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**TO:** Planning Committee/Recycling Board  
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**SUBJECT:** Municipal Panel: Organics Procurement under SB1383

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### **SUMMARY**

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

The cities of Fremont, Oakland, and Piedmont will discuss how they plan to meet this significant new mandate in their cities.

### **DISCUSSION**

Among the many new requirements of SB 1383 is the obligation of each city and county to procure a specified quantity of organics, such as compost and/or mulch. The intent of this requirement is to drive the market for recycled organics products. CalRecycle, which developed the law's regulations, expects that as more organic waste is recovered (due to the obligations on residents and businesses imposed by SB 1383), more organic products will be produced. Therefore, each city/county has a population-based target to meet for organics procurement to ensure these products are utilized. StopWaste is providing technical assistance and guidance to member agencies to achieve the procurement requirement in the most cost-effective ways possible. Each city/county may pursue different avenues to meeting this requirement, based on many factors such as possible uses, alignment with climate and other goals, existing land within their jurisdiction, and more. Local jurisdictions are in the early stages of planning how they will meet this mandate and will share their plans to date at the panel with ample time for questions and discussion.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.