

# MEMO



**Staff Reports**  
**Item #: 9.b**

Meeting Date: January 19, 2024

To: Board of Directors  
From: Director of Communications, Zoë Shoats  
Approved by: General Manager, Felipe Melchor

**Subject: TAC / SB 1383 Update from November 8, 2023, Meeting**

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## Recommendation

Information only.

## Background

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a staff working group comprised of at least one representative from each member jurisdiction ReGen Monterey serves; the three franchise haulers who serve them; and ReGen Monterey staff. The TAC was initially formed to better coordinate ReGen Monterey member jurisdictions in choosing a common franchise hauler to provide curbside collection service for the benefit of the community. Since then, the group meets at a frequency set by demand to share resources and work collaboratively towards common goals and meet regulations. The Committee does not make decisions, rather, staff members recommend actions for the ReGen Monterey Board and/or their elected bodies to take action.

## Discussion

The TAC met on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, virtually via Zoom. Items discussed include:

1. **City of Marina Auto-Roll Out of Organics Carts** – January 1, 2024 ends the two-year educational period for SB 1383 and starts the enforcement period. To be compliant with the law, one of the major elements is to ensure every commercial business and multi-family residence has organics collection service. Each jurisdiction is approaching enforcement differently.

The City of Marina and their hauler, Greenwaste, shared their experience with implementing an automatic roll-out of organics carts to those commercial and multi-family accounts for 100% compliance. Public outreach was completed in advance of cart drop-off, so the account holders were made aware of the changes. The automatic roll-out ensures that the City is in compliance with that aspect of the law. The City only experienced one account holder that shared resistance with the mandate as it related to rising cost for collection service and static rents under section 8 housing.

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- 2. Notice of Fulfillment of 2023 Compost Procurement Targets** – SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to procure organic products (typically compost or mulch) to ensure circularity in materials. CalRecycle sets targets amounts for each jurisdiction based upon population. AB 1985 (Rivas) gave jurisdictions more time to comply with procurement targets, using a ramping-up effect. In 2022 and 2023, jurisdictions were required to procure 30% of their target.

ReGen Monterey has been working with contracted composter, Keith Day Company, utilizing their extensive market relationships to have third parties purchase the compost through CalRecycle-allowed “direct service provider agreements” at a reduced rate of \$5/ton rather than \$28/ton market rate. It also alleviates the need and cost for jurisdictions to transport and spread the compost. In addition, the cost of compost at this reduced rate is being covered by CalRecycle Local Area Assistance Grant funding, meaning that jurisdictions have yet had to incur costs related to this mandate.

- 3. Election of 2024 Chair & Vice-Chairs** – With SB 1383 at our doorstep, in early 2020, staff at ReGen Monterey recommended a leadership structure within the TAC. At that time Mike Niccum from Pebble Beach Community Services District was elected chair and Ted Terrasas from the City of Monterey vice-chair. Both were highly experienced with many years navigating complex issues that affected solid waste services in our community. Under their guidance, together they helped guide the member agencies through implementation of SB 1383, among other things. With the new calendar year approaching and Mike’s retirement drawing near, the TAC has decided to elect new leadership in 2024. Ted Terrasas will now serve as the chair and Kirstin van Gend with the City of Seaside and George Fuerst with the City of Pacific Grove will both serve as co-vice chairs.

#### **Financial Impact**

None

#### **Conclusion**

The TAC will continue to meet monthly and staff members will make recommendations to the boards they serve for action as needed.