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TO: Waste Management Authority Board

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SUBJECT: Update on Technical Assistance and Services Project

BACKGROUND

The Technical Assistance and Services project (project 1020 in the budget) works with Member Agencies to support the agency's Strategic Plan goal that 90% of the permitted building and landscape projects in the county meet Green Building and Bay-Friendly Landscape standards. It also supports the Product Decision's Material Targets in compost, mulch and green building materials. This project specifically provides:

- Technical Assistance on green building and landscaping policies and standards both in adoption and implementation.
- Technical assistance and grants on Bay-Friendly Rated landscape projects and lawn to landscape conversions.
- Training and education opportunities to Member Agency staff related to green building and sustainable landscaping.

DISCUSSION

Staff will update the Board on the key accomplishments and tasks of this project. In 2005 the first Bay-Friendly Rated Landscape project was completed and in 2008 Member Agencies adopted both green building (LEED) and Bay Friendly policies for civic projects. Most member agencies have subsequently adopted green building leadership standards (LEED, Green Points, or Green Point Rated) for commercial and residential projects, and Bay Friendly Basics for all private landscape projects requiring a municipal permit.

Member Agencies have helped to lead the state in implementing sustainable landscape & building practices. The early adoption of green building and sustainable landscaping policies in Alameda

County demonstrated that such policies could transform the market, and were very influential in moving California to become the first state in the nation to adopt a mandatory green building code in 2011. Green practices have been proven cost effective, are now mainstream, and have been added to the building code, including recent advancements to outdoor water conservation and landscape design pioneered through Bay-Friendly policies.

Staff will give a project update presentation highlighting:

- Member Agency Policies and the 2015 Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO)
- Top achieving Member Agency Bay-Friendly Landscapes
- Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes projects in Alameda County by Member Agency
- Key metrics achieved in waste diversion, water savings and GHG reduction by Member Agency
- Member Agency staff trainings

Staff will then respond to questions and feedback from the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.