

## Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting

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

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

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### Agenda

#### 1. Introductions

- Amanda Boudreault – City of San Marcos
- Bree Ward – City of Coronado
- Craig Kolodge – San Pasqual Valley Soils
- Emily Creegan – City of San Diego
- Dominic Diangelis – San Pasqual Valley Soils
- Janin Rodarte – City of Escondido
- Kaitlyn e Norgrove – City of Del Mar
- Natalia King – County of San Diego
- Emily and Schuetz – CalRecycle
- Serena Lee – City of La Mesa
- Colleen Foster – HF&H Consultants
- Jessica Toth – Solana Center
- Michael Wonsidler – County of San Diego
- Alma Fernandez – City of Escondido
- Jennafer Steffen – City of Poway
- Shannon Lee – County of San Diego
- Avecita Jones – City of Carlsbad
- Rosemarie Chora – City of Oceanside
- Heather Heckman – City of Santee
- Julie Sands Tyne – City of San Diego

#### 2. SB 1383

##### a. General Updates

- i. City of San Diego – City of San Diego is offering free compost and mulch and delivery for internal City departments. City of San Diego residents can pick up free compost and 4-inch mulch at the Greenery (up to one time per day) during operating hours.

##### b. Education and Outreach

- i. Solana Center – Their team is seeing increasing interest amongst schools for assistance for food sorting and organics set ups. Are any jurisdictions or school districts supporting implementation?
  - a. County of San Diego – The County contracts with I Love a Clean San Diego to conduct outreach and education.
  - b. City of La Mesa – La Mesa contracts with I Love a Clean San Diego and may have additional resources come out of their SB1383 local assistance grant.
  - c. City of Carlsbad – Carlsbad has passed the programming onto the hauler. Previously, they used SB 1383 grant and funding.
  - d. Occasionally, educational businesses, such as private schools and preschools, may show up in hauler reports as commercial customers. Jurisdictions should consider looking out for these educational institutions that can benefit from school type diversion programs.
- ii. Incentive Programs
  - a. Jurisdictions may want to consider providing funding assistance for compost equipment for internal departments to encourage compost use.

- i. San Pasqual Valley Soils – Craig has a presentation about equipment types that can be shared at a future meeting.
    - ii. There are some pre-existing grant opportunities available. At the community level, for example, Zero Foodprint has grants to help purchase equipment and compost/mulch.
  - b. County of San Diego – The County testing various incentive program to see what kind of incentives encourage the community to use more compost.
    - i. Organizations like San Pasqual Valley Soils have experience encouraging farmers to compost and educating people so jurisdictions may want to tap into external support.
- c. Enforcement
  - i. Solana Center – The team has been supporting different jurisdictions with their enforcement policy. In the future, they hope to evaluate studies of customers over time to see the efficacy of different interventions.
  - ii. HF&H Consultants – As they are supporting jurisdictions with building enforcement processes, they are seeing a broad range in approaches.
    - i. For the most part, jurisdictions are avoiding enforcement through heavy emphasis on technical assistance, initial warnings, and contamination fees.
    - ii. Different people oversee enforcement depending on jurisdiction:
      - a. Code Enforcement Officers – Recycling Specialists will conduct initial outreach but citations will be coming from enforcement officers.
      - b. Recycling Specialists are receiving enforcement officer training.
      - c. Jurisdictions are also opting to use traditional Recycling Specialists and potentially mailing fines or working in pairs.
      - d. City of Oceanside – They are looking to explore compliance enforcement techniques from stormwater teams that do not involve formal officers
- d. Facility Updates
  - i. Agri Service sold to WM
- e. Procurement
  - i. San Pasqual Valley Soils – The team is having a sale on mulch and double ground composted palm on sale through February. They also sell new compost blankets and socks for storm water management that jurisdictions can use in their stormwater management program. For more information, you can email them at [sales@spvsoils.com](mailto:sales@spvsoils.com).
  - ii. Reminder to the group: CalRecycle has additional compost and mulch guidance for those who want more ideas for compost procurement. [Compost and Mulch Use Toolbox - CalRecycle Home Page](#)
  - iii. County of San Diego – The County has a compost procurement contract they hope to complete in February. Jurisdictions can look into their charter to see if there are opportunities to piggyback off the contract.
  - iv. City of Santee – Santee is working on an agreement with Zero Foodprint to fulfill procurement requirements for 2023 and 2024.

- v. HF&H Consultants – Across the board, they have noticed agencies are having trouble in fulfilling full targets or securing DSP contracts quickly. This includes ones that have spent significant resources on procurement.
3. Market development of processed organics
    - a. Compost & mulch application
    - b. Trainings
    - c. Tip sheets/ specifications
  4. Highest and Best Use of Food Scraps
  5. Legislative Updates
    - a. CalRecycle Released the SB 54 Covered Material Category (CMC) List:  
<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr/>
    - b. The National Stewardship Action Council is tracking legislation for local jurisdictions who are limited in engagement:  
<https://www.nsaction.us/sb54implementation>
  6. News & Events
    - a. CalRecycle is having a webinar on organic recycling capacity planning: [SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle – Capacity Planning](#)
    - b. [Zero Waste Symposium – Zero Waste San Diego](#)
  7. Roundtable
    - a. City of Carlsbad – Has anyone had a meeting with CalRecycle’s Jurisdiction and Agency Compliance and Enforcement Branch (JACE)?
      - i. No one has had a meeting with them yet.
  8. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)