



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

AGENDA

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020
1:00 p.m.**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
3390 University Avenue, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92501**

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SPECIAL NOTICE – COVID-19 RELATED PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

Due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Newsom has issued Executive Order N-29-20 (issued March 17, 2020) in which Section 3 supersedes Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-25-20 (issued on March 12, 2020). This new order states that WRCOG does not need to make a physical location available for members of the public to observe a public meeting and offer public comment. The Order allows WRCOG to hold Committee meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically.

To follow the new Order issued by the Governor, the Solid Waste Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. will be held via teleconference and any members of the public can attend electronically. Members of the public may send public comments by emailing snelson@wrcog.us, or calling (951) 405-6703 before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting in light of this announcement shall contact Suzy Nelson prior to 1:00 p.m. on May 18, 2020, at (951) 405-6703 or snelson@wrcog.us.

The Solid Waste Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Charles Russell, Chair)

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public can address the Solid Waste Committee regarding any items with the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

4. MINUTES

- A. Summary Minutes from the February 19, 2020, Solid Waste Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration. P. 1**

Requested Action: 1. *Approve the Summary Minutes from the February 19, 2019, Solid Waste Committee meeting.*

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

- A. California Recycling Requirements and SB 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants Update Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG P. 5**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

- B. CalRecycle Electronic Annual Reporting Activities Update Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG P. 43**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

- C. Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Program Activities Update Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG P. 45**

Requested Action: 1. *Receive and file.*

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Members

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Solid Waste Committee meetings.

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS *Members*

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Solid Waste Committee.

8. NEXT MEETING: **The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom platform.**

9. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Charles Russell at WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Members present:

Holly Stuart, City of Banning
Jacqueline Zukeran, City of Corona
Crystal Adams, City of Eastvale
Charles Russell, City of Hemet, Chair
Sean McGovern, City of Jurupa Valley
Jasmin Rivera, City of Moreno Valley
Maria Arreguin, City of Perris
Les Chapman, City of Wildomar

Staff present:

Casey Dailey, Director of Energy & Environmental Programs
Tyler Masters, Program Manager
Kyle Rodriguez, Staff Analyst
Mei Wu, Intern
Suzy Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Karlee Keyser, City of Beaumont
William Carrasco, City of Corona
David Davis, MSW Consultants
Girard Mobley, MSW Consultants
Glenda Chavez, Waste Management
Derek Rogers, Waste Management

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Charles Russell led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. MINUTES *(Jurupa Valley / Wildomar) 8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. Item 5. A was approved. The Cities of Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Riverside, San Jacinto, and Temecula, and the County of Riverside were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the November 20, 2019, Solid Waste Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the November 20, 2019, Solid Waste Committee meeting.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Eastvale / Jurupa Valley) 8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. Item 6.A was approved. The Cities of Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Riverside, San Jacinto, and Temecula, and the County of Riverside were not present.

A. 2020 Residential and Commercial Rate Survey

Action: 1. Received and filed.

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Mei Wu provided an update on recent Used Oil Outreach and Oil Filter exchange events. The 2020 Used Oil / Household Hazardous Waste Training and Symposium will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento March 23 – 27, 2020. This year it will offer Registered Environmental Health Specialist credits for both training sessions and the regular symposium sessions. This a great opportunity to earn more training units for certification. If you are interested in helping plan the event, please contact Emily Wang at Emily.Wang@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

Annual reports are due no later than August 15th of each year during the performance period. WRCOG will complete the annual report on behalf of the following jurisdictions for Fiscal Year 2018/2019: Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, and Wildomar.

OPP Cycle 10 begins on July 1, 2020, and continues until June 30, 2021, with the annual report's due no later than August 15, 2021. WRCOG will provide a calendar of events for OPP Cycle 10 before the beginning of the term in July.

Action: 1. Received and filed.

B. California Recycling Requirements and SB 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants Update

Kyle Rodriguez provided an update on the current status of Senate Bill (SB) 1383. CalRecycle rulemaking documents and the Office of Administration Law's review will conclude early March 2020. WRCOG anticipates more formal conversations with CalRecycle staff and will focus on clarification inspection questionnaires and the reporting section that will be required from each jurisdiction for SB 1383.

To assist members of the SWC who have limited resources and support staff in meeting the requirements of SB 1383, WRCOG staff is recommending the use of Public Service Fellowship Program to assist in pursuing compliance for California's recycling requirements. Rachel Singer provided a background on WRCOG's Public Service Fellowship Program. Members of the Solid Waste Committee can participate in hosting a Fellow, by submitting a host agency application and list recycling projects / legislation review under anticipated projects. Host agency applications are due by Monday, March 23, 2020.

Action: 1. Received and filed.

C. CalRecycle Electronic Annual Reporting Activities Update

Kyle Rodriguez reported that on an annual basis, WRCOG staff prepares the Electronic Annual Reporting (EAR) on behalf of 11 member jurisdictions which request WRCOG to complete. Staff have

begun the reports in early 2020 utilizing Google Documents. The online tool allows WRCOG, local jurisdictions, waste haulers, and CalRecycle to draft a report well in advance of the submission due date of August 1, 2020.

WRCOG staff will begin meeting with each waste hauler to gather as much necessary information for the report that is requested from CalRecycle. CalRecycle will review each jurisdictions' EAR (teleconference and/or onsite). WRCOG staff will participate in the meetings upon request and staff availability. Information from the overview will be provided directly into the EAR.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee members requested that information regarding SB 1383 be a reoccurring item on the agenda.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING: The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

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Staff Report

Subject: California Recycling Requirements and SB 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants Update

Contact: Kyle Rodriguez, Staff Analyst, krodriguez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721

Date: May 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide a status on Senate Bill 1383, WRCOG's support for Assembly Bill 2612, and information on WRCOG's Fellowship Program.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

Background

WRCOG's Solid Waste Committee (SWC) was formed after the adoption of Assembly Bill (AB) 939, "*The Integrated Waste Management Act*," to regionally address the waste diversion goals in Western Riverside County. California has continued to pass legislation (AB 341, AB 1826, AB 827, and Senate Bill (SB) 1383) requiring jurisdictions to implement processes that promote business and multi-family complex recycling programs. Attachment 1 to this Staff Report provides details of these bills. The SWC works with its member jurisdictions, its partners, and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), meeting quarterly to discuss solid waste issues and ways to address requirements.

Members of the SWC have been focusing on recently chaptered legislation, SB 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants, which establishes methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. This legislation establishes targets to achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste, based on 2014 levels, by the year 2020, and a 75% reduction by the year 2025. SB 1383 also establishes an additional target by the year 2025 for edible food disposed of, requiring less than 20% to be recovered for human consumption. The law places CalRecycle as the agency authorized to establish and enforce targets required to achieve the waste disposal reduction goals.

Current Status of SB 1383

On April 20, 2020, CalRecycle released a revised draft of SB 1383 regulatory text to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as part of the rulemaking process. OAL's review of the text and accompanying rulemaking documents will conclude in May 2020. The final regulatory text and rulemaking documents approved by OAL will be posted on CalRecycle's SLCP Rulemaking webpage at <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking/SLCP/>.

Please note, CalRecycle is only required to respond to comments on the regulatory text that are directed at the changes in this draft. WRCOG anticipates more formal conversations with CalRecycle staff after rulemaking concludes and will focus on clarification of inspection questionnaires and the reporting section that will be required from each jurisdiction for SB 1383.

AB 2612: Reducing Waste Through Strategic Investment Update

To support the subregion's recycling and waste diversion goals and strengthen edible food recovery programs, WRCOG, the Rural County Representatives of California, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, and others are jointly supporting AB 2612 (Maienschein, Reducing Waste Through Strategic Investment). WRCOG staff is working with local State Assembly members to support the legislation. If passed, AB 2612 will provide funding for local governments, with edible food recovery assisting the region meet SB 1383 requirements. The legislation currently sits at the California State Assembly's Natural Resources Committee. More information on AB 2612 can be found in the fact sheet and support letter (Attachments 2 and 3). In the coming weeks, WRCOG staff will be reaching out to its member agencies requesting letters of support for this Bill.

WRCOG's Public Service Fellowship Program

The Fellowship Program is intended to engage member agencies and local students / alumni in career opportunities to support initiatives that mutually benefit the Fellows and host agencies. WRCOG administers the Program and matches Fellows with member agencies based off the applicants interests and abilities as well as the needs of the member agency. Fellows can work on a variety of tasks to support member agencies, including SB 1383 efforts, if it aligns with an applicant's interests. If the Fellowship Program is of interest to a SWC member, WRCOG staff encourages the SWC member to collaborate with the jurisdiction's City Manager before the application is filled out as there may be preexisting priorities at the City for a prospective Fellow.

Please note that due to the impacts of COVID-19, and in the best interest of WRCOG's member agencies and Fellows, the 2020-2021 Fellowship cohort start date has been postponed from July 2020 to September 2020.

Please reference the updated timeline below:

- April 2, 2020 – WRCOG postpones 2020-2021 Fellowship Cohort
- July 31, 2020 – ALL Fellowship applications due (host agencies and Fellows)
- August 2020 – Fellowship interviews, selection, and placement in host agencies
- September 2020 – Fellowship Program begins
- May 2021 – Fellowship Program concludes

If your jurisdiction would like to consider applying for a Fellow, please connect with your City Manager and submit a completed host agency application, see Attachment 4. For more information, please email rsinger@wrcog.us. All members that host a Fellow will be required to contribute half of the cost of the Fellow and WRCOG will match the remaining.

Prior Action:

February 19, 2020: The Solid Waste Committee directed staff to work with CalRecycle on clarification on data and reporting, surveying questions for food processors, and classifying recoverable materials.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachments:

1. California's Recycling Requirements.
2. AB 2612 Fact Sheet.
3. AB 2612 Joint Letter of Support.
4. Fellowship Program Application.

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California Recycling Requirements
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Attachment 1

California's Recycling Requirements

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California's Recycling Requirements

The State of California has passed three major pieces of legislation to phase in recycling requirements for businesses and multi-family dwellings

1. Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341) - 2011
2. Mandatory Organics Recycling (AB 1826) - 2014
3. Short Lived Climate Pollutants (SB 1383) – 2019



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Overview of AB 341 & AB 1826

Jurisdictions must have a Recycling and Organics Recycling Program for businesses and multi-family dwellings

- Effective as of January 1, 2019:
 - Businesses and public agencies that generate four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week shall arrange for recycling
 - Multi-family dwellings with 5+ units regardless amount of waste generated shall arrange for recycling services



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Requirements of AB 341 & AB 1826

Business Requirements

- Apply any one or combination of the following actions in order to divert solid waste from disposal:
 - Self-haul
 - Subscribe to a waste hauler
 - Arrange for pickup of recyclables
 - Subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed-waste processing



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Requirements of AB 341 & AB 1826 (cont.)

Jurisdictional Requirements

- Each jurisdiction shall implement a recycling and organic solid waste program for businesses only:
 - Consists of **education, outreach** and **monitoring**
 - Reports on activities in CalRecycle's Electronic Annual Reports

Failure to implement a Recycling and Organic Recycling Program can result in a formal compliance review conducted by CalRecycle



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Requirements of AB 341 & AB 1826 (cont.)

Education and Outreach

- Can be done by waste hauler, city, regional JPA, or regional educational cooperative
- A variety of electronic, print, and direct contact methods to reach desired audience
- The most successful outreach efforts are done by all entities in a variety of formats to target the regulated business community and multi-family complexes



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Requirements of AB 341 & AB 1826 (cont.)

Annual Reporting

- Identify:
 - Total number of businesses within each city
 - Total number of businesses recycling
 - Total number of businesses not in compliance
- Conduct direct follow-up to those businesses **not** in compliance with information about the requirements

Failure to implement a Recycling and Organic Recycling Program can result in a formal compliance review conducted by CalRecycle



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Overview of SB 1383: Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

SB 1383 builds upon AB 341 & AB 1826 recycling requirements

1. Requires the state to reduce organic waste disposal 75% (roughly 20 million tons) by 2025
2. Requires the state to increase edible food recovery 20% by 2025
3. Disposal reductions will reduce at least 4-million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually by 2030



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Requirements of SB 1383

Jurisdiction Requirements

1. Require all businesses and residents to have organic waste collection
2. Pass local enforcement ordinances to require businesses to subscribe to organic recycling services
3. Establish an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream
4. Conduct education and outreach to: businesses, waste haulers, food recovery organizations, and city / county departments



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Requirements of SB 1383 (cont.)

Jurisdiction Requirements

5. Evaluate current infrastructure and plan for new compost and edible food recovery
6. Procure recycled organic waste products like compost and Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)
7. Inspect and enforce compliance of SB 1383
8. Maintain accurate and timely records of compliance

Meeting SB 1383 requirements complies with AB 341 and AB 1826



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Requirements of SB 1383 (cont.)

Implementation Considerations

CalRecycle advises that SB 1383 doesn't apply to only waste haulers and recycling departments, local resources will play a role in SB 1383 implementation, staff will need to be decide who will be involved in the following:

- Developing the design and content for public education materials
- Local enforcement ordinances, new collections fees, and ensuring programs are resourced
- Working with waste hauler, processing & organic facilities, and finding available locations where compost may be utilized



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Requirements of SB 1383 (cont.)

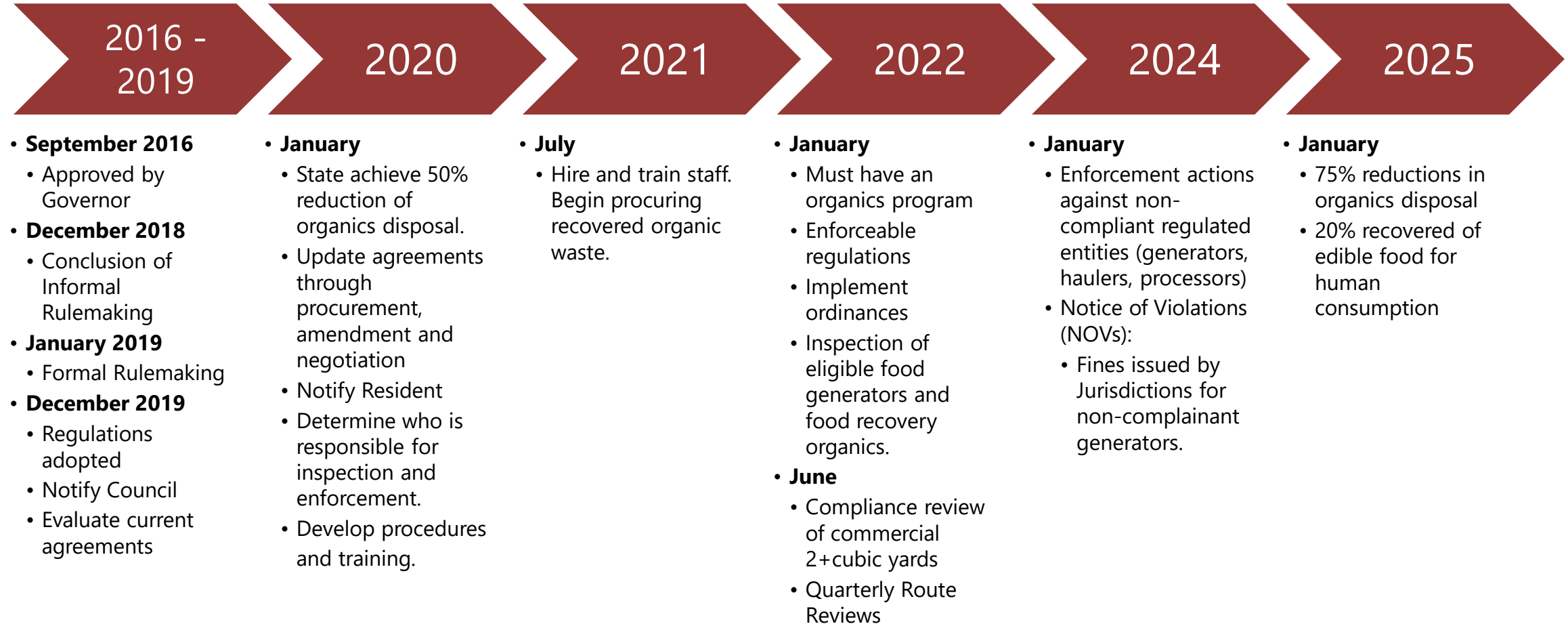
Implementation Considerations (cont.)

- Tasking enforcement duties, including inspection of commercial food businesses
- Assessing the need for local compost and the application to parks and city landscaped areas
- Procuring recycled organic products and aware of current compost, Renewable Natural Gas, and paper purchases



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SB 1383 Timeline



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WRCOG's Role in SB 1383

- Provide members with best practices and resources across the state
- Act as a liaison between CalRecycle and member jurisdictions
- Survey the Solid Waste Committee to identify the top two SB 1383 items that members need assistance with:
 1. Developing an inspection and enforcement program to review solid waste accounts
 2. Identify inspectors for eligible food generators and food recovery facilities
- Potentially apply for CalRecycle's Food Waste grant to help meet member's edible food recovery requirements



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AB 827

Requires businesses and MF complexes subject to either MCR or MORE provide front of house recycling and organics recycling containers and signage for customers

- On or before July 1, 2020
- Visible
- Easily Accessible
- Clearly marked with signage
- Adjacent to trash bins
- Not in restrooms
- Full service restaurants exempt under conditions



AB 827

Requires businesses and MF complexes subject to either MCR or MORE provide front of house recycling and organics recycling containers and signage for customers



- Jurisdictions should fold this requirement in to existing education and outreach
- CalRecycle is to provide model signage on or before 7/1/2020

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Attachment 2

AB 2612 Fact Sheet

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER, SEVENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT

Assembly Bill 2612

Reducing Waste Through Strategic Investment

As Introduced 2/20/2020

Summary

AB 2612 annually appropriates \$200 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to CalRecycle to help meet the state's ambitious solid and organic waste recycling goals through cost-effective investments in infrastructure expansion, market development, technology upgrades to increase the quality of recycled materials, and implementation assistance for local agencies.

Background

California is faced with two daunting and costly solid waste management challenges: 1) Attaining the state's solid waste recycling goals amidst declining foreign markets; 2) Achieving the state's ambitious organic waste recycling goals.

Solid Waste: California has been tremendously impacted by China's National Sword Policy. For many years, roughly one-third of the materials annually collected for recycling in California were exported overseas for processing and manufacturing into new products. Beginning in 2018, China banned mixed plastics and mixed paper and imposed very stringent contamination standards for other recyclable materials. The loss of China and other foreign markets caused a significant decline in commodity prices for mixed plastics and mixed paper. The stringent contamination standards for other recovered materials such as cardboard have increased processing costs at existing facilities, which were not designed to achieve such stringent standards. These problems are compounded by a need to invest in technologies and systems that improve the quality of recycled material so that it is

more marketable and easier to make into new goods.

As a result of declining foreign markets, there has been a substantial increase in Statewide solid waste landfill disposal and a significant decrease in recycling. Material recovery facilities that serve California are spending more on operations costs only to recover less material that has a lower resale value. In the past, recycling programs typically generated revenue or were cost neutral for haulers and local governments. However, reduced commodities prices (and efforts to recycle materials with a negative scrap value) have resulted in significant cost pressures for local governments across the state – costs that are often passed onto residents through sharp rate increases.

Loss of revenue has also contributed to the closing of 40 percent of California's recycling centers within the last five years with more than 100 closing in Los Angeles County alone.

Organic Waste: Methane emissions from the decomposition of organic waste is a significant contributor to the state's greenhouse gas emissions. SB 1383 (2016) requires the state to reduce landfill disposal of organic waste to 75 percent below 2014 levels by 2025 and to increase edible food waste recovery by 20% over that period. CalRecycle's ambitious SB 1383 regulations are estimated to cost as much as \$40 billion to implement over the next decade and the Department estimates that the state will need to double the number of organic waste facilities in order to have adequate capacity to recycle 75% of our organic waste.

While California has dozens of composting and anaerobic digestion facilities to manage organic waste, we currently lack the infrastructure necessary to achieve SB 1383's ambitious recycling goals. Funding for organic waste infrastructure and incentives for the use of organic material are vital to meet these mandates.

This Bill

AB 2612 recognizes the immediate need for significant investment that supports in-state markets for solid and organic waste recycling and helps the state reach its climate goals by:

- Annually appropriating \$100 million for in-state recycling projects that reduce GHG emissions and help the state achieve its goal that 75% of solid waste is source reduced, recycled, or composted.
- Annually appropriating an additional \$100 million for in-state organic waste recycling projects to meet SB 1383's requirement to reduce landfill disposal of organic waste 75% by 2025. 50% of those revenues will be dedicated to local agencies for new program implementation costs.

Funds can be used for a wide variety projects, including expanding infrastructure, improving the quality of recycled materials, expanding markets, etc. Investments made under AB 2612 will ultimately reduce the need to raise local rates.

Benefits

Consumers: By wisely investing GGRF resources on cost-effective solid and organic waste recycling projects that reduce GHG emissions, we can alleviate some pressure to pass the increasing costs of recycling onto consumers in the form of higher trash rates.

Local Governments: Local governments and their residents currently bear the entire cost of meeting the state's solid and organic waste reduction goals. Devoting GGRF revenues to these purposes will demonstrate a shared commitment to recycling and the environment and alleviate some of the burden from local entities who are already spread thin.

Cost-Effective Use of GGRF Revenues: Investing GGRF revenues in solid and organic waste recycling was identified by the Legislative Analyst's Office as

one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Organics recycling programs only cost an estimated \$4-9 per ton of emissions reduced and recycling manufacturing projects costs as little as \$15/ton. For comparison purposes, the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program costs an estimated \$46/ton and the truck and bus voucher incentive programs are predicted to be \$452/ton.

Solid Waste and Manufacturing Industries:

Devoting GGRF resources to solid and organic waste will better enable the solid waste industry to expand their facilities and invest in new technologies to improve the quality of recycled materials. These investments will increase the marketability of those materials and reduce barriers for manufacturers to use recycled feedstock to produce new goods. By allowing CalRecycle to provide diverse types of financial assistance, resources can be appropriately tailored to meet the needs that may arise.

Environment: A dedicated commitment of state resources will help ensure that California achieves its ambitious recycling goals and avoids the GHG emissions and environmental impacts associated with the use of virgin materials and landfill deposition of solid and organic waste.

Job Creation: By investing in in-state solid and organic waste processing and recycling, AB 2612 will create additional jobs throughout California and avoid repeating our previous experience of exporting our waste and job opportunities to foreign countries.

Support

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Sponsor)
Rural County Representatives of California (Sponsor)
California State Association of Counties (Sponsor)
LA County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Bioenergy Association of California
Californians Against Waste

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Attachment 3

AB 2612 Joint Letter of Support

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April 2, 2020

The Honorable Laura Friedman
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 2612 (Maienschein) – SUPPORT
As Introduced February 20, 2020**

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

The undersigned organizations are writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 2612 (Maienschein), which invests \$200 million annually from the state's Cap-and-Trade program to help meet the state's ambitious solid and organic waste recycling goals.

Assembly Bill 2612's will help achieve the state's solid and organic waste recycling goals through cost-effective investments in infrastructure expansion, market development, technology upgrades to increase the quality of recycled materials, and implementation assistance for local agencies. This will create additional collection, processing, and manufacturing jobs throughout the state; will help the state better manage its waste without depending upon foreign markets with less stringent environmental safeguards; and reduce pressure to increase local trash rates.

China's National Sword policy, which bans the importation of many recyclable commodities and imposes strict contamination limits, is having a significant impact on California's solid waste and recycling systems. Products that Californians long-assumed were easily recyclable are now piling-up with nowhere to go. While recycling programs used to generate revenue or be cost neutral for haulers and local governments, reduced commodities prices (and efforts to recycle materials with a negative scrap value) have resulted in significant cost pressures for local governments across the state – costs that are often passed onto residents through sharp rate increases.

Furthermore, SB 1383 (2016) requires the state to reduce landfill disposal of organic waste 75 percent by 2025 and to increase edible food waste recovery by 20 percent. Those efforts are estimated to cost as much as \$40 billion over the next decade and pose many challenges for local governments. California currently lacks the infrastructure necessary to fully achieve SB 1383's ambitious recycling goals and will need to double the number of organic waste facilities to recycle 75 percent of our organic waste.

AB 2612 helps alleviate these market challenges by directing cap and trade auction revenues to in-state solid and organic waste recycling projects. These funds can be used to help build new or expand existing solid and organic waste recycling facilities, develop innovative technologies to improve the quality of recycled material, recover food for human consumption and waste prevention, and assist local implementation efforts.

The Legislative Analyst's Office noted that solid and organic waste recycling loans and grants are among the most cost-effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with organics recycling programs costing roughly \$4-9/ton of emissions reduced and recycling manufacturing projects costing roughly \$15/ton.

For these reasons, we support AB 2612.



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LAURA J. FERRANTE
Government Affairs Advocate
Resource Recovery Coalition of California

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JULIA A. LEVIN
Executive Director
Bioenergy Association of California

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Attachment 4

Fellowship Program Application

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Public Service Fellowship Program Round 5 (2020-2021) *Host Agency Application*

Please submit completed forms to Rachel Singer at rsinger@wrcog.us by July 31, 2020.

I. Program Overview

In February 2016, WRCOG launched the Public Service Fellowship Program to retain local talent fulfilling the subregion's need for a robust public sector workforce and to combat the frequency of local students leaving the region after graduation to secure full-time employment elsewhere. The Program is geared toward engaging local students and young professionals in career opportunities within local agencies.

WRCOG is responsible for general Program operation and oversight, administering employment of Fellows, soliciting interest from local government agencies, and assigning Fellow placements. WRCOG also provides ongoing hard- and soft-skills training to Fellows in monthly Professional Development Sessions to support their hands-on work experience.

II. Host Agency Responsibilities

Host agencies are responsible for providing an enriching learning experience for Fellows. The Fellowship Program is highly selective and asks for a superior level of talent, professionalism, and initiative from Fellows—setting them apart from average interns. As such, host agencies are asked to provide meaningful growth opportunities and mentorship supporting the necessary skill development to make them equipped to meet the public sector staffing needs of the subregion upon graduation.

III. Host Agency Placement Priority

Fellow placement will operate on an every-other-year basis. Placements will be prioritized based on whether an agency received a Fellow in the previous round. Those that did not receive a Fellow in the previous round will be given priority over those that did receive a Fellow.

IV. Round 5 Updates

Beginning in Round 5, the Program will implement a 50/50 split cost of a Fellow between the host agency and WRCOG to extend remaining program funds. The Program will continue to sustain every-other-year placement and the 50/50 split cost is subject to the every-other-year placement. However, member agencies can opt to host a Fellow back-to-back years if they fund 100% of the cost of a Fellow.

V. Payment

The total cost of one Fellow is \$20,000. Under the 50/50 split, a host agency is responsible for \$10,000. Once a Fellow placement is confirmed in a member agency, WRCOG will send an invoice and the funds will be due from the member agency at the start of the fiscal year in July 2020. If a host agency is interested in fully funding a Fellow, \$20,000 will be paid to WRCOG at the start of the Program.

In the even that a Fellow drops out or leaves the program early, WRCOG will calculate the prorated amount and reimburse the host agency the remaining hours a Fellow did not complete.

VI. Priority Placement

There are three tiers of priority for Fellow placement in a host agency. They are as follows:

- **Tier 1 (top priority):** Member agencies who are to receive a Fellow per the every-other-year placement.
- **Tier 2:** Member agencies who are funding 100% of the cost of a Fellow back-to-back years.
- **Tier 3:** Additional Fellows requested by a member agency and who will be 100% funded through a member agency.

VII. Jurisdiction/Agency Information

Agency Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Who will be responsible for supervising and mentoring the Fellow(s)?

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

VIII. Fellow Information

A. Please identify the type of Fellow that you would like to apply for:

Fellow under 50/50 split (funded by WRCOG & host agency and subject to alternating host agency placement): ____

Fellow 100% funded through host agency (not subject to alternating host agency placement): ____

B. Select the preferred area of study/education background(s) you would like the Fellow(s) to have. Please check all that apply:

Public Policy: ____

Political Science: ____

Business Administration: ____

Marketing: ____

Public Health: ____

Economics: ____

Engineering: ____

Finance: ____

Environmental Science: ____

Other: _____

C. Preferred level of educational attainment of Fellow(s). Please check one:

Bachelor's degree in process: ____

Bachelors' degree: ____

Master's degree in process: ____

Master's degree: ____

D. Please complete the table below outlining **all** assignments and activities your agency would like prospective Fellow(s) to work on in 2020/2021:

**If you are requesting more than one Fellow, please complete an additional table noting prospective projects each desired Fellow would work on.*

**All Fellows should have at least one “spotlight” project, which will be their primary responsibility and one that they can take particular ownership of. The hope is that Fellows can point back to their spotlight project as an example of the work completed in the Program.*

Prospective Fellow Projects					
Name of Project	Description	Agency Department	Fellow's Role	Anticipated Duration	Spotlight Project?
<i>*ex: Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP)</i>	<i>WRCOG is compiling a regional CAP to equip the region to meet State mandated goals.</i>	<i>Planning</i>	<i>Data collection, entry, and communications</i>	<i>9 months</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>*ex: Communications Support</i>	<i>Fellow will support drafting and posting social media contact</i>	<i>Government Relations</i>	<i>Taking photographs and posting for agency wide social media efforts</i>	<i>9 months</i>	<i>No</i>

E. Do you wish to participate in the Fellow interview process, or do you want the Fellowship Program Administrators (WRCOG) to make a placement selection on your behalf? Please check one:

Participate in interview process: ____

Receive Fellow placement: ____

IX. Other Comments

Please leave any other comments or feedback on the Public Service Fellowship you would like WRCOG staff to be aware of prior to placing the Round III Fellows.

X. Interest Form Submission and Program Contact Information

Please submit interest forms to Rachel Singer at rsinger@wrcog.us by Friday, July 31, 2020.

For questions please contact:

Rachel Singer rsinger@wrcog.us (951) 405-6754 Staff Analyst	Chris Gray cgray@wrcog.us (951) 405-6710 Director of Transportation and Planning
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(2020-2021) Round V Program Timeline:

January 6, 2020: Fellow Application Released

February 5, 2020: Host Agency Application Released

April 2, 2020: WRCOG Postpones 2020-2021 Fellowship Cohort

July 31, 2020: ALL Fellowship Applications Due (Host Agencies and Fellows)

August 2020: Fellowship Interviews, Selection & Placement in Host Agencies

September 2020: Fellowship Program Begins

May 2021: Fellowship Program Concludes

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Western Riverside Council of Governments

Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: CalRecycle Electronic Annual Reporting Activities Update

Contact: Kyle Rodriguez, Staff Analyst, krodriguez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721

Date: May 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on CalRecycle's Electronic Annual Reporting.

Requested Action:

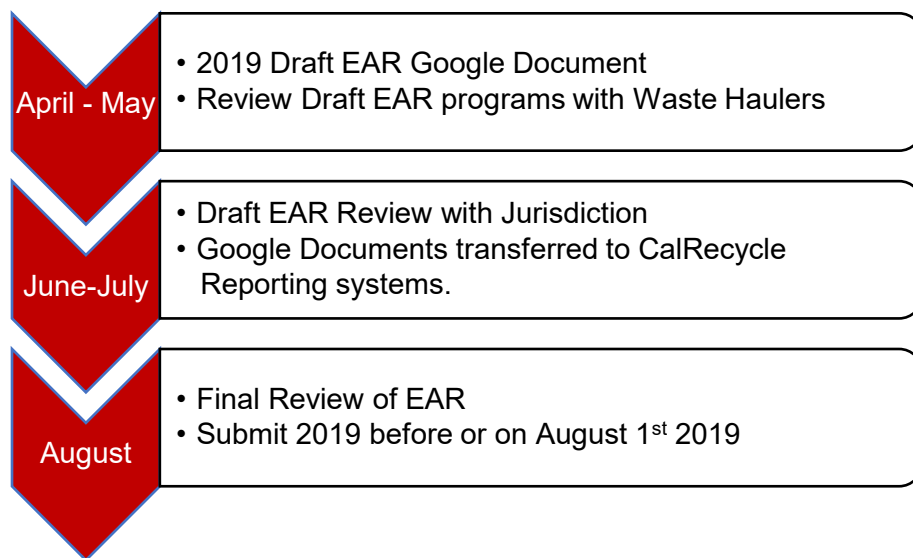
1. Receive and file.

The Electronic Annual Report (EAR) describes the progress a jurisdiction has made in achieving the requirements of the Integrated Waste Management Act (Assembly Bill (AB) 939, Chapter 1095, Statutes of 1989) and the Per Capita Disposal Measurement Act of 2008 (Chapter 343, Statutes of 2008 [Wiggins, SB 1016]).

AB 939 Electronic Annual Report (EAR) Update

On an annual basis, the staff prepares an EAR on behalf of interested member jurisdictions. The staff has begun requesting diversion tonnage reports, program information on Mandatory Commercial Recycling / Mandatory Organics Recycling, total covered businesses recycling, and not recycling and entering the information in the 2019 Google Documents. The EAR also includes status on any planned and/or implemented solid waste diversion programs and facilities. These reports are to be submitted on August 1, 2020, to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

WRCOG's Timeline of Annual Reports



Prior Action:

February 19, 2020: The Solid Waste Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments

Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Contact: Kyle Rodriguez, Staff Analyst, krodriguez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721

Date: May 20, 2020

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on applications for Oil Payment Program 11, program events & community outreach activities, and EcoHero Virtual Shows.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

WRCOG's Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Program is designed to promote the proper recycling and disposal of used oil, oil filters, and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

OPP Cycle 11 - Letter of Authorization

Applications for CalRecycle's Oil Payment Program (OPP) Cycle 11 are due no later than June 30, 2020. WRCOG will be providing a sample Letter of Authorization to all member jurisdictions that are interested in participating in the regional Used Oil Program.

A Regional Lead Participant (Lead) must be designated to act on behalf of all participating jurisdictions. A Letter of Authorization is used for regional applications. WRCOG has served as the Lead applicant for the subregion since 2009. The Lead is the applicant who will be responsible for the performance of the OPP and all required documentation. CalRecycle will direct all official correspondence and payments to the Lead. If a jurisdiction is a participant in a regional application, it may not apply individually.

Used Oil and Filter Exchange Events Canceled

Due to COVID-19, WRCOG has postponed all oil and outreach events in the subregion through June 30, 2020. WRCOG is changing social media target goals and advertisement is moving away from event promotion and is now promoting public announcements and providing online resources to help recycle used motor oil and other household hazardous waste. On April 17, 2020, WRCOG began a brand awareness campaign done through Ad Manager. Using short videos and a targeted audience WRCOG has reached and made impressions online to more than 100,000 users.

To collect further data WRCOG's Environment & Recycling [webpage](#) displays the waste and recycling communication platform, known as ReCollect. ReCollect is an educational toolbar that can be used to help residents, businesses, and waste haulers properly dispose of solid waste. WRCOG's goals for using ReCollect are to 1) provide valuable analytical data on what solid waste materials need more attention in the region, and 2) raise the waste diversion number from landfills in the region. ReCollect will be a free service to the city as part of the partnership of the Solid Waste Committee.

EcoHero Virtual Stream

Given the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 health crisis, WRCOG paused all school outreach efforts until schools are back in session. In the meantime, WRCOG is offering the EcoHero show to school partners via webinar. EcoHero is a helpful resource that introduces an eco-topic through songs, dances, and music videos while explaining to students how they can make an impact at home and school.

Notably, a pilot live-stream EcoHero show was hosted at schools in Kern County and was incredibly well-received by both teachers and students! WRCOG is excited to offer this resource and hopes it will increase access to environmental education to our community during this challenging season. Schools are currently being contacted for scheduling; however, there is no set date as to when the live-stream shows will begin.

On May 13, 2020, Glen Avon Elementary located in the City of Jurupa Valley, was the first Livestream EcoHero show for the WRCOG subregion. The virtual show was a success showing to be interactive for its students, teachers, parents at home, and the principle. WRCOG staff will continue using the virtual shows and provided notices for the upcoming schedule.

Prior Action:

February 19, 2020: The Solid Waste Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

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None.