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Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools

School Year 2022-2023



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Overview



- SB 1383 School Outreach
- Monterey Bay Charter School
- Marina Vista Elementary
- Next Steps





Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools Situations We Encounter







#### Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools **Proper Lunchroom Sorting Station**



Food ShareLiquidsRecycleTrashFood ScrapsTrays





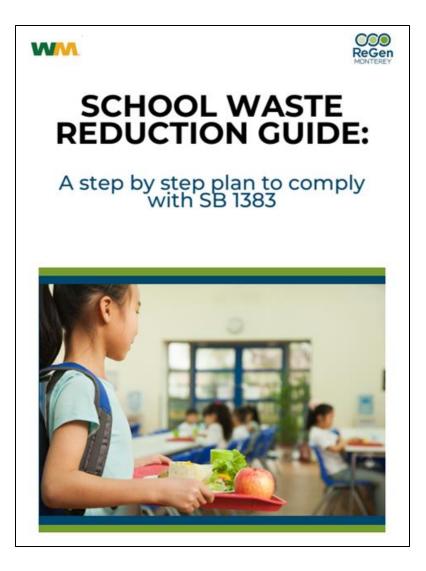
#### Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools How We Are Helping Schools Meet SB 1383 Requirements



- Food waste separation required Jan 1, 2022. Aimed at reducing methane emissions. Enforcement begins Jan 2024.
- What have we been doing at schools?
  - Introduce school waste reduction guide
  - Assess infrastructure
  - Engage key stakeholders
  - Student, teacher, staff trainings
  - Lunch sort and education



#### Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools School Waste Reduction Guide



- Understanding SB 1383
- How do schools comply?
- Step-by-step task checklist includes:
  - Initial assessment
  - Share initial findings report
  - Conduct lunchtime waste sort
  - Educate and take action!
  - Celebrate success





#### Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools School Districts in ReGen's Service Area



- Monterey Peninsula Unified School District
- Carmel Unified School District
- Pacific Grove Unified School District
- Private and Charter Schools





### Monterey Bay Charter School





Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools Monterey Bay Charter School



- Assessed school's current program challenges and successes
- Set a plan to implement an organics program according to the school's capabilities
- Trained students, green team, staff, teachers, and parent volunteers
- Installed clear bin and signage infrastructure school-wide





#### Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools Monterey Bay Charter School Student Council





# Marina Vista Elementary School





#### Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools Marina Vista Elementary School



- Piloted organics program in 2021.
- Continued trainings school-wide in 2022
- Developed SB 1383 program working with the district sustainability team, school principal, lunchroom staff, teachers, and students.
- Flexing the program and building it according to school needs and capabilities





### Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools Marina Vista Elementary Green Team







### Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools Next Steps in School Outreach



- District-wide buy-in
- Implementation of sorting stations in all lunchrooms
- Continuous training
- Integration into lesson plans
- Measure and celebrate success
- Sustainability programs become part of schools' culture!



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