

Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting Minutes

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

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

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Agenda

1. Introductions:

Alma Fernandez (Escondido), Ofelia Andrade (Coronado), Colleen Foster (HF&H), Emily Schuetz (CalRecycle), Sean Harris (Coronado), Rocio Ramos (Oceanside), Serena Lee (La Mesa), Wbaldo Arellano (Imperial Beach), Abby Hunt (Republic Services), Heather Heckman (Santee), Emily Torres (Del Mar), Craig Kolodge (San Pasqual Valley Soils), Janin Rodarte (Escondido), Jessica Toth (SCEI), Stephen Herring (Republic Services), Michael Wonsidler (County of San Diego)

2. SB 1383

a. General Updates

- i. SB 1383 enforcement begins 1/1/24
- ii. Discussion on EPA Wasted Food Scale <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/wasted-food-scale>

b. Education and Outreach

- i. SCEI has developed a SB 1383 food recovery inspection training curriculum that is available to jurisdictions. It includes webinars and other training materials. They also provide training in the field.
- ii. Coronado shared that EDCO is conducting preliminary site visits to their customers with contamination. Coronado is also participating in a social media campaign on organics with the Regional Recycling Group. More details at www.RegionalRecyclingGroup.org

c. Facility Updates- No updates

d. Procurement

- i. City of La Mesa receives free mulch from their hauler EDCO and encourages volunteers to apply mulch during Park appreciation days.

3. Market development of processed organics

a. Compost & mulch application

i. Training

- a. San Pasqual Valley Soils – is the distributor for Filtrexx compost sock distribution in So.Cal. Good for stormwater BMPs. Compost sock has been shown to be the most effective method to filter materials from water. Cost may be more expensive upfront than a fiber roll, however it is often less expensive overall as it can be applied to the land after use vs. the standard landfill disposal of a fiber roll.

ii. Tip Sheets & Specs by Sector/Use

1. County plans to include various specs for sectors/uses in its proposed contract.

- b. Compost BMP Design Competition- No updates
- 4. Highest and Best Use of Food Scraps
 - a. Feed for Animals- No updates
- 5. News & Events
 - a. Western Regional Symposium Palm Springs April 2024
 - b. RMDZ Zone Works 12/13-14
- 6. Roundtable
 - a. San Pasqual Valley Soils – hope to start interviewing for Soil Science and Organic Material Mgmt Advisor (SoCal – SD, LA, Orange counties). Please promote this position to your networks.
 - b. Discussion related to management of textiles and opportunities for reuse, upcycling, recycling, etc. to reduce exportation and landfill disposal.
 - i. SB 707 proposed legislation on textile management
 - ii. Clothing upcycler and reuse facility in LA <https://suayla.com/>
- 7. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)