

Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 1:00- 2:30 p.m.

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

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. SB 1383
 - a. General Updates
 - b. Education and Outreach
 - i. County of San Diego – The County is planning to redesign our sorting guides for recycling, compost, and trash. Any jurisdictions that have designs to share would be appreciated.
 - ii. HF&H Consultants – A jurisdiction in Northern California is conducting a study on organics management in multi-family units. They are evaluating behavior change of technologies like [Mill](#), a food grinder and dehydrator. More information to follow once the study is complete.
 1. CalRecycle – At-home machines, like Mill, that do not compost materials cannot qualify an individual for a SB 1383 waiver.
 - c. Procurement
 - i. The group discussed if any jurisdictions planned to use the DSP options advertised through CalRecycle to meet their procurement targets.
 - d. Enforcement
 - i. County of San Diego – The County’s enforcement program is underway. Some businesses have received financial penalties after extensive education and outreach. Overall, the team has found increased compliance through the enforcement process. Please contact the County if you would like to learn more about our enforcement policy.
 - e. Facility Updates
 - i. Republic – Republic has expanded their composting facility at Otay. The facility will offer a de-bagging machine so select customers can bag their organic materials.
 1. The Working Group has interest in planning a tour early 2025.
3. Market development of processed organics
 - a. Compost & mulch application
 - b. 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. Key Depts: General Services, Parks & Recreation, Planning, Public Works, Watershed Protection, Waste & Recycling, Capital Improvement Projects, Landscape Architects, Civil Engineers, etc.
 - 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](#)
4. Highest and Best Use of Food Scraps
 - a. Feed for Animals
5. Legislative Updates
 - a. San Pasqual Valley Soils – AB-2346 allows opportunities for procurement credit, up to certain percentage, for purchasing compost spreading equipment and investing in composting facilities. The conversion factor will be \$21.38 for each ton of organic waste in a product procurement target.
 - i. CalRecycle – Guidance about new SB 1383 updates is anticipated in early 2025.
 - ii. HF&H – Team has prepared a presentation about new regulatory updates. They may be able to share it with the group soon.
6. Roundtable, News & Events
 - a. California Department of Food and Agriculture – [Healthy Soils Week](#) – Dec 2-6, 2024
 - i. Webinars and social media toolkit available on website
 - b. USCC – [Compost 2025](#) – Jan 27-30, 2025
 - c. Zero Waste San Diego – [Zero Waste Symposium](#) – February 26, 2025
 - d. Compost Foundation – [Compost Operations Training Course](#) – Mar 10-14, 2025
7. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)