

MEMO



Meeting Date: February 21, 2025

To: Board of Directors
From: Communications Manager, Kristin O'Hara
Approved by: General Manager, Felipe Melchor

Subject: TAC / SB 1383 Update from January 8, 2025, Meeting

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, January 8, 2025, virtually. Items discussed include:

- 1. Franchise Agreement Process for 2030** – The peninsula cities franchise agreements for hauling and collection services are set to expire in 2030. This includes the seven peninsula cities serviced by GreenWaste Recovery and the City of Monterey currently serviced by Monterey Disposal. The topic of going out to Request for Proposals (RFP) was introduced by HF&H Consultants to TAC members, haulers, and supporting contractors. We discussed the timeline leading up to 2030 and how there is a need to create a TAC subcommittee with participants from each member agency, to lead the franchise agreement strategy. ReGen Monterey Communications staff is gathering RFP contractor scopes of work and processes and procedures from the previous franchise agreement RFP to guide our efforts in this endeavor. We will continue to share about our progress and direction regarding the possibility of issuing an RFP for hauling services.
- 2. CalRecycle JACE Visit to the City of Monterey, unincorporated Monterey County, Monterey Disposal & ReGen Monterey in December** – CalRecycle's Jurisdiction and Agency Compliance and Enforcement (JACE) visited ReGen Monterey unexpectedly in December 2024 to review and document franchise hauler load contents for all three waste streams, including organics, recycling and garbage. ReGen staff hosted JACE and tracked down information about when franchise haulers would be arriving to the scales and their destination on site. The surprise visit was well received and we were well prepared to offer support in their request for information.

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Communication with the franchise haulers was also supported without any issue, which made the visit from CalRecycle seamless. Many thanks to the staff at Monterey Disposal and Waste Management for their role in communicating truck route arrivals at ReGen Monterey.

- 3. FY 24/25 Edible Food Recovery Grants Awarded** – Salinas Valley Recycles (SVR) and ReGen Monterey completed the grant application review for the FY 24/25 Edible Food Grant Awardees, and presented organizations with funding at both SVR and ReGen board meetings in January 2025. Across the six organizations that received funding, the edible food grant will be used to purchase a commercial grade refrigeration, an oven, a food-safe storage unit and supplies, a cargo van/truck, gas for transportation, and funding for a part-time food delivery staffer.

The six organizations that received funding include:

- Cypress Church in Salinas - \$3,000
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas - \$15,500
- Shoreline Church in Monterey - \$25,000
- Dorothy's Place in Salinas - \$17,338.90
- Salvation Army in Seaside - \$22,674
- Salvation Army in South Monterey County - \$15,360
- TOTAL: \$98,872.90 in grant funding awarded.

The program is funded by SB 1383 shared costs MOU between ReGen Monterey and its member agencies. ReGen Monterey budgeted \$40,000 for our agency's portion of grant funding and Salinas Valley Recycles budgeted \$50,000, totaling \$90,000 available in grant funding. In addition, CalRecycle contributed \$8,950.26 in grants from its Local Assistance Grant Program to help implement SB 1383 requirements, bringing the total available grant funding to \$98,872.90.

- 4. Presentation of GreenWaste's 2025 Public Education & Outreach Plan (PEOP)** – GreenWaste staff presented the 2025 Public Education & Outreach Plan for the cities they serve. The education and outreach plan is set for the year after receiving no feedback from member agencies.

Fiscal 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.

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