

STAFF REPORT 5/26/2021

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Establishment of a SB 1383 Organics Waste Reduction Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Establishment of a SB 1383 Organics Waste Reduction Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SB 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) is a significant waste reduction state mandate. SB 1383 requires the state to reduce organic waste [food waste, green waste, paper products, etc.] disposal by 75% by 2025. The law also requires the state to increase edible food recovery by 20 percent by 2025. This has significant policy and legal implications for local governments.

SB 1383 requires the following of local governments:

- Provide organic waste collection to all residents and businesses
- Establish an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream
- Conduct outreach and education to all affected parties, including generators, haulers, facilities, edible food recovery organizations, and city/county departments
- Capacity Planning: Evaluating your jurisdiction's readiness to implement SB 1383
- Procure recycled organic waste products like compost, mulch, and renewable natural gas (RNG)
- Inspect and enforce compliance with SB 1383
- Maintain accurate and timely records of SB 1383 compliance

To comply with SB 1383, all local jurisdictions must adopt an ordinance and execute a hauler agreement that addresses all of the above noted requirements. Staff is recommending establishment of a SB 1383 Organics Waste Reduction Ad Hoc Subcommittee to provide staff recommendations on the required ordinance language and revised services provided by the City's waste hauler to comply with SB 1383.

The recommended subcommittee would include two members of City Council. The City Council annually selects two members for the Coachella/Indio Waste Transfer Station Authority; the

current Coachella Commissioners are Council Member Beaman-Jacinto and Council Member Galarza. Due to the interrelated function the Coachella Valley Transfer Station has with the core topic of SB 1383, waste, staff would recommend the same membership for the establishment of the proposed SB 1383 Organics Waste Reduction Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.