

STAFF REPORT

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TO: Utility Rate Advisory Commission

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SUBJECT: Organics Processing Facility Feasibility Analysis Update

Recommendations

1. Receive and comment on the draft study summary

Background and Analysis

The city contracted with Clements Environmental Corporation (Clements) in June 2017 to conduct an organics processing facility feasibility analysis. The feasibility analysis assesses final destination options for handling organics materials and creates a matrix to rank available technologies. The overall goal of the study is to determine the most environmentally preferred solution of diverting organic waste while minimizing the cost to customers. The study also examines environmental and economic impacts to the region with each option.

Clements provided staff with a draft analysis; staff reviewed the draft and made comments and edits. The draft Executive Summary was presented to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) at their February 26 meeting. The commission provided comments and feedback, which staff sent back to Clements. The revised full analysis is currently under review by the NRC Zero Waste Subcommittee, and will be provided for review to the URAC in April. The Executive Summary of this most recent draft is included as Attachment 1 to this report.

After the URAC reviews the draft Executive Summary, and provides comments to staff, staff will return to the URAC in April with an updated draft of the analysis for review.

Attachment

1. Organics Processing Facility Feasibility Analysis– Executive Summary Working Draft