

Organics Management to Reduce Methane and Combat Climate Change Workgroup (2023)

Meeting #7

October 4, 2023



Meeting #7 Agenda: Sources & Targets; Geographic Issues

Welcome and Overview of Agenda

Overview of Workgroup Logistics, Purpose

Amy Clow, Municipal Waste Specialist, WA State Dept. of Agriculture

- Q&A

Chris Thomas, VP, Head of Public Affairs, Divert

- Q&A

Sean Kawakami, Business Development Manager, Convertus

- Q&A

Heather Trim, Executive Director, Zero Waste Washington

- Q&A

Policy Feedback: Sources and Targets; Geographic Issues

- Workgroup Input: Strengths & Concerns/Issues

Next steps and adjourn

- Next meeting: **Tuesday, Oct. 17, 12-2pm**

Housekeeping

- Please mute your lines if not speaking
- If you are having technical difficulties, chat Sam Kwok
- Presentation portion of today's meeting is being recorded
- All our presenters will present and then we will have time for Q&A
- Please raise your hand by clicking on the “participants” button and clicking on the hand by your name if you have a question
 - I will call on people
- You can also put questions in the chat at anytime and we will answer them during the Q&A portion

Workgroup Purpose

Purpose: Divert organic material and improve the organic material management system in Washington in order to reduce methane and combat climate change.

Role: Gather stakeholder input to inform policy tailored for Washington about mandating composting and other organic waste diversion from landfill, waste and food donation, contamination, facility siting, and waste reduction, among other topics. This policy builds on HB1799, which set policies in motion, so that Washington can more fully develop its own version of California's SB 1383 and provide certainty for our residents, government agencies, and businesses to prepare for future actions.

Workgroup Structure

- Made up of a diverse set of stakeholder organizations
- Two meetings per month through end of year
 - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
 - Exceptions include Tuesday, July 18 and Tuesday, October 17
- Meeting content will include:
 - Presentations of background info (recorded)
 - Discussion of topics included in possible legislation (not recorded):
 - If there is agreement on a topic, that will be noted
 - If there is not agreement, issues/concerns will be identified
- Copies of information from each meeting will be posted at:
organicsworkgroup.org

Workgroup Facilitation

Agenda Committee: We have formed an agenda committee that will meet before each meeting to help chose topic areas and speakers for each meeting's agenda.

- Committee members include:
 - Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington
 - Alli Kingfisher, Ecology
 - Brad Lovaas, WRRRA
 - Hannah Scholes, King County
 - Jay Blazey, Cedar Grove Composting
 - Kate Kurtz, City of Seattle
 - Travis Dutton, WSAC
 - Aaron Czyzewski, Food Lifeline

Facilitation: Julie Colehour and Sam Kwok of C+C have been hired by a group of stakeholders to facilitate this process. Funders include: King County, Zero Waste Washington, Food Lifeline, Lautenbach Recycling, Cedar Grove and Compost Manufacturing Alliance.

- Facilitation goal: Gather and accurately document all stakeholder feedback by topic area.

Meeting Topic Areas

- PAST:
 - Overview of HB1799 (Mtg #1, July 5)
 - Implementation of SB1383 in California (Mtg #2, July 18)
 - Local Perspective on Organics Program Implementation (Mtg #3, August 2)
 - HB1799 Implementation (State Perspective) (Mtg. #4, August 16)
 - Food Waste Prevention/Food Rescue (Mtg. #5, September 6)
 - Energy Generation/Credits/Carbon Sequestration in Soil (Mtg. #6, September 20)
- TODAY (MTG #7):
 - Sources and targets (different materials); Geographic issues, including rates, collection approaches, apple maggot, etc.
- FUTURE: Policy Feedback
 - Facility siting, Zoning, Permitting & Infrastructure, including other technologies (e.g. AD, etc.), Enforcement
 - Contamination
 - Education
 - End Markets/Purchasing/Procurement
 - Funding/Financing/Rates
 - Policy Language Feedback

Presentations



Policy Feedback



Organic Waste Collection Services (CA 1383 regulations)

By January 1, 20xx, a jurisdiction shall adopt enforceable ordinance(s), or similarly enforceable mechanisms that are consistent, to mandate that organic waste generators, haulers, and other entities subject to the requirements of this chapter that are subject to the jurisdiction's authority comply with the requirements of this chapter.

“Jurisdiction” means a city, county, a city and county, or a special district that provides solid waste collection services.

“Organic waste” includes food, green material, landscape and pruning waste, organic textiles and carpets, lumber, wood, paper products, printing and writing paper, manure, biosolids, digestate, and sludges.

Single family

- Residents are required to subscribe to and participate in their jurisdiction's organics curbside collection service.
- Residents are required to properly sort their organic waste into the correct containers.
- Some jurisdictions will allow residents to self-haul their organic waste. If this is the case, the jurisdiction will provide information about the requirements for self-hauling.

Organic Waste Collection Services (CA 1383 regulations)

Multifamily Residents and Multifamily Complexes

Multifamily complexes of **five units or more** are required to either:

- To subscribe to and participate in their jurisdiction's organics curbside collection service OR
- To self-haul organic waste to a specified composting facility, community composting program, or other collection activity or program.

The following activities would be conducted by the multifamily complex property owner or the manager:

- Multifamily complexes are required to provide organic waste collection services for Employees and Tenants
- They must supply and allow access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with the correct labels or container colors.
- They must also:
 - Annually educate employees and tenants on how to properly sort organic waste into the correct bins,
AND
 - Provide information to new tenants within 14 days of occupation of the premises.

Multifamily Complex Residents

Residents of multifamily complexes must properly sort their organic waste into the correct containers.

Good FAQ about California's collection regulations:

<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/faq/collections/>

Input: Organics Waste Collection Services (CA 1383 regulations): Single Family: Jurisdictions are required to offer organics collection/drop off. Residents are required to properly sort and participate.

Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions

Input: Organics Waste Collection Services (CA 1383 regulations): Multifamily:
Multifamily Complexes (5+ units) must participate in curbside organics collection
or self haul organic waste (including infrastructure and training of residents and
employees). MF residents are required to properly sort and participate.

Strengths/Concerns/Issues/Questions