Never a Waste of Time: Talking Organic Waste Regulations

CEAC Spring Conference/Cal Cities Public Works Officers Institute
Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance

- Require organic waste collection service for residents and businesses/property owners
- Establish self-hauler requirements
- Require large edible food generating businesses to recover/donate excess edible food
- Establish reporting requirements for edible food recovery organizations
- Establish enforcement procedures such as correction notices and penalties
Waste Collection

**Residential**
- All residential franchise and Garbage Disposal District (GDD) contracts amended to include organic waste collection
- Began implementation in GDDs
- Developing 4 new GDDs in open market areas

**Commercial**
- Transition to exclusive system franchise system
- 8 exclusive zones
- Effective by September 1, 2022
Senate Bill 619

- Authorized jurisdictions to submit a Notification of Intent to Comply (NOIC) and an adopted resolution to CalRecycle by March 1, 2022
- Because the GDDs will not be established until 2023, the County is submitting an NOIC for the Antelope Valley
- The Board adopted a resolution on February 8, 2022
- NOICs were required to include:
  - Justification for non-compliance
  - Impacts of COVID-19 (if any)
  - Actions and timeline for compliance
Organic Waste Policy for County Operations

- Requires County Operations to:
  - Subscribe to organic waste collection services, manage organic waste on-site, or self-haul organic waste
  - Donate edible food
  - Procure recovered organic waste products
  - Purchase paper with 30% minimum recycled content
  - Report on organic waste collection, edible food donation, and procurement
  - Update food service, landscaping, and procurement contracts to include these requirements
Capacity Planning

Organic Waste and Edible Food Processing Infrastructure

- Estimate existing organic waste and edible food disposal
- Identify existing capacity for organic waste processing and at food recovery organizations
- Estimate new/expanded capacity needed
Regional Collaboration

- Completed:
  - General SB 1383 workshops
  - Edible food recovery and capacity planning workshops
  - Outreach materials
  - Procedures for reporting capacity data

- Upcoming:
  - Additional workshops
  - Strategies for community outreach for new facilities
Types of Infrastructure Needed

**Processing**
- Advanced MRFs
- High Diversion MRFs

**Organic Waste**
- Composting
- Anaerobic Digestion
- Co-Digestion
- Chipping and Grinding

**Residuals, Biomass, and Other Organic Waste**
- Thermal Conversion Technologies
Education and Outreach

- **Cities** – capacity planning workshops
- **Residents** – postcards, letters, website, annual community meetings, door-to-door drop offs of kitchen pails
- **Businesses** – flyers, website, community workshops, site visits
- **County Operations** – sample outreach, website, recycling coordinators
What to Expect?

It’s going to take time, money, and effort!
Thank you

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