



Memorandum

Date: December 16, 2020
To: Utilities Commission
From: Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator
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Subject: Item 5B – Senate Bill 1383 Introduction and Informational Items for Review

Recommendations

Receive information and helpful links on Senate Bill 1383 (also called: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions).

Background and Final Rulemaking

In September 2016, SB 1383 was signed into law, establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. As it pertains to solid waste, SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste by 2020, and a 75 percent reduction by 2025. In addition, the regulations require that at least 20 percent of edible food that is currently disposed of is recovered for human consumption by 2025. These regulations represent the most far-reaching changes to the solid waste industry in California since 1989, when AB 939 first required recycling and waste diversion programs. The regulations include specific details for organics waste collection and food recovery programs that must be implemented by all jurisdictions, and requires enforcement and reporting on these programs to demonstrate compliance. Given the significant and sweeping changes to California's handling of waste, this bill has also been in the rulemaking process for a number of years, and has been delayed even further since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The final rulemaking was completed by CalRecycle on November 3, 2020, and jurisdictions have one year to prepare, as many of the regulations go into effect as soon as January 1, 2022.

Previously Provided to Commission

After the Commission meeting on November 18, 2020, staff sent an email to the Commission containing the information previously prepared on SB 1383 as distributed to the Utilities Commission and to the Natural Resources Commission. The links from that email are included here:

Natural Resources Commission:

- March 25, 2019 - Comment Letter on Rulemaking Related to SB 1383 (Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions) [Report/Letter](#) (*links*)

- May 2019 - Update on Rulemaking Related to SB 1383 (Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions) [Report/Letter](#) (*links*)
- August 24, 2020 - Senate Bill (SB) 1383 / Organic Waste and Methane Emissions Reductions Bill Update [Report](#) (*link*) (*this report includes the RFP distributed by the City for this Implementation Plan*)

Utilities Commission:

Updates on SB 1383 were included in the Solid Waste Fund Update memos from [April 22, 2020](#) (*link*) and [November 18, 2020](#) (*link*). These memos are included as links in this document and were distributed to the Commission through the standard packet distribution process.

Chair Troost Informational Email

Along with the information linked above, Chair Troost included a handout with informational links on SB 1383. These links were assembled on November 18, and some are included below. The link to the full text of the bill is included under “Helpful Links,” as CalRecycle has updated the information on their website to include the final text and other links.

SB 1383 Legislation Bill Text:

Download as PDF- 8 pages

Link:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1383

Rulemaking: All legislation going through rulemaking processes

Link: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/rulemaking>

SB 1383: Helpful YouTube Videos

Overview: “It’s Coming” (3 minutes)

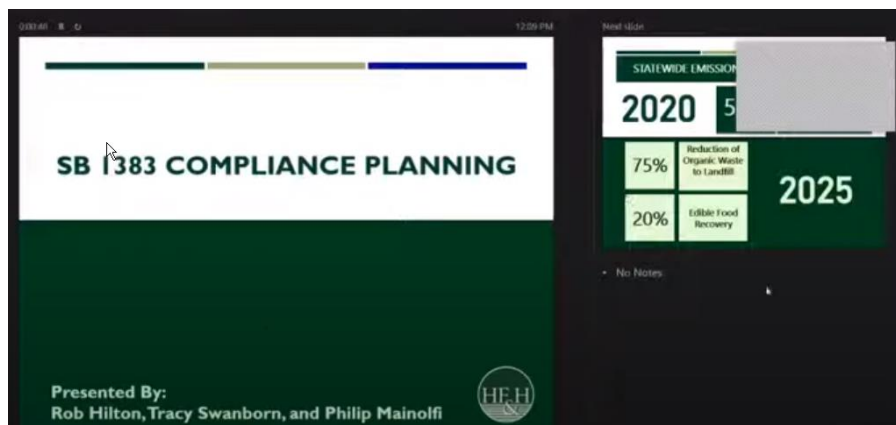
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-enW7SgSt1U&feature=youtu.be>



SB 1383 In-depth Webinar

June 26, 2020 webinar: "SB 1383 Part I" (55 minutes)

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KwCgs9D6po>



Annual Solid Waste Report

On November 30, 2020, Jennifer Gilbert, the City’s Conservation Coordinator provided the Natural Resources Commission with the annual solid waste update. This informative presentation concluded with discussion on SB 1383. A link to the recording of the presentation, along with the report and attachments to the report as distributed to the Natural Resources Commission are included below. The annual solid waste presentation begins at the 40:13 timestamp.

[Video/Report/Annual Solid Waste Report](#) (*links*)

Helpful Links

CalRecycle has published new SB 1383 webpages which include a new homepage, documents included in the final rulemaking, as such the final and approved regulatory text, webpages dedicated to collection, procurement, food recovery, and resources for jurisdictions, food donors, and food recovery organizations and services. CalRecycle has indicated that the webpages will be updated as new resources are made available.

Here is the link: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>

Consultant Selection and SB 1383 Implementation Plan Process

The City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in August this year, for a consultant firm to aid in the development of a City of Davis specific implementation plan for SB 1383. The chosen consultant firm will undertake an investigation of SB 1383 organics reduction requirements that pertain to the City, provide a report on their findings (including the identification of gaps that the City currently has to meet the regulations of SB 1383), and present the findings to City Commissions (the Natural Resources and Utilities Commissions) as well as the City Council. The Commissions will use the plan and work with staff to advise Council on the ultimate implementation of the regulations.

Staff received two proposals from consultants through the RFP process. Staff reviewed the proposals, and selected the firm that provided the most comprehensive and thorough proposal. The consultant selection will go to City Council on December 15 for approval. The anticipated timeline for the implementation plan is provided below.

Action	Timeline
Selection of consultant to City Council	December 15, 2020
Developing draft plan options	December 2020 – March 2021
Presenting to Commissions for recommendation	March- April 2021
Present to City Council for direction	April – May 2021