



## AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** December 12, 2023

**Subject** Resolution 2023-XX: Authorizing Submittal of Grant Applications for CalRecycle Grant Programs; and consider finding that the Council's action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations section 15308 as an action/project that will not have a significant impact on the environment and as an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment, specifically, for the protection of the climate.

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**Approved by:** Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

**Attachment(s):**

1. Resolution No. 2023-XX

**Initiated by:**  
Staff

**Previous Council Consideration:**  
None

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no immediate fiscal impact from adoption of the grant resolution. However, the resolution allows for the City to Apply for \$75,000 of non-competitive funds for SB1383 program implementation through the CalRecycle SB1383 Local Assistance Grant (OWR4) which are scheduled to be awarded in March of 2024.

**Environmental Review:**

Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations section 15308 as an action/project that will not have a significant impact on the environment and as an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment, specifically, for the protection of the climate.

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City Manager

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**Reviewed By:**

City Attorney

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Finance Director

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**Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:**

Does the City Council wish to authorize staff to apply for CalRecycle grants for the next five years?

**Summary:**

- In September 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law SB 1383 organic waste diversion regulations.
- In November 2020, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) finalized SB 1383 regulations. Key points for Council consideration
- In November 2021, the City of Los Altos Municipal Code was updated to include requirements to comply with the State’s goal of reducing organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025.
- In November 2021, the City of Los Altos Municipal Code was updated to include an ordinance to recover edible food to comply with the State’s goal of reducing edible food disposal by 20% by 2025.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution 2023-XX authorizing submittal of an application for CalRecycle grants.

**Purpose**

To adopt Resolution 2023-XX authorizing submittal of an application for CalRecycle grant programs and related authorizations associated with SB1383.

**Background**

In September 2016, Governor Edmund Brown Jr. set methane emissions reduction targets for California (SB 1383 Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). The targets must reduce organic waste disposal 50 percent by 2020 and 75 percent by 2025 and rescue for people to eat at least 20 percent of currently disposed surplus food by 2025.

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is administering a grant program meant to provide aid in the implementation of regulations adopted by CalRecycle pursuant to Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016 and SB170 Budget Act of 2021. This non-competitive grant program provides funding to local jurisdictions to assist with the implementation of regulation requirements associated with SB 1383.

CalRecycle requires that a new resolution be adopted to allow the City to apply for the current \$75,000 in allocated funding. The attached resolution will allow for application to be submitted to



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CalRecycle for all grants which the City is eligible, for the next five years. This cycle of the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant will be awarded in March 2024 and funds can be spent through the end of the grant term on April 1, 2026.

**Discussion/Analysis**

Jurisdictions are responsible for SB 1383 compliance and enforcement, and the City has been preparing for the regulatory responsibilities by developing new and augmented organics and recycling programs. Staff wishes to apply for the CalRecycle grant program for SB 1383 implementation, and intends to direct this funding to SB 1383 preparedness including Recovered Organic Waste Product Procurement and Edible Food Recovery Program Funding.

**Recommendation**

The staff recommends that City Council adopt Resolution 2023-XX