



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: April 22, 2022
 TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Zoë Shoats, Director of Communications
 SUBJECT: TAC / SB 1383 Update from April 8, 2022, 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 and/or their elected bodies to take action.

DISCUSSION

The TAC met on Wednesday, April 8, 2022, virtually via Zoom. Items discussed include:

1. SB 1383 Shared Costs for FY 22/23 – MRWMD staff gave an update on draft expected shared costs to comply with SB 1383 as well as HF&H franchise contract management fees for jurisdictions utilizing GreenWaste Recovery for collection. TAC members gave feedback as to areas of spending focus for SB 1383 compliance.
2. Update on GreenWaste Recovery Rate Increases – HF&H gave an update on the status of planned rate increases effective July 1, 2022.
3. Update on Planned District Tip Fee Increases (pending Board approval) – MRWMD staff gave an update on the District's plan to increase tip fees by 7% for FY 23, pending Board approval of the MRWMD budget.
4. SB 1383 Waiver for De Minimis, Physical Space or Collection Frequency – SB 1383 allows for development of waivers by jurisdictions for de minimis amounts of organic materials generated, physical space constraints of carts, or collection frequency. MRWMD staff recommends each jurisdiction develops their waiver by 7/1/22. Waivers can begin to be used/implemented 7/1/22 for consistency. The County developed and shared waiver with all jurisdictions as an example.

5. District Rebrand – MRWMD staff gave a preview of the District’s rebrand to TAC members. Staff shared the brand promise, values and emotions that led to development of the new DBA name “ReGen Monterey,” logo, and current slogan, “let’s not waste this.” Public roll-out will take place July 1, 2022.
6. Frequency and location of TAC meetings & subgroup meetings – A brief discussion about frequency and location of TAC meetings took place. The TAC will continue to meet virtually on a monthly basis unless an in-person meeting is desired for the purposes of an on-site tour or otherwise. Subgroups will meet at varying frequencies set by project demand.
7. Subgroup Updates:
 - Collection Programs/Education and Outreach – Subgroup plans to meet in May to discuss cart labels and educational materials needed for monitoring.
 - Edible Food Recovery – The subgroup is identifying how we can fund and support agencies that need infrastructure. Most agencies reside in Salinas Valley while recovery opportunities are in the peninsula. A report will be made to MRWMD Board for combined funding/spending for equipment.
 - Contamination Monitoring/CalRecycle Reporting/Enforcement (MRE) – Contamination monitoring (a.k.a. “lid flipping) RFP is pending MRWMD legal review and Board approval.
 - CalRecycle Local Area Assistance Grant - CalRecycle said there is a delay in funds because some jurisdictions didn’t include their ordinances.
8. Hauler Issues and Comments – None.
9. Next Steps and Future Meeting Topics:
 - Jurisdiction’s requirement to procure organic materials (compost or mulch) under SB 1383. A procurement subgroup of the TAC was created to develop a program. Recommendation to include procurement costs to SB 1383 shared costs MOU.
 - Development of educational feedback mechanism for planned contamination monitoring.
 - Reminder that CalRecycle re-perceives plan to join the TAC in May for an in-person/hybrid meeting and participate in a site tour of composting operations.

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.