



DATE: June 13, 2019
TO: Programs and Administration Committee
FROM: Jennifer West, Program Manager
SUBJECT: Sustainable Landscapes in Alameda County - Annual Report

SUMMARY

StopWaste's annual *Sustainable Landscapes in Alameda County* report recognizes the commitment and achievements of our member agencies, local developers and landscape professionals to build healthy, climate change-resilient, sustainable communities. At the June 13 Programs and Administration Committee meeting, staff will share highlights of the report, released this June.

DISCUSSION

StopWaste works with member agencies and other partners to encourage sustainable landscape design, construction and maintenance. Conventionally built landscapes typically require large inputs of water, chemicals and energy, and generate considerable waste, whereas sustainably built landscapes provide important ecosystem services, conserve water, and sequester carbon.

In Alameda County, 79 properties encompassing 347 acres have earned the ReScape Rated Landscapes label since the program's inception in 2005. The rating system, previously known as Bay-Friendly Rated Landscapes, is a mark of excellence for sustainable landscapes and is administered by ReScape California. Sustainability highlights of the completed projects include:

- 80 million gallons of water saved annually
- 16,065 tons of locally recycled compost and mulch applied
- 214,828 tons of construction waste diverted from landfills
- 5,118 tons of CO₂E avoided

The *Sustainable Landscapes in Alameda County* report is available online at: www.stopwaste.org/landscape.

RECOMMENDATION

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