

Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:00- 2:30 p.m.

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

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Agenda

1. Introductions: Vecita Jones (Carlsbad), Brice Hagan (Oceanside), Craig Kolodge (SPVS), Dan Noble (Assn. of Compost Producers), Heather Heckman (City of Santee), Janin and Lori Calvert (City of Escondido), Jenna Roripaugh (Agri-Services), Ofelia Andrade (Coronado), Serena Lee (La Mesa), Michael Luna (Del Mar), Monica Martinez (City of El Cajon), Rosemarie Chora (Oceanside), Samantha Byfield (San Marcos), Emily Schuetz (CalRecycle), Colleen Foster (HFH)
2. SB 1383
 - a. General Updates
 - i. Solana Center question on enforcement/ procurement
 1. Some jurisdictions sending out reminders to generators to encourage proper recycling with the goal to reduce future enforcement.
 - b. Education and Outreach
 - i. Del Mar- targeting multifamily complexes with EDCO and Solana Center.
 - ii. Jurisdiction Flyers
https://www.instagram.com/p/CuCc2sgPis7/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==
 - iii. <https://www.republicservices.com/cms/documents/municipality/ca/Carlsbad/Carlsbad-Compost-Mulch-Pickup-2023.pdf>
 - c. Facility Updates- No updates
 - d. Procurement
 1. Compost and Mulch Donations
 - a. Several jurisdictions allow mulch collection for residents at Public Work yards.
 - b. County also donating compost and mulch to residents at one day events as well as to school and community gardens.
 - c. Some jurisdictions looking beyond one day events to year-round permanent options for residents to pick up donated compost/mulch.
3. Market development of processed organics
 - a. Compost & mulch application
 1. Training- Rescape Compost and Mulch BMPs for Advanced Practitioners 9/26/2023
 2. Tip Sheets & Specs by Sector/Use

- a. Projects in process
 - i. Discussion on challenges in amending existing contracts
 - ii. SB 1383 procurement
 - b. Craig Kolodge requesting clarification on Medium and Coarse compost specs and asking CalTrans to use compost wherever possible.
 - b. Compost BMP Design Competition
 - i. Opportunity to re-engage with community colleges, including Cuyamaca, Southwestern and MiraCosta colleges, that have horticulture programs.
 - ii. Ask for input on how to coordinate with professionals and
 - iii. Dan Noble- working to support compost bmp and market development through Association of Compost Producers.
 - c. Carbon sequestration
 - i. GHG benefits of applications- Scientists working on this nationally, including the EPA.
- 4. Highest and Best Use of Food Scraps
 - a. Feed for Animals
 - i. Many grocers sending materials to animal feed
 - ii. Jurisdictions interested in compiling a regional list of resources
 - 1. Examples
 - a. EPA Food Recovery Links and Resources includes a reference to work with the SD County Farm Bureau [Links and Resources About Food Recovery in San Diego Area | US EPA](#)
 - b. County of San Diego guidance for schools with livestock programs: [Feeding Animals.pdf \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#)
- 5. News & Events
 - a. Dan Noble speaking 9/20- 9/21 at Landscape Expo at Orange County Convention Center www.thelandscapeexpo.com, anticipate many professionals, including municipal Park and Recreation staff, to attend.
 - b. Southern California SWANA SB 1383 Workshop - September 21 [WORKSHOP REGISTRATION | Southern California \(socalswana.org\)](#)
 - c. Craig Kolodge webinar on 9/28 10-11am on the Soil Carbon and Stormwater connection at the 2023 Storm Water Awareness Week www.stormwaterawareness.org
 - d. CRRRA, CPSC 10/5 webinar on SB 54 and impacts to local jurisdictions to engage in rulemaking (compostability of products)
- 6. Roundtable
 - a. Solana Center emphasized the need for organics education for businesses.
 - b. Attendee mentioned that SB 1383 requires reporting on recycled and recyclable papers and documenting receipts.

- c. Coconut fiber bags used for residents as compostable liner option.
 - i. Bag to Earth offers these liners.
 - ii. Solana Center reports that they sell them \$6.10 for pack of 10 for kitchen caddies <https://solana-center.square.site/product/small-food-waste-bag-pack-of-10/58?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false>
 - iii. Attendee mentioned that Home Depot sells 30 gal paper liners <https://www.homedepot.com/p/The-Home-Depot-30-Gal-Paper-Lawn-and-Leaf-Bags-5-Pack-HDLL1635/204743635>
 - d. Jurisdictions discussed other options to reduce ick factor and other nuisances from food scrap recycling.
7. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)