



DATE: December 13, 2018
TO: Planning Committee/Recycling Board
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SUBJECT: StopWaste Environmental Educator Training - SWEET

SUMMARY

At the December 13 Planning Committee/Recycling Board meeting, staff will present an overview of the SWEET training program, which certifies residents, community leaders and city staff as StopWaste educators, and supports the agency's outreach on the priority program area of reducing wasted food.

DISCUSSION

StopWaste initiated the new train-the-trainer program, SWEET, in 2016. The goal of this project is to train community members throughout the county who can help educate community groups and individuals on priority issues, spreading our reach. For the first two years, the SWEET program focus was Lawn to Garden (sheet mulching). In 2018, the program content curriculum switched to the priority issue of reducing wasted food. The six-week training program included deep program content and training in best practices for adult education. At the meeting, staff will provide a summary of training program content, program participation to date, and examples of projects led by SWEET graduates.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.