



MEETING DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Solid Waste (SB 1383) Outreach and Public Education

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BACKGROUND

In September 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law SB 1383 organic waste diversion regulations in an effort to reduce GHG emissions. In November 2020, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) finalized SB 1383 regulations. SB 1383 requires the City to adopt an enforceable ordinance that requires businesses and residents to recycle their organic waste and comply with other regulation requirements.

Los Altos City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-482 (Amendment to the Los Altos Municipal Code to include requirements of SB 1383) during the November 9, 2021 City Council Meeting. Los Altos completed its Universal Roll Out process in 2022, in which businesses received organics bins. Public Education and Outreach will occur from 2022 through 2023. Enforcement of the ordinance will begin in January 2024.

SB 1383 Requirements:

- The City of Los Altos must reduce organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025 (from 2014 levels).
- The City of Los Altos must reduce edible food disposal by 20% by 2025 (from 2014 levels).

SB 1383 is aligned with CAAP Action Item 3.1A: Increase the landfill diversion rate.

STATUS UPDATE

The City is in the public education and outreach phase of implementation. Cascadia (subconsultant to R3) is currently performing in-person outreach to businesses in Los Altos. This outreach includes providing businesses with signage to display near collection containers.