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TO: Recycling Board & Planning Committee
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SUBJECT: Recycling Board Municipal Panels: Topics for 2018

SUMMARY

StopWaste periodically convenes a panel of staff members from member agencies to speak to the Recycling Board on current issues related to solid waste and recycling. StopWaste staff is seeking direction from the Board about the topics for 2018.

DISCUSSION

Approximately once each quarter, staff from member agencies come to the Recycling Board to present perspectives on issues affecting them. Representatives from different sized cities and/or different regions of the county implement programs or develop policies on issues of common concern, yet their approach will vary according to the conditions within their own member agency.

Past topics have included organics diversion (both residential and commercial); mandatory recycling; promotion and outreach; multifamily recycling; schools recycling; handling of special materials at the curb; franchise contract management; large events recycling; construction and demolition (C&D) debris management, and commercial enclosures/internal space. Their perspectives have focused not only on successes, but also the real challenges facing them. A number of issues – including organics recycling, franchise contracts, mandatory, multifamily, C&D and schools – are recurrent topics because of their local importance.

TAC members and StopWaste staff have developed a list of suggested topics for the Recycling Board to consider for 2018. Board members should feel free to suggest topics not on this list as well:

- Litter clean up (tentatively scheduled for February meeting)
- Single family and multifamily door to door outreach
- City strategic plans
- Commercial and multifamily trash enclosures
- Effective communications, especially through social marketing
- Data management

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Recycling Board & Planning Committee provide direction on the topics for 2018.