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TO: Programs & Administration Committee
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SUBJECT: Municipal Panel: SB 1383 Implementation

SUMMARY

StopWaste staff periodically organize a panel of municipal staff to inform the Board of current policies and practices implemented by member agencies. In October, the topic will be local implementation of SB 1383, the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act.

The cities of Alameda, Albany, Fremont, and Livermore will discuss their various programs and approaches to meeting this mandate in their cities.

DISCUSSION

After many years of planning, municipalities are now implementing SB 1383, which came into effect in January 2022. This law, which requires 75 percent diversion of organic material from landfills and recovery of 20 percent of surplus edible food for human consumption, has far reaching requirements and jurisdictions are the primary entities responsible for implementation. The requirements are meant to reduce methane from landfills, increase demand for organic materials such as compost and mulch, and minimize food waste by increasing food recovery and distribution.

Jurisdictions are in the implementation phase, including educating the community, monitoring compliance, increasing procurement of compost and mulch and recycled content products, reporting to the state, adjusting recycling and organic waste collections, and more. StopWaste is supporting its member agencies by assisting with ordinance development, compliance monitoring and enforcement, outreach and education, grants to food recovery organizations and other partners, and technical assistance.

At the October meeting, a panel of member agency staff will provide an update on implementation and next steps.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.