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Staff Reports
Item #: 11

Meeting Date: March 24 ,2023

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

Subject: TAC / SB 1383 Update from February 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 Friday, February 10, 2023, virtually via Zoom. Items discussed include:

- 1. ReGen Monterey Biochar presentation** – ReGen Monterey’s Director of Engineering, Guy Petraborg, gave a presentation to the TAC on the upcoming biochar pilot project.
- 2. Blue Strike Environmental Presentation of 2022 Contamination Monitoring Results** – Per SB 1383, contamination monitoring of all three streams (trash, recyclables, and organics) is required to be performed by the member jurisdictions. As a part of the SB 1383 Shared Costs MOU between ReGen Monterey and its member jurisdictions, ReGen Monterey hired Blue Strike Environmental to perform contamination monitoring for 2022. Monitoring (lid flipping) was performed in October 2022 and results were tracked in Recyclist, a shared database. Preliminary results of that monitoring were to be provided to the TAC at this meeting, but based upon the report provided, the TAC requested a follow-up presentation when 2022 data could be compared to 2023 data.

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- 3. 2023 Contamination Monitoring Update & Customer Notifications** – Per SB 1383 regulations, when contamination of any amount is found during monitoring, the customer must be sent notification of the contamination. The TAC discussed how to best notify customers and who should be providing the notification, while keeping costs down. Options discussed included sending letters in the mail, using cart hangers or door hangers. The TAC recommended that the Monitoring, Reporting and Enforcement Subcommittee make a decision. The Subcommittee determined that door hangers provided by the contractor during monitoring would be the best option to keep costs down and provide immediate feedback to the customer for future behavior change. Cart tags provided by the haulers will be left behind as door hangers along with a ReGen Monterey-created flyer in English and Spanish. The flyer contains additional information about the monitoring process along with accepted and prohibited items for each cart.
- 4. Review FY24 Draft Budget for SB 1383 Shared Costs MOU** – ReGen Monterey provided a rough draft budget for the TAC to review and provide feedback. Costs for some items were to be determined at the time of this review and minimal increases are projected for the next FY.
- 5. Franchise Rate Update Planning for July 2023** – TAC Chair, Mike Niccum provided preliminary information from HF&H about expected 3-7% rate increases to be implemented July 1, 2023 for jurisdictions receiving collection services from GreenWaste Recovery. ReGen staff provided an update that they will be recommending a 5% increase in tip fees for the Board's consideration to be wrapped into July rate increases.
- 6. ReGen Monterey & Waste Management School Outreach Presentation** – ReGen Monterey's Public Education & Outreach Specialist, Odalys Barajas, and Waste Management's Recycling Coordinator, Christian Thornley, gave a presentation to the TAC regarding their joint school outreach efforts and implementation of SB 1383 food scrap composting on campuses across their service area during the 2022-2023 school year.
- 7. AB 2048 Requirement of Jurisdictions to Post Franchise Agreements Online** – ReGen Monterey notified member jurisdiction staff of this new requirement for transparency.

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.]