

Organics Management to Reduce Methane and Climate Change Workgroups

Meeting #2 Notes (July 22, 2-4pm)

- I. Welcome and Overview of agenda
 - a. Re-introduced workgroup structure, purpose and role
 - b. Agenda Committee
 - i. Asked for volunteers for agenda committee (one per sector) and will aim to have first meeting before next workgroup meeting
 - c. Shared new website to house meeting documents and presentations at organicsworkgroup.org
- II. Presentations to share more background on CA SB 1383 (see recordings on website)
 - a. Neil Edgar, Edgar and Associates
 - b. Ashlee Yee, CalRecycle
 - c. Colleen Foster, City of Oceanside
- III. Speaker Q&A
 - a. Discussion included CalRecycle [grants and loans](#) (how much has been provided, community benefits, food rescue and greenhouse gas reduction are some of the criteria) and analysis of progress toward the SB 1383 [waste reduction goals](#), cart tagging, cautionary tales to achieve waste reduction goals with SB 1383 (main message is there needs to be enough lead time to build infrastructure), how CalRecycle works with local jurisdiction partners, what happens to digestate from anaerobic digestion (concerns with soil chemistry impacts, food rescue increases (pre- and post-covid), low population area waivers, how support is provided in rural counties, how food rescue programs before, during and after COVID-19 have worked, incorporation of small food waste producing businesses and the right sizing bins, temporary procurement or long-term requirements, incorporating soil carbon sequestration, providing living wages for businesses, diversion rates, political pushback for SB 1383, and that contracts with local governments give certainty for investment in infrastructure (chicken and egg situation).
- IV. Topics Discussion
 - a. Review list of topics that will be used to guide agendas and discussion at future meetings:
 - i. Food waste reduction/diversion/rescue
 - ii. Infrastructure
 - iii. Energy generation/Credits/Carbon sequestration/Regenerative agriculture/Incentives
 - iv. Equity
 - v. Financials/end-markets/purchasing
 - vi. Zoning/siting
 - vii. Education/Generator behavior change/Source reduction
 - viii. Contamination
 - ix. Local governments/UTC (funding, collection, rates, etc.)
 - x. Collection approaches
 - xi. Sectors: Business/Commercial/ Industrial sources/Multi-family
 - xii. Sources: Yard/Food/Wood/ Dairies/Ag
 - xiii. Permitting/Air/Odors/Monitoring
 - xiv. Geographic issues/Apple maggot/Localized
 - xv. Targets/Performance standards

- b. Discussion included addition of single-family to sectors, where to include issues including nitrogen remediation and nutrient recovery, soil health, transportation of compost to agricultural areas via rail, hunger relief system readiness and alignment as an end market, product labeling, new technologies, and farmers' trust and moving targets and performance forward in the agenda. There was also a question about biosolids (which are part of the CA bill) and the degree or timing of incorporation and inclusion as part of the co-digestion conversation.
- V. Wrap-up/Next Steps
 - a. Next meeting 8/4, 2-4 pm