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## Staff Reports Item #: 14

Meeting Date: February 17 ,2023

To: Board of Directors  
From: Director of Communications, Zoë Shoats  
Approved by: General Manager, Felipe Melchor

**Subject: TAC / SB 1383 Update from January 11, 2023 Meeting**

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### Recommendation

Information only.

### Background

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

### Discussion

The TAC met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, virtually via Zoom. Items discussed include:

- 1. SB 1383 Contamination Monitoring Update** – 2022 contamination monitoring (lid flipping) was conducted successfully in Fall 2022. There were collaborative efforts between the contractor, Blue Strike Environmental, and two haulers, GreenWaste Recovery and Monterey Disposal. (Note: Waste Management used Smart Truck technology to monitor contamination.) Monitoring was designed around contamination, not program participation, per the regulations.
- 2. Careit Edible Food Recovery App Update** – As of January 1, 2023, ReGen Monterey is under contact with Careit, a food donation and rescue app that makes it easy for businesses to donate surplus food directly to local nonprofits. The first four years of the app's use in Monterey County are being funded by pooled CalRecycle Local Assistance Grant funds from ReGen Monterey's and Salinas Valley Recycle's member jurisdictions. Pricing is based on the number of tier 1 and tier 2 food generators (e.g., grocery stores, wholesale vendors, food distributors, large hotels, large restaurants healthcare facilities, education agencies, large venues etc.) identified in Monterey County. As the number of

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tier 1 and tier 2 generators are less than initially expected, ReGen Monterey is working with Careit for an extension of their services, either in time or scope.

ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles are working with Blue Strike Environmental to develop and implement promotion of the app with potential users in the County over the next few months.

- 3. Recyclist Tutorial: Jurisdiction Audit of Tier 1 & 2 Edible Food Generators** – ReGen Monterey staff gave jurisdiction staff a tutorial in Recyclist and asked each jurisdiction to review their tier 1 and tier 2 edible food generators for accuracy.
- 4. SB 1383 Organics Collection Waiver - Jurisdiction Samples** – SB 1383 allows for select businesses or multifamily residences to apply for waivers of participation of organics collection. Waivers can be issued for generating de minimis amounts of organic materials or physical space. The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and City of Seaside shared their organics waiver application with other jurisdictions for their potential use to create consistency in programming and efficiency across jurisdictions.
- 5. Community Based Social Marketing Workshop Feb. 7, 8 & 9** – ReGen Monterey, along with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Salinas Valley Recycles, Central Cost Community Energy and local chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, helped sponsor a virtual training on Community-Based Social Marketing. The training consisted of three half-day sessions held virtually and focused on fostering behavior change in the areas of environmental, healthcare and safety for our Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito County areas. Members of the TAC, including staff from member jurisdictions and the three haulers, were encouraged to attend.
- 6. SB 1383 Procurement of Organic Materials Fulfillment** – After the passage of AB 1985 (Rivas) which set revised, phased-in procurement targets for 2023-2025, ReGen Monterey's member jurisdictions decided to procure 30% of the full SB 1383 target for 2022. With the assistance of Keith Day Company and their willingness to engage their customers in entering into direct service provide agreements, the full 30% target was procured on behalf of the member jurisdictions for 2022. In addition, CalRecycle sent a letter confirming that AB 1985 (Rivas) is effective January 1, 2023.

#### **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.]