



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: November 19, 2021
 TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Zoë Shoats, Director of Communications
 SUBJECT: TAC / SB 1383 Update from October 20, 2021 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive this report.

BACKGROUND

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a staff working group comprised of at least one representative from each member jurisdiction MRWMD serves; the three franchise haulers who serve them; and MRWMD staff. The TAC was initially formed to better coordinate MRWMD 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 MRWMD Board or their elected bodies to take action.

DISCUSSION

The TAC met on Wednesday, October 20 in-person in the MRWMD Board Room. Items discussed include:

- A presentation on MRWMD's 2021 Recycling Characterization Study
- An update on negotiations between GreenWaste Recovery and the member jurisdictions they serve.
 - Negotiations are being finalized with only minor details to be worked out.
 - Minor rate increases will be coming to councils in November for consideration so they can be implemented by January 2022.
 - The City of Monterey has posted notification of a public hearing for a rate increase related to SB 1383 for December 7.
- Staff from each member jurisdiction are developing updates to city ordinances to be in compliance with SB 1383. Ordinance updates are coming to councils in the coming months. Some of the member jurisdictions councils have already heard a first reading.
- MRWMD staff taking lead to develop SB 1383 education materials focused on:
 - How to participate
 - Food scraps acceptance list
 - Why it's important to participate

During the second half of the meeting, the TAC was hosted by MRWMD's commercial composter Keith Day Company, who showed us contamination in existing yard trimmings delivered to our site via

The tour helped TAC members to better understand the composting process. This better understanding aids in the development of effective outreach materials that balance a desire for high participation while not creating a contaminated stream. This is key because the end product must be marketed to local landscapers and agriculture.

FINANCIAL 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.