

Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023 1:00- 2:30 p.m.

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

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Agenda

1. Introductions

- a. Mary Matava (Agri Service), Jenna Roripaugh (Agri Service), Jill Firch (CalRecycle), Jill Larner (CalRecycle), Emily Schuetz (CalRecycle), Victor Sanchez (City of Chula Vista), Ofelia Andrade (City of Coronado), Lori Calvert (City of Escondido), Janin (City of Escondido), Rosemarie Chora (City of Oceanside), Jennafer Steffen (City of Poway), Ellyn Law (County of San Diego), Eric Wolff (County of San Diego), Craig Kolodge (San Pasqual Valley Soils), Heather Heckman (City of Santee), Jessica Toth (Solana Center)

2. SB 1383

a. General Updates

- i. Little Hoover Commission released the *Reducing California's Landfill Methane Emissions: SB 1383 Implementation* report.
- ii. CalRecycle update:
 1. The EAR is out and is due to CalRecycle on August 1. CalRecycle held webinars to review the report. Recordings are posted on the CalRecycle YouTube webpage. Please contact your LAMD representative if you have any questions.
 2. Jill Firch is the LAMD representative for the Cities of Carlsbad and Oceanside. Emily Schuetz is the LAMD representative for the other cities in San Diego County.
 3. CalRecycle will continue with their monthly SB 1383 chats in August. Please join the listserv to be notified via email.
 4. CalRecycle released the [draft criteria](#) for public comment of the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program.

b. Education and Outreach

- i. County is interested in a public education and outreach campaign on organics.
- ii. In discussions with regional groups, it was found that diatomaceous earth in small quantities could help suppress flies/maggot issues in curbside organic waste bins.
- iii. Solana Center continues to work with various cities to offer SB 1383 inspection services. Solana in partnership with the City of San Diego will be releasing an inspector training course in August.
- iv. Craig, SPVS: Composting education working group is working with CalRecycle to connect the utilization of compost with soil health.

c. Facility Updates – No update.

- d. Procurement
 - i. County continues to procure compost and mulch.
 - ii. City of Coronado asked for the list of compost and mulch suppliers.
- 3. Market development of processed organics
 - a. Compost & mulch application
 - 1. The Compost Research & Education Foundation factsheet about applications of products and the landscape architecture/design specifications for compost use were shared with the group.
 - 2. The US Composting Council is hosting a webinar on medium and coarse products on July 18th.
 - b. Compost BMP Design Competition – No update.
 - c. Carbon sequestration
 - i. Craig, SPVS is working with the County to develop a carbon farming pilot project.
- 4. Highest and Best Use of Food Scraps
 - a. Feed for Animals – No update
- 5. News & Events – No update.
- 6. Roundtable
 - a. Craig, SPVS brought up for discussion the challenge of transporting and application of material.
 - i. Mary Matava shared that they conducted a survey of landscapers to learn what the cost of buying, transporting, and spreading the material.
 - ii. County updated the Zoning Ordinance regarding organic materials management and is working on a proof of concept.
 - iii. Jill Larner, CalRecycle shared that there is a city in Coachella Valley that purchased a compost slinger.
- 7. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)