

School Recycling Program

Annual Update – September 2024
Progress on our Path to 75%



2023-24 Highlights

53

assemblies and
classroom presentations

19

schools at 75%+

2,356

tons diverted from
disposal

4,663

students reached

34

schools at 50%+

4,489

metric tons of GHGs
reduced*

*Equivalent of removing
953 passenger vehicles
from the road



2023-24 Highlights

San Ramon Valley Unified School District

- Districtwide custodial training
- Follow up with custodial manager and District collection truck driver
- School site audits
- Follow up technical assistance (on-going)

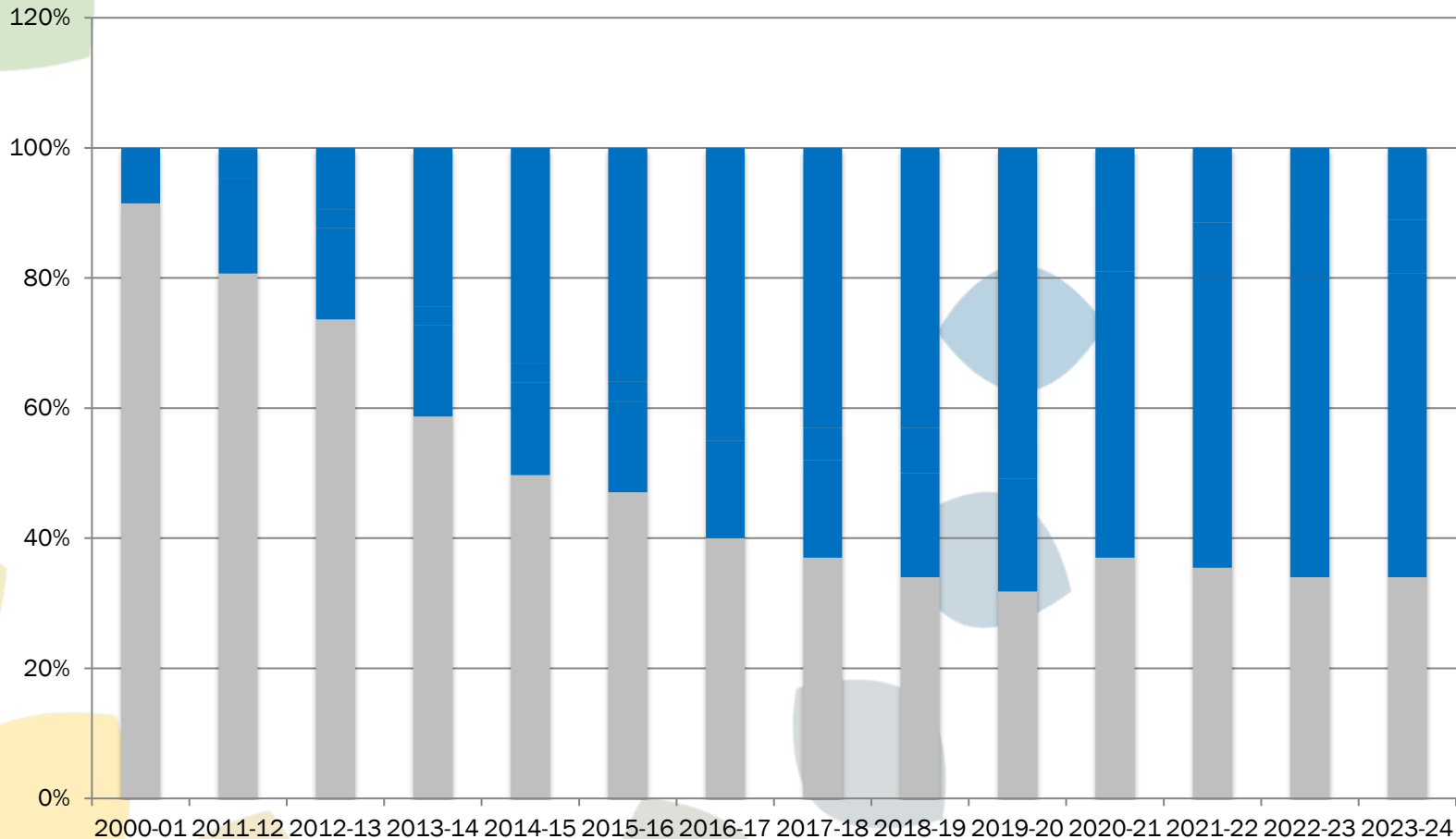
SB 1383 Compliance

- Assisted districts and school sites in contracting for food recovery

Updated and expanded Wastebusters Award Program

- Required schools to apply
- Awarded honorable mentions

Diversion Rate Increases Since 2000-01 Baseline



Base Year

Diversion Focus



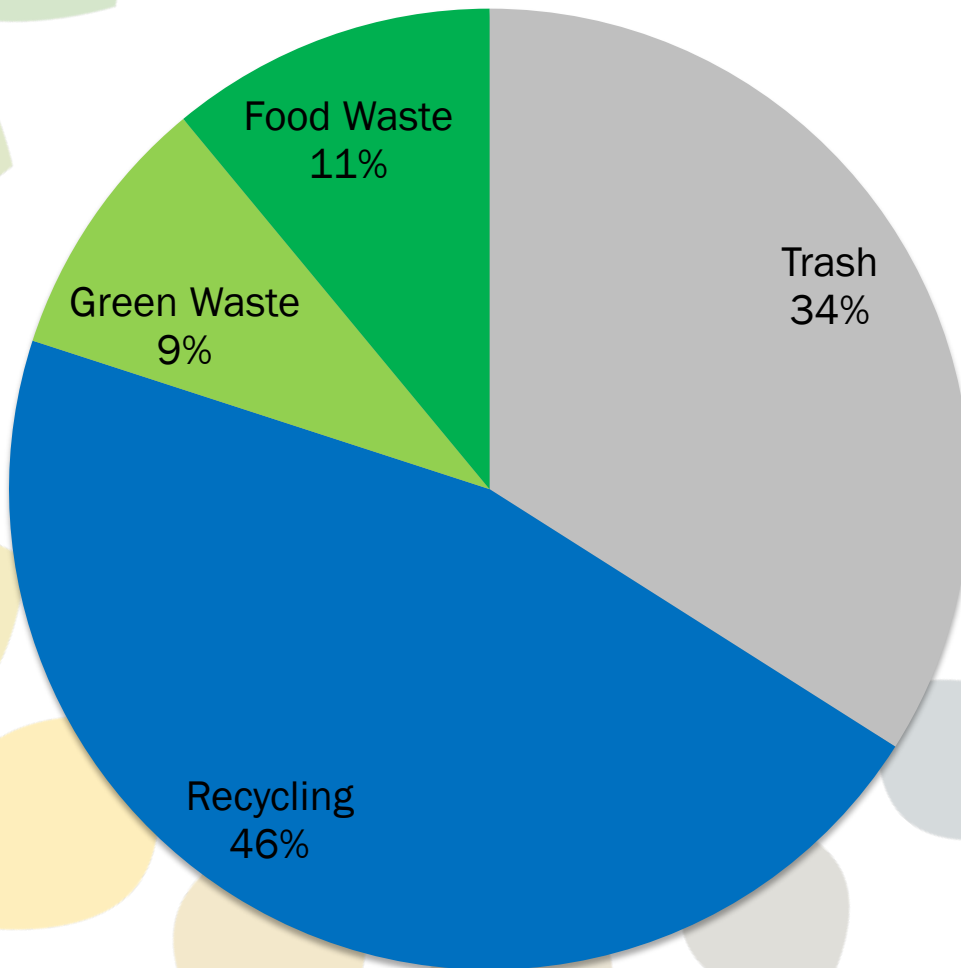
Service Levels by School District

District	Diversion rate ¹	Change since June 2023
Acalanes	63%	2%
Lafayette	67%	-1%
Moraga	74%	0%
Mt. Diablo	61%	2%
Orinda	65%	0%
Walnut Creek	78%	1%
San Ramon Valley ²	39%	7%
Private	64%	-3%

¹Based on collection service volumes and volume to weight conversion factors

²Recycling and trash self-hauled by district staff

Overall Measured Diversion Rate Based on Service Levels



Does not include San Ramon Valley Schools (recycling and trash is self-hauled by district staff)

Diversion Rates by School/Community

Contra Costa County (unincorporated)	
School	Diversion Rate
Alamo Elementary	61%
Creekside Elementary	50%
Murwood Elementary	75%
Parkmead Elementary	77%
Rancho Romero Elementary	51%
Stone Valley Middle School	50%
Tassajara Hills Elementary	63%

Danville	
School	Diversion Rate
Athenian	64%
Charlotte Wood Middle School	35%
Diablo Vista Middle School	31%
Green Valley Elementary	48%
Greenbrook Elementary	58%
John Baldwin Elementary	58%
Los Cerros Middle School	36%
Montair Elementary	52%
Monte Vista High School	23%
San Ramon Valley High School	28%
St. Isidore	73%
Sycamore Valley Elementary	52%
Vista Grande Elementary	60%

Awards	
Wastebusters	
Honorable Mention	

Diversion Rates by School/Community

Lafayette

School	Diversion Rate
Acalanes High School	62%
Bentley School	41%
Burton Valley Elementary	81%
Contra Costa Jewish Day School	76%
Happy Valley Elementary	75%
Lafayette Elementary	56%
Meher School	75%
Springhill Elementary	77%
Stanley Middle School	49%
St. Perpetua	54%

Awards

Wastebusters	
Honorable Mention	

Moraga

School	Diversion Rate
Camino Pablo Elementary	79%
Campolindo High School	63%
Donald Rheem Elementary	77%
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate	67%
Los Perales Elementary	76%
Saklan School	64%

Orinda

School	Diversion Rate
Del Rey Elementary	66%
Glorietta Elementary	65%
Holden High School	81%
Miramonte High School	75%
Orinda Intermediate School	63%
Orinda Academy	63%
Sleepy Hollow Elementary	58%
Wagner Ranch Elementary	75%

Diversion Rates by School/Community

Walnut Creek	
School	Diversion Rate
Bancroft Elementary	53%
Berean Christian	68%
Buena Vista Elementary	82%
Contra Costa Christian	61%
CC School of Performing Arts	56%
Del Valle High School	57%
Eagle Peak Montessori	73%
Foothill Middle School	65%
Indian Valley Elementary	76%

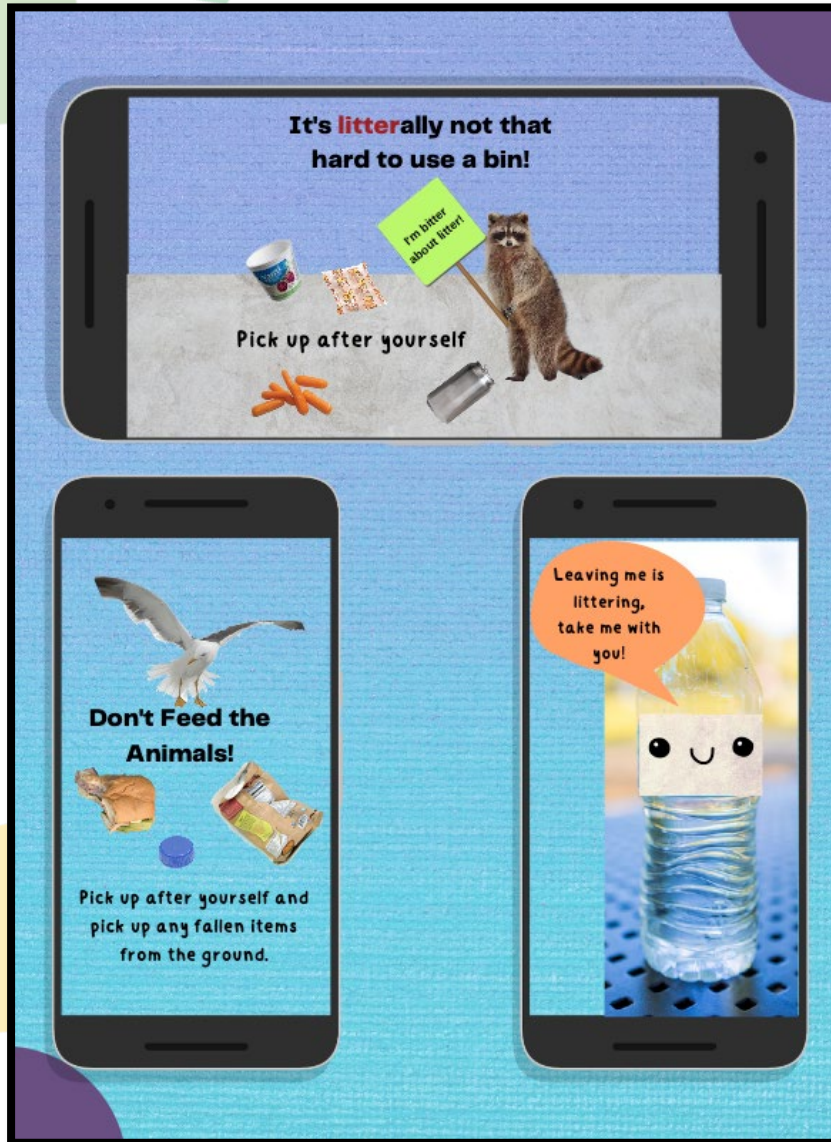
Walnut Creek	
School	Diversion Rate
Las Lomas High School	52%
Northgate High School	61%
NorthCreek Academy	43%
Seven Hills School	88%
St. Mary's	71%
Tice Creek School	79%
Valle Verde Elementary	48%
Walnut Acres Elementary	66%
Walnut Creek Christian	41%
Walnut Creek Intermediate	79%
Walnut Heights Elementary	77%

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2024 Student Green Teams



2024 Student Intern Projects



- Best Practices and Waste Prevention Campaign Planning for High Schools
- Evaluate Special Events (Homecoming, Grad Night, Sporting Events, etc.)
- More Waste Prevention: Reusables, Plastic Reduction, Food Recovery, etc.
- Creative/Marketing: videos, social media, print for schools, district and/or countywide

2024 Student Intern Projects



- Middle Schools Outreach
- Events: Countywide waste prevention student summit, clothing drive, Earth Day, etc.
- Volunteer opportunities: White Pony Express
- Senior interns to apply for RecycleSmart Student Scholarship



2024 Student Scholarships



Marcus Han,
Campolindo High School

Madeleine Park,
Monte Vista High School

Focus for 2024-25

Support and inspire all schools to meet RecycleSmart's 75% diversion goal

Community-based social marketing at high schools and middle schools – what makes it stick?

Expand reusable foodware – support schools that received dishwasher grants from the Department of Education (Burton Valley, Camino Pablo, Donald Rheem, Joaquin Moraga, Los Perales)