

Organics Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026 1:00- 2:30 p.m.

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

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Agenda

1. Introductions

- Amy Stanfield, Buro Happold
- Anastasia Loskutov, Republic Services
- Aurelia Velasquez, City of San Marcos
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Dave Didonato, City of Chula Vista
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jessica Toth, Solana Center
- Julia Gallaway, County of San Diego
- Kenneth Prue III, City of San Diego
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Rich Flammer, Hidden Resources
- Sean Harris, City of Coronado
- Ting-yao Li, City of Escondido
- Wbaldo Arellano, City Imperial Beach

2. SB 1383

a. Education and Outreach

- i. EDCO is preparing to conduct a waste composition study for their customers.
- ii. City of San Diego's "[Stay Scrappy](#)" campaign has been well-received.

b. Procurement

- i. County of San Diego presented on a successful case study of compost application at San Pasqual Academy. The goal was to control erosion and implement stormwater BMPs. In the end, the project used 164 CY of SB 1383 Certified CA Native Mulch and 12 CY of mulch-filled Filtrexx socks applied by blower machinery and crew.
 1. Member asked if there was a list of qualified vendors for certified recovered organic products that fulfill SB 1383 procurement requirements for jurisdictions on CalRecycle's website.
 - a. Members did not think that CalRecycle maintains such a statewide registry. A list of qualified vendors was created by the County of San Diego for internal staff use, which can be provided to interested jurisdictions upon request. Others may also consider contacting local facilities, to confirm if they are providing SB 1383 qualified materials.
 - ii. Member asked if there is a co-op or piggyback contract service available for blowing service for mulch?
 1. Discussed asking your jurisdiction's existing landscape contractor if they have the proper equipment or see if they could subcontract with a service provider (such as a compost facility or other landscaping company).

- 2. Some jurisdictions are looking to purchase their own equipment.
 - 3. City of Chula Vista contracted with the [Land Stewards](#) for these projects.
 - c. Enforcement
 - i. No updates.
 - d. Facility Updates
 - i. No updates.
- 3. Compost & Mulch Application- Guidance, Trainings & BMPs
 - a. UCANR jurisdictional survey & plan – no update, survey expected to go out soon.
 - i. Tip sheets and specifications
 - 1. [Compost and Mulch Use Toolbox](#)
- 4. Member suggested topics:
 - a. Compostable Plastics
 - i. City of Chula Vista does not accept compostable plastics.
 - ii. Republic Services is testing the compostability of select products from one of their large generators.
 - iii. Solana Center suggested planning countywide consistent messaging.
 - 1. Discussion by members that based on the number of different haulers, facilities and organic material processing methods in the region, there are challenges in using a universal message.
 - b. Agritourism
 - i. Solana Center suggested adding demonstrations at local farms.
 - c. Healthy Soils
 - i. Zero Food Print now under contract with the County.
- 5. Legislative Updates
 - a. SB 54 rulemaking continues
- 6. Roundtable, News & Events
 - a. City of Chula Vista shared details about the PFAS presentation during the USCC conference.
 - b. Buro Happold is working with San Diego County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice on the From Waste to Worth: A Circular Economy for Regional Prosperity campaign, focusing on organics and food byproducts. Working with regional organizations to understand the local conditions, programs, challenges, and opportunities to implement more circular economic innovations. The team hopes to integrate community and business feedback to create actionable analysis. Here's how the WG can participate:
 - i. Public survey will be posted in a few weeks.
 - ii. Attend the presentation at the Zero Waste Symposium February 18.
 - iii. Attend the roundtable events in March.
 - c. Members discussed managing food scrap discards using black soldier fly larvae.
 - d. Upcoming Events:
 - i. [US Composting Council](#)

1. [Feb. 11 webinar](#): Compost Use in Agriculture: Safety, Challenges, & Opportunities in CA
2. [Mar. 4 webinar](#): From Policy to Practice: Municipal Compost Purchasing Programs in California and Washington
- ii. 20th Annual [California Bioresources Alliance Symposium](#) *Advancing the Circular Bioeconomy* March 11-12 Sacramento
- iii. February 18 [Zero Waste Symposium](#)

7. Adjournment- next meeting (first Thursday 1:00- 2:30 p.m.)