towed.
 - 2. Tip Sheets & Specs by Sector/Use
 - a. County of San Diego – need to educate about best product for the job. Ex: compost leaking nutrients.
 - b. Compost BMP Design Competition – no updates.
- 4. Highest and Best Use of Food Scraps
 - a. Feed for Animals – no updates.
- 5. News & Events
 - a. SPVS – hope to start interviewing for Soil Science and Organic Material Mgmt Advisor (SoCal – SD, LA, Orange counties)
- 6. Roundtable
 - a. Tree trimming sustainability thing. Bay Area Landscape Program
 - b. San Pasqual Valley Soils – RCD just hired a new employee with a background in carbon farming (Rachel)
- 7. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)