

Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 1:00- 2:30 p.m.

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

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Agenda

1. Introductions

- a. Jessica Toth – Solana Center
- b. Ofelia Andrade – City of Coronado
- c. Shannon Lee- County of San Diego
- d. Natalie Levy- Univ. of California
- e. Nicole Grucky- City of Solana Beach
- f. Roshan Christoph– MOE
- g. Emily Schuetz - CalRecycle
- h. Anthony Smith – Republic Services
- i. Emily Creegan – City of San Diego
- j. Michael Wonsidler- County of San Diego
- k. Natalia King Quick- County of San Diego
- l. Aurelia Velasquez- City of San Marcos
- m. Leonardo Orenday- Republic Services
- n. Valeria Collins- City of San Marcos
- o. AVECITA Jones- City of Carlsbad
- p. Dave Didonato- City of Chula Vista
- q. Alma Ramirez- City of Escondido
- r. Manuel Medrano City of Chula Vista
- s. Serena Lee – City of La Mesa
- t. Wbaldo Arellano – City of Imperial Beach
- u. Craig Kolodge- San Pasqual Valley Soils
- v. Travis Alexander- San Pasqual Valley Soils

2. SB 1383

- a. General Updates
 - i. Solana Center – Hosting a three-part [food recovery inspection training](#) on Nov 6-8 for a statewide audience through a partnership with CRRRA. A discount is available for CRRRA members.
 - ii. County of San Diego
 - 1. EDCO is in the process of establishing two equestrian manure routes in unincorporated areas with large numbers of horses. The County continues to promote streamlined permitting opportunities in the zoning ordinance to expand facilities to process manure and other organics.
 - 2. San Diego County Office of Education has started a working group for school garden leaders. If your jurisdictions have school garden programming, consider attending future meetings (next meeting 11/5) to share resources and connect locally. More details at: [Science \(k12oms.org\)](http://Science(k12oms.org))
- b. Education and Outreach
 - i. County of San Diego – Adding requirements to source separate organics to our litter abatement contract in addition to C&D and other materials.
- c. Procurement
 - i. County of San Diego – Hosted a Fall Compost and Mulch Giveaway and distributed 210 cubic yards of material. Looking for jurisdictions and NGOs interested in partnering to promote and hold events in support of May 2025 Compost Awareness Week.
- d. Enforcement- no update
- e. Facility Updates- no update

3. Market development of processed organics

- a. Compost & mulch application
 - b. Farm Bureau and UC Soil Health – Developing a jurisdictional survey & plan for compost and mulch application
 - i. Identification of key depts. and contacts, estimated acreage, challenges and limitations, successes, equipment needs, opportunities, priority projects, ROI, etc.
 - 1. Natalie Levy UC Soil Health Advisor led the discussion and shared updates on her work on creating a survey.
 - 2. Key Depts: General Services, Parks & Recreation, Planning, Public Works, Watershed Protection, Waste & Recycling, Capital Improvement Projects, Landscape Architects, Civil Engineers, etc.
 - 3. Suggestion to send form to City Manager so they are aware of the survey and provide suggestions for key staff to send the survey and/or related information.
 - 4. Members expressed interest in potentially holding an in-person meeting to discuss further, possibly in December.
 - c. Topic areas of interest: Brownfield Development, Application on Existing Turf (Ballfields, Golf Courses, etc.), Stormwater Protection- Construction Projects, Policy Recommendations/Requirements for Project Developers, Addressing Contamination & PFAS in Compost/Mulch, etc.
 - d. Trainings, tip sheets, specifications
 - i. [Compost and Mulch Use Toolbox](#)
 - ii. San Pasqual Valley Soils- Presented a training for Stormwater Awareness Week. Here is a link to the recorded webinar of the "Tools and Tips for Creating Green Infrastructure with Compost" presentation: <https://www.stormwaterawareness.org/2024recordedworkshops>
 - iii. City of Chula Vista-Working with their consultant to provide staff training to primarily park teams and landscapers to encourage compost and mulch use.
4. Highest and Best Use of Food Scraps
- a. Feed for Animals- No updates.
5. Legislative Updates
- a. Textile EPR signed by Governor.
 - b. AB 2902- Low population areas (as defined by CalRecycle) will no longer be included in CalRecycle’s formula to set SB 1383 procurement targets.
 - c. [AB 2336](#)- Local jurisdictions can choose to work off a 5-year target for procurement.
6. News & Events
- a. [Teacher Resource Fair – San Diego Botanic Garden](#) – October 8th
7. Roundtable- no additional updates.
8. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)