

MEMO



Meeting Date: March 21, 2025

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

Subject: Report on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) February 12, 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, February 12, 2025, virtually. Items discussed include:

- 1. Notice of SB 1383 Monitoring (Lid Flipping) by Blue Strike Environmental** – Monitoring of select residential and commercial curbside carts and dumpsters is required by the SB 1383 mandate. On behalf of the member agencies and as part of the SB 1383 Shared Costs MOU, ReGen Monterey contracts with Blue Strike Environmental to conduct lid flip monitoring and captures their findings in Recyclist. Recyclist is a shared database to help jurisdictions track compliance, monitoring, site visits, enforcement, and edible food recovery outreach.

The purpose of lid flipping is to look for contamination in the trash, recycle, and organic streams and identify opportunities for improvement. If contamination, such as trash in the blue or green containers, is found, educational leave behind information is provided to the resident or business. Likewise, if organics or recyclables are found in the trash, that too is considered contamination. This will be Blue Strike Environmental's third consecutive year providing monitoring (lid flipping) working in coordination with the franchise haulers GreenWaste Recovery and Monterey Disposal. The tentative dates for lid flipping to occur this year were expected to be March 10-21, but after the TAC meeting the tentative dates have changed due to expected wet weather and are now anticipated to be March 17-28.

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Let's not waste this.

The County of Monterey, serviced by Waste Management, does not participate in lid flipping, as they utilize WM's Smart Truck technology to monitor and educate their customers.

2. **FY 26 Draft Budget for SB 1383 MOU between ReGen and its member agencies for SB 1383** ReGen Monterey shared a high-level overview of the FY 26 draft budget for SB 1383 Shared Costs MOU between ReGen Monterey and its member agencies. The MOU will come before ReGen's Board for approval and thereafter will be brought before each of your council meetings for approval. With our regional approach to SB 1383 compliance, the benefits extend beyond financial savings. The compliance activities ReGen coordinates on behalf of your agency help create uniform programs across the County, in alignment with Salinas Valley Recycles, and lightens the burden of SB 1383 compliance from your staff. Member agency staff significantly contribute through their leadership in subgroup facilitation and active participation in TAC discussion. The collaboration across the TAC has been the key to successful program implementation.
3. **GreenWaste Q3 2024 Reports** – HF&H provided an overview of the member agencies' quarterly reports. Individual quarterly reports were emailed to member agency staff for review. This quarter was the first time GreenWaste was tasked with using a new reporting template that HF&H built. We appreciate the extra effort made by GreenWaste staff to use this new reporting template, ensuring necessary data is included in a uniform manner. There are small kinks remaining to be worked out in the new reporting template, but overall its implementation will be beneficial.
4. **Creation of 2030 Franchise Collection Subcommittee** – The peninsula cities franchise agreements for hauling and collection services are set to expire in 2030. This includes the seven peninsula cities currently serviced by GreenWaste Recovery and the City of Monterey currently serviced by Monterey Disposal. We discussed the creation of a 2030 Franchise Collection Subcommittee of the TAC. Each peninsula member agency was tasked with identifying their lead participant and any alternates, submitting their participant to the subcommittee chair, Nick Becker at Pebble Beach Community Services District.
5. **California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) Conference in Monterey August 3-6, 2025** ReGen Monterey will be participating in and hosting parts of the CRRRA Conference in Monterey in early August. We encourage member agency staff to join us at this conference. The CRRRA early bird registration is open through June 6. ReGen Monterey will be providing facility tours and has submitted session abstracts, including one on the successes of our regional collaboration as a TAC!

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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