



Meeting Date: June 11, 2025

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

Subject: Report on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) June 11, 2025

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, June 11, 2025, virtually. Items discussed include:

SB 1383 Contamination Monitoring / Lid Flipping Results 1.

In March 2025 per SB 1383 regulations, staff at Blue Strike Environmental conducted contamination monitoring, also known as lid flipping, on behalf of ReGen's member agencies (not including the County of Monterey who uses data from WM's Smart Truck technology). The contamination results were presented to staff at the June TAC meeting with data on the number of flips, as well as the percentage of contamination for the surveyed containers. Contamination was recorded by generator type, waste stream, and contamination levels low, medium, and high. The average contamination across all jurisdictions was 17.77 percent. For more information and detail regarding specific jurisdictions, staff is happy to share the lidflipping presentation.

2. CalRecycle Jurisdiction Reviews (JACE) / Implementation Record

The TAC received an informal review of how to complete the implementation record, an SB 1383 reporting requirement, that CalRecycle is looking to receive from each agency. Upon receiving a compliance letter from Jurisdiction and Agency Compliance and Enforcement (JACE), jurisdictions will have approximately ten (10) days to submit their implementation record, which is the evidence of compliance with SB 1383.

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Staff at Pebble Beach Community Services District provided a nice walkthrough of their experience gathering the data alongside ReGen staff and shared how to input the information into Recyclist. ReGen staff is offering training to all interested member agency staff to assist in completing the implementation record prior to receiving the compliance letter from JACE.

3. Status of MOU for Proposal to Support Collection Franchise Planning

A draft MOU to support collection franchise planning was sent to all member agencies. Staff was asked to vet the document through each legal counsel for suggested changes to the language. The MOU will be brought to ReGen Monterey's board for approval first, and subsequently to each of your member agencies for approval by your elected body.

4. Reducing Frequency of TAC Meetings

The TAC has been extremely successful in communicating and meeting the needs of SB 1383 compliance, hauling, and hosting regular forums to implement uniform programming on the Monterey Peninsula. SB 1383 compliance programs are in place and activities have become standardized, utilizing less of the TAC's overall time. The TAC is shifting more time and energy to the proposal to support collection franchise planning, which will be discussed in a new TAC subgroup focused on the matter.

ReGen staff suggested the TAC meets less frequently than once per month. The idea of meeting quarterly was proposed, however there were some that expressed the importance of meeting regularly and more often than every three months. The TAC will likely move to meet every other month, while subgroups will meet either monthly, quarterly, or on an as-needed basis.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

CONCLUSION

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