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[Recipient's Name]  
[Recipient's Title]  
[Recipient's Office Address]  
[City, State, Zip Code]

Dear [Recipient's Name]:

### **SENATE BILL 1383: SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING CAPACITY PLANNING LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CITY COORDINATION**

Public Works is transmitting this letter to your City/agency to establish contacts and begin collaborative organic waste recycling capacity planning activities pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395 of 2016 State Statutes) and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 18992.1, 18992.2, and 18992.3.

SB 1383 was signed into law in 2016. Among other things, SB 1383 required CalRecycle, in consultation with the California Air Resources Board, to adopt regulations to achieve specified statewide organic waste reduction goals. The regulations were approved by the State Office of Administrative Law in November 2020 and will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

The regulations require counties, in coordination with jurisdictions and regional agencies located within the county, to conduct specified planning, implementation, reporting, and outreach activities with regard to organic waste generation, organic waste recycling capacity, edible food disposal, and edible food recovery capacity.

As part of its implementation and coordination efforts, Public Works plans to host a series of workshops and/or meetings later this year. In preparation for these events and to exchange information as provided in the SB 1383 regulations, we respectfully request that you respond to this letter and provide contact information for the person or persons within your City/agency that will be the point(s) of contact for coordination between Public Works and your City/agency.

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For your information and reference, enclosed is a brief summary of pertinent Sections of the SB 1383 regulations describing the organic waste recycling capacity planning requirements.

We look forward to a cordial and cooperative relationship with your City/agency as we undertake our joint planning efforts pursuant to SB 1383.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (626) 458-3500 or [cskye@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:cskye@pw.lacounty.gov) or your staff may contact Mr. Charles Darensbourg at (626) 458-3546 or [cdarensbourg@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:cdarensbourg@pw.lacounty.gov) Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

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**Los Angeles County Public Works**  
**Summary of Senate Bill 1383 Regulations – Chapter 12, Article 11**  
**§ 18992.1. Organic Waste Recycling Capacity Planning**  
**§ 18992.2. Edible Food Recovery Capacity.**

In summary, Article 11 of the Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Regulations - Organic Waste Recycling Capacity Planning, requires counties, in coordination with cities and regional agencies located within the county, to:

1. Estimate the amount of all organic waste that will be disposed by the county and jurisdictions within the county using CalRecycle's latest waste characterization study and the total disposal reported in the Recycling and Disposal Reporting System for the county and each jurisdiction within the county.
  - Waste characterization study or studies performed by jurisdictions may be used if they were performed within the last 5 years, include at least the same categories or organic waste as CalRecycle's most recent study, and include a statistically significant sampling of solid waste disposed by the jurisdiction conducting the study.
2. Identify the amount of existing organic waste recycling infrastructure capacity that is verifiably available to the county and jurisdictions located within the county.
  - Capacity can be demonstrated to be verifiably available through a contract, franchise, or other documentation of capacity at a facility.
3. Estimate the amount of new or expanded organic waste recycling facility capacity, if any, that will be needed to handle the amount identified in the first bullet.
4. Consult with the Enforcement Agency and the local task force on the status of locations for new or expanded facilities.
5. Consult with haulers and owners of facilities to gather information on the existing and potential new or expanded capacity at their facilities.
6. Conduct community outreach regarding locations considered for new or expanded facilities.
  - The outreach must: (1) be in the form of public workshops, public meetings, print noticing or electronic noticing; (2) be conducted in coordination with potential facility operators, if applicable; (3) include communication for disadvantaged communities; and (4) be provided in non-English languages spoken by a substantial number of the public.

7. Consult with community composting operators to estimate the amount of organic waste that will be handled by these activities.
8. Estimate the amount of edible food that will be disposed by the commercial edible food generators located within the county and jurisdictions within the county.
9. Identify the amount of existing capacity at food recovery organization that is available to commercial edible food generators located within the county and jurisdictions within the county.
10. Identify proposed new or expanded capacity at food recovery organizations and food recovery services that will be used to recover edible food identified in bullet eight.
11. Identify the amount of new or expanded capacity, if any, at food recovery organizations and services that is necessary to recover the edible food that is estimated to be disposed by commercial edible food generators.

Per the regulations, any jurisdiction or regional agency contacted by the county for the information above is required to respond to the County's request within 120 days of receiving the request. If the County determines that a jurisdiction is lacking sufficient capacity to handle the organic waste and recover the edible food that is estimated to be disposed by that jurisdiction, that jurisdiction must submit an "implementation schedule" to CalRecycle. The implementation schedule must include timelines, planning efforts to obtain funding for additional infrastructure and capacity, and identification of facilities and activities that could be used for additional capacity. We anticipate having a website and/or database for jurisdictions to be able to submit information related to SB 1383 in the near future and will keep jurisdictions posted with any updates. In the meantime, CalRecycle has created a website with good information about SB 1383, containing some useful links and resources at (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>).