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Staff Reports Item #: 17

Meeting Date: May 10, 2023

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

Subject: TAC / SB 1383 Update from May 10, 2023 Meeting

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, May 10, 2023, virtually via Zoom. Items discussed include:

- 1. Presentation of Contamination Monitoring Results by Blue Strike Environmental** – Blue Strike Environmental presented results from contamination monitoring they conducted on behalf of member jurisdictions in March of 2023 as required by SB 1383. They conducted a total of 1,385 lid flips—815 in residential and 570 in commercial. Flips were conducted for all three streams—trash, recycling and organics. The total contamination was 16.82% overall—15.09% for residential and 19.30% for commercial. Top contaminants in each stream were identified. Results of this study will help inform our future public education and outreach efforts.
- 2. Scheduling SB 1383 Shared Costs MOU Approvals** – ReGen Monterey staff informed the TAC that the ReGen Board of Directors was set to consider approval of the SB 1383 MOU at their May 19 meeting. It was requested that each jurisdiction schedule it with their council or board for approval soon thereafter. ReGen Monterey staff offered to be available at public meetings to answer questions as needed.

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3. **ReGen Monterey Outreach Including Earth Day Events** – ReGen Monterey staff shared highlights from outreach events thus far in 2023, including a busy season of Earth Day outreach events. Outreach continues to focus on encouraging residents to divert their food scraps in their green organics carts by utilizing a fun cornhole game where participants determine which items go in the garbage, recycling, and organics cart. Upon playing, participants are gifted a free countertop kitchen pail for their food scraps.
4. **ReGen Monterey Artist in Residence** – ReGen Monterey staff shared information about our 2023 Artist in Residence, Jesse Villarruel, and were invited to the reception at the Last Chance Mercantile.

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.