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TO: Planning & Organization Committee/Recycling Board

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SUBJECT: Municipal Panel: Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling

SUMMARY

Once per quarter, StopWaste staff assembles a panel of member agencies representatives to speak on a topic previously selected by the Recycling Board. The topic for the January Municipal Panel is Construction and Demolition (C&D) Recycling. Representatives from Alameda, Emeryville, Hayward and San Leandro will participate in this panel. Panelists will share their experience and insights on the opportunities and challenges of C&D diversion in their jurisdictions. Staff will also request input from the Recycling Board on the topics for the next series of municipal panels.

DISCUSSION

C&D recycling has a long history in Alameda County. In 1999, StopWaste developed a model C&D recycling ordinance, and encouraged member agencies to modify and adopt it locally. Most jurisdictions did so, refining the model ordinance to set thresholds, diversion rates and other requirements that address their local conditions. (A summary of requirements by member agency can be found at: <http://www.stopwaste.org/resource/policies/construction-and-demolition-debris-ordinances-alameda-county-matrix>.)

In 2008, California adopted mandatory green building codes for newly constructed buildings, commonly referred to as "CALGreen." CALGreen is updated in conjunction with the rest of the entire statewide building code on a three-year cycle. Since the passage of CALGreen, which now mandates a 65 percent diversion requirement for C&D debris, some jurisdictions have opted to modify their local ordinances, while others simply refer to the state requirements.

Member agency staff members monitor and enforce C&D recycling requirements, including waste management plans and documentation of recycling. These procedures, and designation of responsible department and staff members, vary by city. The panelists will share the current issues

and solutions from their perspectives as front line staff, whose job it is to monitor and support C&D recycling.

StopWaste is also seeking direction from the Recycling Board on which topics to bring to the Board in 2017. Past topics have included commercial organics, multifamily recycling, schools recycling, commercial recycling promotion and outreach, special handling at the curb, franchise contract management, large events recycling, and commercial enclosures/internal recycling space. The Technical Advisory Committee (comprised of member agency recycling staff) discussed possible topics and suggests the following for consideration by the Board. Board members should feel free to suggest topics not on this list as well:

- Implementation challenges in mandatory recycling
- Upstream programs such as green purchasing and reducing paper use
- Managing waste from homeless encampments/illegal dumping
- Contamination in recycling and organics streams

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Recycling Board provide direction on the next series of topics for Municipal Panels.