

## Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, January 4, 2024 1:00- 2:30 p.m.

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

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### Agenda

#### 1. Introductions

- Alma O. Fernandez-City of Escondido
- Vecita Jones-City of Carlsbad
- Brice Hagan-City of Oceanside
- Craig Kolodge- San Pasqual Valley Soils
- Colleen Foster-HF&H Consultants
- Emily Creegan-City of San Diego
- Emily Torres-City of Del Mar
- Janin Rodarte-City of Escondido
- Jennafer Steffen-City of Poway
- Jessica Toth-Solano Center
- Heather-City of Santee
- Emily Schuetz-CalRecycle
- Sean Harris-City of Coronado
- Serena Lee-City of La Mesa
- Michael Wonsidler-County of San Diego
- Shannon Lee-County of San Diego
- Manual Medrano-City of Chula Vista

#### 2. SB 1383

##### a. General Updates

- i. County of San Diego: Some news articles are coming out about SB 1383 enforcement. Jurisdictions may begin to receive more interest in their programs.
- ii. HF&H: Our team is partnering with jurisdictions to develop comprehensive programs to ensure they are equipped to provide technical assistance and education before jumping to enforcement.

##### b. Education and Outreach

- i. Discussion related to direct outreach to tenants at multi-family dwellings.
  1. City of Carlsbad related that their Ordinance requires all property managers to meet with recycling team for guidance. They have found that property managers have been proactive at following up for more information.
  2. HF&H Consultants mentioned that some jurisdictions mail it directly to tenants or have requirements for haulers to send to individual units.

##### c. Facility Updates

- i. WM purchased and is now operating AgriServices's compost facilities in Oceanside and East Otay Mesa.

##### d. Procurement

- i. County of San Diego is working on a contract for procuring SB 1383 compost. The contract will be available for other jurisdictions to use (assuming their charter allows them to piggyback on other jurisdictions' contracts). County will share with the team once completed at an upcoming meeting.
- ii. County of San Diego: County is looking to pilot a carbon farming (regenerative farming) incentive program, which aligns well with SB 1383. Jurisdictions may

consider exploring collaborations with planning and climate action planners to implement similar programs. More detail will be shared once finalized.

3. Market development of processed organics
  - a. Compost & mulch application
    1. Training
    2. Tip Sheets & Specs by Sector/Use
  - b. Compost BMP Design Competition
    - i. No update
4. Highest and Best Use of Food Scraps
  - a. Discussion related to new businesses seeking value-added opportunities to substitute materials made from food scraps for existing animal feed used in animal raising operations and aquaculture.
5. News & Events
  - a. Compost Conference in Florida: <https://compostconference.com/>
  - b. City of Chula Vista: They are hosting a [compost giveaway at Otay](#) and hope to have more neighborhood ones with kitchen pails and compost giveaways.
  - c. Western Regional Symposium, CRRA is having an SB 54 webinar of January 25 ([SB54 Webinar — California Resource Recovery Association \(crra.com\)](#))
  - d. City of Carlsbad: Republic is investigating certified compostable items at Otay
  - e. San Pasqual Valley Soils: The Compost Research & Education Foundation is hosting a webinar on the composting of human remains: [CREF Webinar - An Introduction to Composting Human Remains, Part 1: The Process & Its Challenges](#)
  - f. Solana Center: SB 1383 Inspection Webinar/Course. More information TBD. [General Events Page](#)
6. Roundtable
  - a. Potential Ideas to add to future agendas:
    - i. Enforcement Challenges
    - ii. Legislative Update
    - iii. Compostable plastics
7. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)