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TO: Planning & Organization Committee/Recycling Board

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SUBJECT: Municipal Panel: Member Agency Schools Programs

SUMMARY

Several times a year, staff assembles a panel of representatives from the member agencies to speak on a topic previously selected by the Recycling Board. The topic for the July Municipal Panel is Member Agency schools programs. Representatives from Albany, Hayward, Castro Valley Sanitary District and Oro Loma Sanitary District will share their experiences and insights on the opportunities and challenges of implementing recycling and organics programs and other waste reduction efforts in their schools.

DISCUSSION

Schools programs have been a long standing focus at StopWaste, and the Agency has worked collaboratively with schools and schools districts for more than twenty years.

The Agency provides direct services to public schools – ranging from recycling infrastructure support, educational tours at the Davis Street and Fremont transfer stations, and hands on student action projects with classrooms, schools and their communities – and many member agency staff work directly with schools and schools districts as well. Depending on the member agency franchise agreements, schools may receive low- or no-cost services from the franchised service provider. Legally schools can contract separately for service with whomever they select.

The Agency's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance does not apply to public schools since they are considered subdivisions of the state and therefore exempt from local solid waste regulation. Public schools are, however, covered by the state mandatory recycling law (AB 341 - those with four or more cubic yards service/week), as well as the state organics recycling law (AB 1826 – currently covering those with four or more cubic yards of organics generated per week).

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.