



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: February 18, 2022  
 TO: Board of Directors  
 FROM: Zoë Shoats, Director of Communications  
 SUBJECT: TAC / SB 1383 Update from February 9, 2022, Meeting

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**RECOMENDATION:** That the Board receive this report.

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### **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 and/or their elected bodies to take action.

### **DISCUSSION**

The TAC met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, virtually via Zoom. Items discussed include:

1. CalRecycle Local Assistance Grant Program Funds – An update was given to the TAC. The District, in conjunction with Blue Strike Environmental, submitted grant applications on behalf of eight of its member jurisdictions (not including Monterey County) for CalRecycle’s Local Assistance Grant by the February 1, 2022, deadline. Resolutions allowing the District to submit the applications were required by March 1, 2022. Those were brought to Councils for approval in the month of February as needed. An amendment to the SB 1383 Shared Costs MOU was also created to include Appendix C covering distribution and use of the grant funds. Grant funds are expected to be awarded in April.
2. Notification of Invoicing for SB 1383 Shared Costs MOU – In 2021 an SB 1383 Shared Cost MOU was developed between the District and its member jurisdictions, to pool jurisdictional resources for projects that meet compliance with various aspects of the law. The District incurs costs on behalf of its member jurisdictions and subsequently bills the jurisdictions twice annually. Discussion surrounded timing of the billing cycles and it was determined that invoices would cover July through December and subsequently January through June.
3. CalRecycle SB 1383 Initial Compliance Report Requirements Due April 1 – CalRecycle is requiring jurisdictions submit initial compliance reports by April 1, 2022, to ensure they are complying with various aspects of the law to include, passage of an ordinance, type of

collection service, number of generators, and contact information. The District worked with the haulers and jurisdiction staff to gather this information and will be submitting reports on the jurisdiction's behalf by the April 1, 2022, deadline.

4. SB 619 Notices of Intent to Comply Needed by March 1 – SB 619 (Laird) authorizes a local jurisdiction facing continuing violations that commence during the 2022 calendar year of those regulations to submit to the department no later than March 1, 2022, a notification of intent to comply, as prescribed. For violations of the regulations that are disclosed in a notification that is approved by the department, the bill will require the department to waive administrative civil penalties for the violations if the local jurisdiction implements the actions proposed in the notification to remedy the violations. The bill will authorize the department, notwithstanding those regulations, to establish any maximum compliance deadline in a corrective action plan that it determines to be necessary and appropriate under the circumstances for the correction of a violation of the regulations. The bill will authorize the department to adopt emergency regulations it determines to be necessary to implement and enforce these provisions.

The TAC discussed options for jurisdictions to implement Notices of Intent to Comply under SB 619. It was determined that local jurisdictions are largely in compliance with SB 1383, or will be by the end of 2022, and thus filing Notices of Intent to Comply should not be necessary.

5. Naming the Food Scraps/Yard Waste Stream (“Organics” vs. “Compost”) – The TAC discussed terminology for education and outreach materials. While there have been some adopted terms such as “food scraps” to refer to the desired materials, naming the co-mingled food scraps and yard trimmings stream was necessary for shorthand reference on carts, posters, etc. The TAC discussed the terms “organics” and “compost” and recommended the materials should be referred to as “organics” or “organic materials” when it is not possible to call out “food scraps” and “yard trimmings” separately. Keeping terminology consistent is helpful for successful public education.

## **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.