



Board of Directors
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Building Successful Organics and Recycling Programs at Schools

School Year 2022-2023



Overview



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

Situations We Encounter



Proper Lunchroom Sorting Station



Food Share



Liquids



Recycle



Trash



Food Scraps



Trays

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



- 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

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





- 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

Monterey Bay Charter School Student Council





Marina Vista Elementary School

MPUSD





- 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

Marina Vista Elementary Green Team





- 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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