

Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026 1:00- 2:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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1. Introductions

- Ashley Swauncy
- Aurelia Velasquez, City of San Marcos
- Carmen Romo-Diego, City of San Diego
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Jessica Toth, Solana Center
- Julia Gallaway, County of San Diego DPW
- Kamila Haselman, City of San Diego
- Kenneth Prue III, City of San Diego
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego DPW
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego OSEJ
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Rosemarie Chora, City of Oceanside
- Sean Harris, City of Coronado
- Tingyao Li, City of Escondido
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach

2. SB 1383 (General, Education and Outreach, Procurement, etc.)

- a. No updates.

3. Compost & Mulch Application

- a. Guidance, Trainings & BMPs
 - i. Tip sheets and specifications
 - ii. [Compost and Mulch Use Toolbox](#)
- b. UCANR jurisdictional survey
 - i. The survey will be used to determine progress towards the SB 1383 compost and mulch procurement compliance goals in San Diego County. Results will then be used to develop more resources and strategies to reach the goals.
 - ii. Please coordinate a combined response if multiple individuals in a jurisdiction received the survey.
 - iii. Requested completion date: April 24, however please let Dr. Natalie Levy know if you need more time: nlevy@ucanr.edu
- c. Compost & Mulch Giveaway Events
 - i. [County of San Diego](#)
 1. April 11 – Potrero County Park – Mulch only
 2. April 22 – Collier County Park – Mulch only
 3. April 22 – May 9 – Santa Ysabel Nature Center – Compost and Mulch
 4. April 22 – May 9 – Borrego Springs County Park – Compost and Mulch
 5. May 3 – 9 – Live Oak County Park – Compost only
 6. May 9 – Warner Springs Resource Center – Compost and Mulch
 - ii. [City of San Diego](#)

- d. [Compost Awareness Week](#) (May 3-9)
 - e. Resource Hub for Compost Availability by Jurisdiction
4. Member suggested topics:
- a. Compostable Plastics
 - i. AB2226 - Repeal of Pre-checkout Bag Ban (produce bags) – bill would repeal ban on retail stores from providing a pre-checkout bag to customers unless it is compostable, has a minimum 15-inch mouth width, or is a recycled paper bag
 - 1. Regarding the [pre-checkout bags](#) (like those for produce). Effective January 1, 2025, [SB 1046](#) prohibits single-use pre-checkout bags/produce bags unless they are either a compostable or a recycled paper bag.
 - ii. Working group discussed the potential to create regional language on compostable plastics.
 - b. Agritourism & Demonstration
 - c. Healthy Soils
5. Legislative Updates
- a. AB 643 Organic Waste Reduction – Amends SB 1383, allowing local jurisdictions to count certain organic materials used as beneficial agricultural amendments toward their SB 1383 procurement goals.
 - b. AB 2100 Manure Management - Requires CDFA to form an interagency task force focusing on alternative manure management practices. The task force will include CARB, State Water Board, CalRecycle, Natural Resources Agency, technical experts, dairy/livestock stakeholders. Goal is to align manure practices with greenhouse gas reduction targets and broader environmental benefits.
 - c. AB 1812 Compostable Product Labeling - Updates labeling standards for “compostable” and “home compostable” products. Would require CalRecycle regulations to verify compliance.
 - d. SB 1031 Compostable Packaging - Clarifies language around when products can be labeled “compostable” or “home compostable,” aligning them with ASTM standards or OK compost HOME certification. No major policy changes.
6. Roundtable, News & Events
- a. County of San Diego shared on a recent visit to Mushroom Meadows in Escondido. Discussed benefits of adding “mushroom compost” or spent mushroom substrates to soil.
 - b. City of San Diego held a demonstration at Miramar Greenery to share the results of the 2025 Decontamination Pilot. Staff are analyzing the takeaways and lessons learned as they move into the next phases of the study.
 - c. The link between participation and contamination is critical and should be emphasized to customers: What you put in is what you get out.
7. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)