



STAFF REPORT
3/9/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No. 2022-24 Adopting a Recovered Organic Waste Produce Procurement Policy as required by SB 1383.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SB 1383 was passed in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). The targets set by SB 1383 include: 1) statewide reduction of organic waste disposal of 75% by 2025 and 2) statewide food rescue efforts that will rescue at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food by 2025.

In order to meet these goals one of the requirements in the regulations drafted by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (“CalRecycle”) identifies procurement of recovered organic waste products by all local entities. SB 1383 Regulations require the City of Coachella to annually procure a quantity of recovered organic waste products that meets or exceeds an annual recovered organic waste product procurement target. The City’s procurement target is calculated by multiplying the per capita procurement target of 0.08 tons of organic waste by the City’s population according to the most recent annual data as reported by the California Department of Finance. The SB 1383 Regulations allow the City to comply with its Procurement Target obligations by directly procuring, or using a direct service provider to procure, recovered organic waste products for use or giveaway. The following types of recovered organic waste products may be counted towards the City’s annual procurement target: compost, renewable gas, electricity from biomass conversion; and certain types of mulch. The City has identified it will be able to meet the procurement target established.

The SB 1383 Regulation further requires the City identify procurement of recycled paper products and for businesses to certify to the percentage of postconsumer material in the paper products and product recyclability. The SB 1383 Regulations require the City maintain records related to its efforts in meeting the procurement target and satisfying recycled paper procurement requirements. Staff recommends adoption of the attached Resolution to align city procurement methods with

those required by SB 1383 and to use the recommended policy as a guide for all departments in their procurement practices.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This mandated policy will require significant administrative time. As part of the policy record keeping requirements, City paper and mulch product purchases will need to be tracked. This will be an additive task assigned to existing City staff. It is difficult to directly estimate the time utilization these tasks will take. If this policy adds on average 4 hours per week to staff work assignments, the total annual cost to the City would be \$11,500 for the assigned staff level.

Attachment:
Resolution 2022-24