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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

MARCH 26, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.

Walnut Creek City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room
(Use elevator by City Council Chambers)
1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA**

If you would like to address the Board, please complete a speaker's card and submit it to Janna McKay, Secretary of the Board. When addressing the Board, please state your name and address for the record. There is a three-minute limit to present your information. (The Board Chair may direct questions to any member of the audience as appropriate at any time during the meeting.)

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

All items listed in the Consent Calendar may be acted upon in one motion. However, any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar by request by a member of the Board, public, or staff, and considered separately.

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 26, 2026*

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Chair and Vice Chair Appointments
Elect CCCSWA Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2026-2027.
- b. Resolution Recognizing Candace Andersen as Chair of the CCCSWA Board of Directors*
Adopt Resolution No. 2026-02, Recognizing Candace Andersen for her leadership during her term as Chair of the CCCSWA Board of Directors.

5. PRESENTATION ITEMS

- a. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mid-Year Budget Report*
David Krueger, RecycleSmart
- b. RecycleSmart Trivia Game – Round Two*
Janna McKay, RecycleSmart

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

These reports are provided for information only. No Board action is required.

- a. Executive Directors Monthly Report*
- b. Future Agenda Items*
- c. RecycleSmart Camps Statewide award through the California Parks and Recreation Association in the category of Innovation Award of Excellence (Ashley Louisiana)

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Corresponding Agenda Report or Attachment is included in this Board packet.*

<u>ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA</u>
Persons wishing to speak on PUBLIC HEARINGS and OTHER MATTERS listed on the agenda will be heard when the Chair calls for comments from the audience, except on public hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. The Chair may specify the number of minutes each person will be permitted to speak based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the time available. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Board for discussion and action. There is no further comment permitted from the audience unless invited by the Board.
<u>ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA</u>
In accordance with State law, the Board is prohibited from discussing items not calendared on the agenda. For that reason, members of the public wishing to discuss or present a matter to the Board other than a matter which is on the Agenda are requested to present the matter in writing to RecycleSmart Board Secretary at least one week prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting date. If you are unable to do this, you may make an announcement to the Board of your concern under PUBLIC COMMENTS. Matters brought up which are not on the agenda may be referred to staff for action or calendared on a future agenda.
<u>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT</u>
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

The regular Board Meeting of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority's (CCCSWA's), aka RecycleSmart, Board of Directors convened at Walnut Creek City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 1666 North Main Street, City of Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, State of California, on February 26, 2026. Chair Candace Andersen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Board Members: Candace Andersen, Chair
Newell Arnerich*
Matt Francois
Darlene Gee
John McCormick
Renee Morgan, Vice Chair
Janet Riley
Cindy Silva
Steve Woehleke
*Arrived after Roll Call

ABSENT: Board Members: Ken Carlson
Lisa Maglio
Stella Wotherspoon

Staff members present: David Krueger, Executive Director; Janna McKay, Program Manager/Board Secretary; Grace Comas, Senior Accountant; Judith Silver, Senior Program Manager; Ashley Louisiana, Program Manager; Jennifer Faight, Program Manager; and Deborah L. Miller, CCCSWA Counsel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA**

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on January 27, 2026

No written comments were submitted, or oral comments made, by any member of the public.

Vice Chair Morgan expressed her appreciation to RecycleSmart staff for setting up the Retreat event on January 27, 2026, that she described as educational and fun.

MOTION by Board Member Silva to approve Consent Item a, as submitted.
SECOND by Vice Chair Morgan.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. Award of Reuse and Cleanup Services Agreement

1. Authorize the Executive Director to conduct final negotiations with Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR) for Reuse and Cleanup services, in accordance with the terms and compensation listed in Attachment A (to the staff report dated February 26, 2026), and to bring a final agreement for Board approval at a subsequent Board meeting; and
2. Authorize MDRR to order the new vehicles necessary to provide these services.

Executive Director David Krueger advised that the Reuse program has been ongoing since 1999, and with MDRR since 2015. He described the program as unique and very successful, and reported that over the last 12 months there had been a 24 percent participant rate, which he characterized as very high compared to similar programs in other cities. He stated that 1,000 tons of reusable items had been collected this year. He identified the type of items reused such as school supplies, bicycles, furniture, and exercise equipment, and explained that the program worked because MDRR had taken the time to develop relationships with local non-profits to make sure that the items got to those who needed them. The Reuse & Cleanup Day program is a two-day program with a reuse day on the first day with MDRR and the second day for things that could not be reused, which were picked up by Republic Services. Early in the development of the Request for Proposal (RFP), 2027, the Authority decided to combine reuse and cleanup services into one contract with one the same contractor, to put reuse and cleanup services into its own contract separate from all of the other services, and to sole source Reuse and Cleanup services with MDRR. He explained that reuse and cleanup services were being combined in the same contract with one contractor in order to facilitate better coordination of the two pickups.

Mr. Krueger described the proposed changes to the current single-family neighborhood pickups where there would still be a two-day reuse/cleanup event, with an additional reuse component to the one-day on-call pickup. The new contract would also provide each multifamily complex with one on-call pickup per unit per year, with both reuse and non-reuse in the same day, just like the single-family on-call program. He noted the multifamily program would allow the tenant or landlord to call for the pickup. He described the other services in the contract with MDRR along with the changes that expanded the type and size of materials that could now be put out for pickup, described the single-family type reuse/cleanup program with Rossmoor, highlighted the battery drop-off buckets in 17 retail locations that would be picked up by MDRR, the holiday tree collections, and noted that MDRR had also been collecting reusable books from schools and libraries and reusable furniture from school districts, all of which would continue.

Mr. Krueger reported that the final price (between \$4.5 and \$4.9 million) was still being negotiated with MDRR for a 15-year term, and language would be built into the contract to make arrangements to increase the number of collection crews, and MDRR's compensation, if demand for on-call pick-ups was greater than anticipated. He stated the rest of the contract would be similar to other agreements negotiated with MDRR.

Board Member Arnerich referred to the multifamily reuse/cleanup in particular and questioned the financial risk for rates in relation to the extra benefit, particularly if a greater number of participants were involved than expected.

Mr. Krueger explained that the reuse budget was essentially \$5 million out of an \$85 million rate base, so it was not huge for rates in general. He would love to have a greater participation than expected but at this point he was not too concerned. Other cities with multifamily reuse services are having trouble getting people to participate. Mr. Krueger stated that if participation turns out to be less than expected, such that fewer collection crews are needed, the same line item had been built in the MDRR contract as with the Republic contract where MDRR could not eliminate a route and save money without RecycleSmart's permission and without sharing the savings. With respect to the records required or audit required to ensure accuracy, he explained that the number of pickups were self-reported but would be audited at times. Mr. Krueger stated that he would put into the new agreement that increasing collection crews and MDRR's compensation would require Board approval in advance. He stated that an alternative to adding crews if participation is higher than expected would be to have customers wait longer than 5 days to get on-call pickups.

Mr. Krueger committed to draft new language in the reuse agreement to mitigate some of the risk of increased costs with increased participation. He said that he would run this language by the Board and/or the Selection Ad Hoc Committee prior to bringing the final reuse agreement to the Board for approval.

Mr. Krueger also explained in response to Board Member Silva that the current reuse budget was \$1.12 million per year for just the reuse portion, which had been the same budget since 2013 when it had been bid, and which had never changed since that time. If the reuse portion had increased with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the years it would now be about \$2 million per year. He estimated the present-day cost of the current cleanup program at also \$2 million per year, although that is difficult to know since it is bundled with Republic's collection contract. The additional \$500,000 - \$900,000 was a result of adding: New materials (bulky items), a reuse component to the current on-call cleanup program for single-family homes, and the new multifamily on-call reuse and cleanup program. The price was based on the assumptions, primarily on the number of on-call pickups.

Board Member Silva agreed with the need to track the participation and recalibrate, if necessary, how the costs are allocated between the member agencies. With respect to Rossmoor, she clarified the varied sizes of the mutuals in Rossmoor, and she noted that every entryway had a certain number of units. She recommended the entryway approach. When asked, she reported that Rossmoor incorporated 6,667 units.

Board Member McCormick asked if there was a limit to the number of pickups for illegally dumped materials. Mr. Krueger stated that currently the plan was to compensate MDRR by the pick-up for collecting illegally dumped materials, so Board could limit the budget for pick-ups each year and limit the number of pick-ups that way.

Mr. Krueger clarified that the multi-year rate estimation exercise that each member agency participated in during November had assumed a \$4.5 million cost for the reuse and cleanup program. He stated that if the final number were \$4.9 million instead it would not have a significant rate impact.

Board Member Gee supported the program and wanted to see notification earlier so that ratepayers could plan to take advantage of the reuse/cleanup events.

Mr. Krueger agreed that the reuse/cleanup days had not been advertised well but information was available on the RecycleSmart website on the Reuse Day page where a search tool would identify when and where the next Reuse Days would be scheduled. Mr. Krueger stated that staff would make the search tool easier to find on the website in the future.

Mr. Krueger clarified that there was an allocation percentage for the cost of the current reuse program by member agency that had been used for years. He noted a new ad hoc committee had been proposed to evaluate the various allocation methods.

Mr. Krueger also clarified the basis for the 15-year contract given that the prior contract was for 10 years and explained that the term was loosely based on how long it would take to depreciate a fleet of trucks. He reported that MDRR had recently indicated that box trucks would be acquired for their services and the box trucks lasted longer and would be cheaper if able to be depreciated over a longer period of time, which was why the 15-year term had been proposed.

Mr. Krueger added in response to Board Member Silva that multifamily reuse pickup would be all on-call. Board Member Silva noted that many areas of Walnut Creek had multifamily housing that was nothing like pilot area on Ascot Drive in Moraga where reuse and cleanup items were placed at the curb. Mr. Krueger stated that each complex would have to work out the location to place items for pickup. He said that there was a similar program in Oakland where there is a wide variety of types of multi-family housing. Mr. Krueger said that in some other programs residents in large multifamily complexes set out their bulky/reusable items in their assigned parking spaces for collection. Board Member Silva stated that the Authority shouldn't pay to have illegally dumped materials picked up along the 680/24 right of ways and on-ramps since that is Caltrans' responsibility. Mr. Krueger stated he would include that in the agreement.

MOTION by Vice Chair Morgan to authorize the Executive Director to conduct final negotiations with Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR) for Reuse and Cleanup services, in accordance with the terms and compensation listed in Attachment A (to the staff report dated February 26, 2026), and to bring a final agreement for Board approval at a subsequent Board meeting; and Authorize MDRR to order the new vehicles necessary to provide these services. SECOND by Board Member Riley.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

Reports provided for information only. No Board action required

a. Executive Director's Monthly Report

Executive Director Krueger highlighted his Monthly Director's Report and reported that Compost Giveaway events had been scheduled for Lafayette on April 25, 2026, and Danville on May 2, 2026. Pre-registration was required on the RecycleSmart website.

Mr. Krueger also identified items scheduled for upcoming meetings, with the next meeting to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair, conduct a mid-year budget review, and with subcommittee meetings to be held. The Personnel Committee meeting would meet on March 11, there would be a Legislative Committee meeting on March 31, and a Finance & Administration Committee meeting had been scheduled for April 1, 2026 to start the budget and finish it at the May 28, 2026 Board meeting. An ad hoc committee would also be formed to inform and make decisions for the budget related to the allocations of cost between member agencies.

Chair Andersen requested that the schedule for all meetings from January on be sent out to the full Board of Directors. She also noted that the new ad hoc committee just referenced was comprised of the Chair and Board Members Arnerich, Maglio, McCormick, and Silva, and would meet at least once prior to March 13, 2026.

- b. Future Agenda Items
- c. Updated Rate Year 12 Attachment C
- d. Articles of Interest to the Board

6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board communications or announcements.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at approximately 3:45 P.M. to the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. in the Walnut Creek Offices at Walnut Creek City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janna McKay, Board Secretary
Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority,
County of Contra Costa, State of California

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

**RESOLUTION OF
THE CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
(RECYCLESMART) RECOGNIZING CANDACE ANDERSEN
FOR HER LEADERSHIP AS CHAIR OF
THE CCCSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, Candace Andersen served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (CCCSWA) from March 27, 2025 through March 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Candace Andersen exercised proactive leadership during the eleventh year of the Republic Services Franchise Agreement for collection, transfer, transport, processing, diversion and disposal services; and the Mt. Diablo Recycling Franchise Agreement for recyclable materials transfer, transport, processing, and diversion services, led the Board through a critical part of the procurement process for those services after 2027, including the award of the collection service agreement, and;

WHEREAS, during Candace Andersen's tenure as Board Chair, the CCCSWA successfully continued working toward compliance with SB 1383 regulations, including compliance and reporting of SB 1383 requirements, implementing the edible food recovery program including technical assistance to covered generators and inspections, implementing the route contamination monitoring program, issuing organics service waivers for commercial and multifamily accounts where applicable, educating the public and our member agencies about SB 1383 requirements, and preparing for a State SB 1383 compliance audit; continued customer awareness of the CCCSWA through successful outreach and education about waste reduction and recycling services and programs; increased the agency's knowledge of potential areas for improvement; and maintained or enhanced many other innovative waste diversion programs, including the Schools Waste Reduction and Recycling Program, Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling, Home Composting, Reuse and Cleanup Days, participation at community events, and proper disposal of household hazardous waste materials including batteries, medical sharps and e-waste through curbside or drop-off programs in partnership with the Franchise service providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority appreciates and wishes to commend and thank Candace Andersen for her leadership, service, and accomplishments during her term as Chair of the CCCSWA Board of Directors, and for a job exceedingly well done.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors on March 26, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Members: _____

NOES: Members: _____

ABSENT: Members: _____

Cindy Silva, Chair
Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority,
County of Contra Costa, State of California

COUNTER-SIGNED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janna McKay, Secretary of the Board,
Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority,
County of Contra Costa, State of California

Deborah L. Miller, Counsel for the
Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority,
County of Contra Costa, State of California



Agenda Report

TO: CCCSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DAVID KRUEGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GRACE COMAS, SENIOR ACCOUNTANT
DATE: MARCH 26, 2026

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 MID-YEAR BUDGET REPORT

SUMMARY

This mid-year budget report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 (July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025) summarizes the first six months of actuals received or expensed versus budgeted at the half-year point. As of December 31, 2025, each budget line item should generally show expenditures of not more than 50%.

The total expenses for the General Operations Fund (Ops) Budget are 48%, which is 2% less than budgeted. The Reuse and Cleanup Fund (Reuse) total expenses are 50%.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. This report is provided for information only. No Board action is required.

DISCUSSION

Operations Fund

Operations Fund	Mid-Year Actual FY 2025-26	Approved FY 2025-26 Budget	% of Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	4,993,778	3,812,407	
Revenues			
JPA Revenue*	1,107,533	2,084,749	53%
Post Collection Processing Revenue*	1,288,071	2,821,903	46%
Diversion Programs Revenue*	418,247	766,952	55%
Grant Revenue	152,745	384,171	40%
Interest Earned & Other Revenue	431,375	812,052	53%
New Franchise Development Reimbursement Revenue	23,000	-	
Total Revenues	3,420,971	6,869,827	50%
Expenses			
JPA Expenses			
<i>Personnel Services</i>	659,989	1,330,303	50%
<i>Material and Supplies</i>	29,239	126,515	23%
<i>Professional Services</i>	153,524	309,000	50%
<i>New Franchise Development</i>	122,563	125,941	97%
<i>Rent & Utilities</i>	96,610	192,991	50%
Total JPA Expenses	1,061,924	2,084,749	51%
Recycling Processing Cost	1,366,318	2,821,903	48%
Diversion Programs	344,255	766,952	45%
Grant Expenses	152,745	384,171	40%
Total Expenses	2,925,242	6,057,775	48%
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	495,729	812,052	
* Revenue from Republic (Customer Rates)			

A. Funds Available

1. **Unappropriated Beginning Fund Balance:** the actual balance is \$4,993,778, an increase from the budgeted \$3,812,407. The variance is attributed to higher than budgeted revenues for FY 2024-25, resulting in a greater beginning fund balance for FY 2025-26.
2. **Revenue:** The Authority’s revenue budget categories include JPA Revenue, Post-Collection Processing Revenue, and Diversion Programs Revenue. These three revenue categories are funded by rate revenue from the Authority’s customers. Republic collects all rate revenue from customers and remits a portion to the Authority. The Authority then uses its portion of the rate revenue to pay for the corresponding expenses: JPA, Post-Collection Processing, and Diversion Programs. Note that for the FY 2026-27 budget staff is going to propose renaming these revenue categories as “rate revenue” or similar. Other revenues include the Authority’s share of the funds that MDRR receives from selling our recyclables, grants from CalRecycle, and interest earned on the Authority’s LAIF investment account and checking account.

The Authority also receives a portion of the revenue that Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR) obtains from the sale of our recyclables. Per past practice, the Authority did not budget for this revenue, as it is not guaranteed and can fluctuate drastically with the recyclables

markets. This revenue is therefore not included in the budget summary table above. However, in FY 2024-25 the Authority received \$907,735.32 in revenue from the sale of recyclables. MDRR projects that the Authority will receive approximately \$550,000 in revenue from the sale of recyclables in FY 2025-26.

B. Expenses

1. **Personnel Services:** expenses include staff salaries and benefits, worker’s compensation, unemployment payments, Board Member remuneration, and scheduled merit step increases for eligible employees. Expenses were \$659,989, which is 50% of the budgeted \$1,330,303.
2. **Materials and Supplies:** expenses include copier lease, bank fees, memberships and subscriptions, office supplies, postage, reprographics, staff development and training, capital purchases and computer software. The expenses were \$29,239, which is 23% of the budgeted \$126,515. This budget includes a one-time expense of \$45,000 to replace the flooring in the Authority’s office space. None of the flooring budget has been spent to date, but the project will be completed by the end of the fiscal year. Staff projects that close to 100% of the Materials and Supplies budget will be spent by the end of the fiscal year.
3. **Professional Services:** expenses include legal services, computer troubleshooting and maintenance, auditing services and other consulting expenses generally not associated with a specific program. Professional Services expenses were \$153,524, which is 50% of the budgeted \$309,000.
4. **New Franchise Development:** expenses include legal and professional fees. The expenses through mid-year were \$122,563, which is 97% of the budgeted \$125,941. Total FY 2025-26 expenses for New Franchise Development are projected to be \$305,000, which is \$179,059 over budget. The reason for this is that some tasks that were budgeted to take place in FY 2024-25 were delayed and will instead be completed in FY 2025-26. New Franchise Development expenses were under budget in FY 2024-25. Therefore, total expenses for the three-year New Franchise Development project budget are still projected to come in at (or slightly below) the three-year project budget. The total approved three-year project budget is \$1,347,000. The Authority will be reimbursed by the successful proposers for this entire amount. The Authority has already received all of the reimbursements except for \$23,000 from Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery for the Reuse and Cleanup Services procurement. The Authority will receive that amount after that agreement is signed.
5. **Office Occupancy:** expenses include telephone, insurance and rent. The expenses were \$96,610, which is 50% of the budgeted \$192,991.
6. **Post Collection Processing Cost:** expense is the recycling processing payment that is paid to MDRR for processing the recyclables delivered from the service area. The expenses were \$1,366,318, which is 48% of the budgeted \$2,821,903.

7. **Diversification Programs:** actual expenses as of December 2024 were \$344,255 or 45% of the approved budget of \$766,952. The C&D, Home Composting, SB1383, Outreach and Education, School Recycling programs, and Special Events program will start to or continue to incur program expenses.
8. **SB 1383 Grants:** The Authority was granted \$531,371 in a SB 1383 local assistance grant funding from CalRecycle in spring 2024. The Authority received an additional \$60,000 from the county's SB 1383 grant award. Therefore, the Authority received \$591,371 in total grant revenue. This grant funding is for SB 1383 implementation. The Authority spend \$275,138 in FY 2024-25, \$152,745 in FY2025-26 and will spend the balance of \$163,488 by October 1, 2026. This includes \$50,000 budgeted in FY 2025-26 for the grant-funded waste characterization study.

Overall, the actual expense activity has resulted in mid-year total expenses of \$2,925,242, which is 48% of the budgeted \$6,057,775.

Reuse and Cleanup Fund

The Reuse and Cleanup Fund budget is exclusively for payments toward the Reuse and Battery collection programs. Republic Services collects these funds from service rates and provides them to the Authority for payment to MDR for contracted services. The mid-year actual revenue and expenses are 50% of the annual Reuse budget, as provided in Attachment B of this report.

During the FY 26-27 budgeting process, staff will present the FY 25-26 end-of-year projections for all funds.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. FY 25-26 Operations Fund – Mid Year Actuals
- B. FY 25-26 Reuse and Cleanup Fund – Mid Year Actuals

General Operations Fund
July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

	Mid-Year Actual FY 2025-26	Approved FY 2025-26 Budget	% of Budget
1. Unappropriated Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 4,993,778	\$ 3,812,407	
Revenues			
JPA Revenue	1,107,533	2,084,749	53%
Post Collection Processing Revenue	1,288,071	2,821,903	46%
Diversion Program Revenue	418,247	766,952	55%
SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program Revenue	152,745	384,171	40%
Interest Earned	431,070	801,552	54%
2. New Franchise Development Reimbursement	23,000	0	
3. Other Revenue	300	10,000	3%
Miscellaneous Revenue	5	500	1%
Total Revenues	3,420,971	6,869,827	50%
Total Funds Made Available	8,414,749	10,682,234	79%
Expenses			
Full Time Staff Salaries	482,685	1,014,847	48%
Benefits Expense	175,404	304,456	58%
Temporary Staff	0	5,000	0%
Board Member Remuneration	1,900	6,000	32%
Total Personnel Services	659,989	1,330,303	50%
Copier Lease	4,397	9,200	48%
Fees Bank and Other	9,136	18,800	49%
4. Memberships Dues Subscriptions	2,752	9,715	28%
Miscellaneous	53	300	18%
Office Supplies	4,319	13,500	32%
Non-Capital Equipment/Furnishings	0	2,500	0%
5. Staff Development/Travel/Conf/Meeting	8,582	27,500	31%
6. Capital Furnishings/Equip	0	45,000	0%
Total Materials & Supplies	29,239	126,515	23%
Professional Svcs Contracts & Contractors	54,160	102,000	53%
Financial Services and Fees	26,016	55,000	47%
Legal	73,348	152,000	48%
Total Professional Services	153,524	309,000	50%
7. New Franchise Development	122,563	125,941	97%
Total New Franchise Development	122,563	125,941	97%
Insurance	17,853	35,706	50%
Rent	74,765	148,601	50%
Telephone	3,992	8,684	46%
Total Office Occupancy	96,610	192,991	50%

General Operations Fund
July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

	Mid-Year Actual FY 2025-26	Approved FY 2025-26 Budget	% of Budget
Post Collection Processing Expense	1,366,318	2,821,903	48%
Total Recycling Processing Costs	1,366,318	2,821,903	48%
C&D Program Expense	12,108	30,220	40%
Home Composting Program Expense	21,637	37,000	58%
Outreach and Education	250,026	504,232	50%
8. School Recycling Program Expense	57,982	180,000	32%
9. Special Events Program Expense	2,502	15,500	16%
Total Diversion Programs	344,255	766,952	45%
10. SB 1383 Organics Compliance Program Expense	152,745	384,171	40%
Total Expenses	\$ 2,925,242	\$ 6,057,775	48%
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	495,729	812,052	
Contributions to Member Agencies	3,715,182	2,600,852	
Non Spendable (Pre-paid)		\$ -	
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 562,770	\$ 812,052	
General Fund Reserve (20% of Total Budgeted Expenditures)	\$ 1,211,555	\$ 1,211,555	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,774,325	\$ 2,023,607	
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Notes:

1. Actual beginning fund balance was more than anticipated.
2. Reimbursement from MDRR for the cost of the Reuse program negotiation.
3. Penalties assessed on Republic less than budgeted due to improved service.
4. Will spend entire budget.
5. Will spend entire budget. Conferences are in Spring/Summer.
6. The new flooring will be installed in April. Current estimated cost is \$37,000.
7. Estimated to go over budget in FY 2025-26 but not over the total multi-year budget.
8. Will spend entire budget.
9. Will spend entire budget. Most events are in Spring/Summer.
10. Grant funded. This includes \$50K for the waste characterization study.

Reuse and Cleanup Fund
July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>Approved FY</u> <u>2025-26</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Reuse Program Income	563,755	1,127,511	50%
Total Revenues	563,755	1,127,511	50%
<u>Expenses</u>			
Reuse Program Expense	563,755	1,127,511	50%
Total Expenses	563,755	1,127,511	50%
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	



How RecycleSmart Are You?

Round Two

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- 1. Which of the following is not a new RecycleSmart service in 2027?**
 - a. Second green cart at no additional charge
 - b. Second blue cart at no additional charge
 - c. Up to 4 on-call pick-ups each of extra yard trimmings and extra recyclables
 - d. Curbside recycling of cartons, juice boxes, Styrofoam, plastic bags and plastic containers #3, #4, #6, & #7
 - e. New container labels
 - f. Two document shredding events per year
 - g. "Recycle Smarties" contest to win free garbage service

 - 2. Which of the following is not a new RecycleSmart service in 2027?**
 - a. Multi-family reuse and clean-up days
 - b. One on-call reuse and clean-up pick-up per year for each single-family home (in addition to the two existing scheduled reuse & clean-up days per year)
 - c. Non-reusable bulky items, tires, and electronics added to the reuse and clean-up day program
 - d. Curbside cooking oil collection
 - e. Multi-family battery collection
 - f. Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection

 - 3. Which of the following is not a RecycleSmart Contract in 2027?**
 - a. Recyclables Processing – MDRR
 - b. Collection – Republic
 - c. C&D Processing – GreenWaste Recovery
 - d. Solid Waste and Organics Transfer – MDRR
 - e. Commercial Food Scraps Processing – Republic
 - f. Commercial Food Scraps Anerobic Digestion – EBMUD
 - g. Organics Composting – Recology
 - h. Landfill Disposal – Republic

- 4. Where is the Recology compost facility that will be used by RecycleSmart after 2027 located?**
- a. Tracy
 - b. Vernalis
 - c. Napa
 - d. Manteca
- 5. If it is not extended, when does the new 2027 collection franchise agreement with Republic end?**
- a. February 28, 2042
 - b. June 30, 2042
 - c. February 28, 2037
 - d. June 30, 2037
 - e. The day after David retires
- 6. When are the two cost-based rate years?**
- a. Year 3 (2029) and Year 5 (2031)
 - b. Year 4 (2030) and Year 8 (2034)
 - c. Year 9 (2035) and Year 10 (2036)
 - d. Year 2 (2028) and Year 6 (2032)
- 7. Which new programs are being added to help residents recycle extra yard trimmings?**
- a. Second green cart at no additional charge
 - b. Place extra yard trimmings beside your full cart for collection at any time
 - c. On-call pick-up of extra yard trimmings in bundles or paper bags, up to 4x per year
 - d. Each Member Agency gets 20 neighborhood dumpster collections per year at no charge
 - e. a, c, & d
- 8. The CalRecycle branch in charge of local jurisdiction compliance is called:**
- a. LAMD
 - b. SHIELD
 - c. DOGE
 - d. JACE
 - e. CONTROL
 - f. REDEEM

9. What does JACE stand for?

- a. Justify Authority Compliance Everywhere
- b. Jurisdiction and Agency Compliance and Enforcement
- c. Just Acknowledge CalRecycle's Eminence
- d. Joyously Assisting California's Environment
- e. Judge And Criticize Everyone

10. Which of the following will not be covered in a JACE review?

- a. Collection programs
- b. Implementation record
- c. Enforcement
- d. Paper procurement
- e. Recovered organic waste procurement
- f. C&D and MWELo
- g. Edible food recovery
- h. Education & outreach
- i. Regional Housing Needs Allocation
- j. Contamination management

11. Which two types of plastic containers have the strongest markets?

- a. 3 & 6
- b. 4 & 7
- c. 5 & 6
- d. 1 & 2

12. MRF is an acronym for:

- a. Mixed Recyclables Frolicking
- b. Municipal Refuse Factory
- c. Materials Recovery Facility
- d. Methane Recovered Fuel

13. Which community is being added to RecycleSmart's service area in 2027?

- a. Kensington
- b. San Ramon
- c. Saranap
- d. Canyon

14. SB 54 requires local jurisdictions to:

- a. Ensure that 100% of single-use packaging and single-use plastic foodware is compostable or recyclable by 2032
- b. Recycle 65% of single-use plastic packaging and single-use plastic foodware by 2032
- c. Achieve 25% source reduction of single-use plastic packaging and single-use plastic foodware by 2032
- d. Include in their collection programs all covered materials determined by CalRecycle to be recyclable or compostable
- e. All of the above

15. Who is responsible for funding SB 54?

- a. Private recyclers and waste haulers
- b. Local jurisdictions
- c. Garbage ratepayers
- d. California taxpayers
- e. The producers of covered products

16. PRO is an acronym for:

- a. Professional Recycling Organization
- b. Producer Responsibility Organization
- c. Product Reduction Organization
- d. Private Regulation Organization

17. Which of the following is not part of the implementation plan for the new franchise agreements?

- a. Developing new collection routes
- b. Informing those few affected customers of their new collection days
- c. Distributing new containers to all customers
- d. Designing and distributing public education materials
- e. Upgrading MDRR's transfer station
- f. Finalizing services for Canyon



How many did you get correct? _____

Good Job!
You are RecycleSmarter!



Agenda Report

TO: CCCSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: DAVID KRUEGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: MARCH 26, 2026
SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

SUMMARY

Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (Authority) staff perform high-level programmatic and administrative tasks each month to provide outreach and education to residents, businesses, and schools to increase diversion and instill waste prevention practices. Staff manage the franchise agreements and customer service in addition to monitoring monthly reporting by our service providers. Staff also interact with Member Agency staff, community groups, and regional partners on a variety of topics including SB 1383, legislation, and industry best practices.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. This report is provided for information only. No Board action is required.

DISCUSSION

Notable Events:

As described in the Third Amendment to the Republic franchise agreement, the service quality metric is 2,700 or fewer missed container pickups from residential subscribers on incomplete routes in a four-week period. Republic is entitled to a special rate increase in RY 12 that is based on the number of four-week periods in which they met the service quality metric. Because they met the service quality metric in 11 of the 12 four-week periods, they received a special rate increase of \$2,138,515.02 in RY 12 (March 2026 – February 2027). The Third Amendment also provides that \$112,553.42 of the RY12 special rate increase may be “clawed back” for each four-week period that Republic does not meet the metric between September 15, 2025, and February 26, 2027. Therefore, we are continuing to track performance through the end of the franchise.

Period	Four-Week Period Beginning	Number of Missed Residential Collections	Metric Met (2,700 or fewer)
1	September 15, 2025	2268	Yes
2	October 13, 2025	1372	Yes
3	November 10, 2025	2112	Yes
4	December 8, 2025	2588	Yes
5	January 5, 2026	1695	Yes
6	February 2, 2026	2677	Yes

Completed and Ongoing Activities:

- The March monthly **Member Agency liaison meeting** served as our required annual meeting with CalRecycle. (The annual site visit took place on March 24.) Our Local Assistance and Market Development liaison, Kathleen Strickley, attended along with the liaisons from each member agency and Kimberly Lam from Republic Services. During the call, Authority staff talked through SB 1383 reporting and recordkeeping, collection services, our franchise agreements, inspections and enforcement, commercial edible food recovery, recycled content paper procurement and tracking, recovered organic waste procurement, CALGreen and household hazardous waste management practices. In addition, we welcomed Estela Ramirez, the new liaison from Orinda.

Member Agency Liaisons			
Name & Member Agency	Title	Email	Phone (925)
Ellen Edgar, County	Planner	Ellen.edgar@dcd.cccounty.us	655-2767
Cat Bravo, Danville	Management Analyst	cbravo@danville.ca.gov	314-3377
Nichole Zittel, Lafayette	Associate Planner	nzittel@ci.lafayette.ca.us	299-3211
Estela Ramirez, Orinda	Management Analyst	eramirez@cityoforinda.org	253 - 4252
Cassius Carandang, Moraga	Assistant Planner	ccarandang@moraga.ca.us	888-7042
Candice Rankin Mumby, Walnut Creek	Sustainability Manager	rankinmumby@walnut-creek.org	943-5899 x2304

- **RecycleSmart and Camp Orinda Sustainability Week awarded 2025 Innovation Award of Excellence from the California Parks & Recreation Professionals Society (CPRS)**
 This Statewide award recognizes innovation, impact, and leadership. RecycleSmart and the City of Orinda have partnered on a weeklong youth Sustainability Camp for three years since 2024. This Statewide award follows the Outstanding Recreation Program and Special Event award received by the CPRS Bay Area Chapter in 2024. The Sustainability Camp (Eco Hero Camp) is thoughtfully crafted by RecycleSmart staff and two local education professionals, Marian Woodard and Alice Burns. The weeklong camp features hands-on activities to cultivate a deeper connection with our environment, the soil we live on, the food we grow, and the full life cycle of

composting and recycling. RecycleSmart wants to thank Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery for hosting the camp at their recyclables processing facility for a tour each year, to Republic Services for bringing their truck to camp for a visit with the kids, and to several guest presenters with engaging activities. RecycleSmart is contracting with The Gardens at Heather Farm in Walnut Creek to conduct a “train the trainer” program in 2026 to onboard new camp instructors and expand the camp into Danville, Moraga, and Walnut Creek.

Ashley Louisiana, Marian Woodard, and Alice Burns will attend the April 7 City of Orinda Council meeting awards presentation.

- **SB 1383 Outreach, Compliance and Enforcement.**

To further educate commercial and multifamily accounts about SB 1383’s requirements and possible enforcement actions, Authority staff in conjunction with Republic Services, developed two new resources for the Republic Services Sustainability Advisors to use during annual site visits. **See Attachment A.** They are: 1) A letter which outlines the compliance process and provides educational resources to assist with compliance, and 2) A checklist to help the Sustainability Advisor inquire about requirements related to SB 1383 at commercial and multifamily accounts. Each completed checklist will be uploaded into the account’s record in Recyclist. If follow-up action is required, the Sustainability Advisors will alert Authority staff. Follow-up will include issuance of a warning letter followed potentially by a Notice of Violation. Failing these efforts, a citation will be issued. This process is outlined in our Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance, [Ordinance 21-1](#).

- The Authority received the **CalRecycle Notice to Proceed for the “HD45-26 HHW Grant”** to conduct a one-day household hazardous waste drop-off event in our service area. The Authority was awarded \$100,000. Staff has initiated contracting with the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) as the grant administrator and staff is working towards securing a collection event site within the service area, researching other HHW collection events throughout the Bay Area, and soliciting costs for collection services. The Authority may need to issue a Request for Proposals for HHW collection services. The grant funds must be spent by February 28, 2029, and staff plans to conduct the event in 2027.

- **Women’s Conference at the Leshner Center**

Staff from RecycleSmart, Republic Services and Walnut Creek assisted with the lunch service at the **March 3** Women’s Conference at the Leshner Center. We help conference patrons properly discard box lunch packaging and uneaten food.

- **Tour of Halo Glass Recycling Facility**

Authority Staff toured the Halo Glass Recycling Facility in Modesto on **March 4**. Halo Glass Recycling operates a state-of-the-art glass processing facility. The facility converts glass sourced from buy-back centers and Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) including the Mt Diablo Resource Recovery MRF that handles the Authority’s recyclables, into color sorted, furnace ready “cullet” for the glass industry.

- **CalRecycle Annual Conference Call and Site Visit**

On **March 12**, Authority staff, Member Agency staff, and Republic Services met with Kathleen Strickley, the Authority's Local Assistance and Market Development (LAMD) liaison from CalRecycle, to complete the required annual conference call to provide information about SB 1383 compliance and other services and programs. On **March 24**, staff from the Authority and Republic Services hosted Kathleen Strickley for a site visit of various commercial, multifamily, and residential programs "in action." This annual LAMD visit is different from the CalRecycle JACE compliance reviews that were discussed at the January Board retreat.

- Along with many other jurisdictions and organizations, the Authority signed onto a letter written by StopWaste to ask the California Legislature to include \$29 million in ongoing funding for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program to support jurisdictions and nonprofit food recovery. A copy of the letter is Attachment B.
- The free **annual Compost Giveaway events** in partnership with Republic Services are scheduled for **April 25** in Lafayette (Lamorinda communities) and **May 2** in Danville (Danville/County/Walnut Creek communities). Residents can register online: www.RecycleSmart.org/FreeCompost.
- Vic Cabrera, General Manager, Republic Services, informed the Authority that Republic Services has been affected by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) February 13, 2026, final rule that significantly restricts eligibility for "non-domiciled" commercial driver's licenses. Beginning March 16, only people in "lawful immigration status" are eligible for those licenses. Six of Republic's drivers at the Pacheco yard (which serves our area) have recently had their commercial licenses canceled by the DMV and cannot continue to drive commercial vehicles until their licenses are reinstated. This may impact Republic's ability to timely complete all routes. Here is additional information on the issue if you wish to learn more:

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/non-domiciled-cdl-2026-final-rule-faqs>

[Federal Government Requires California DMV to Cancel Certain Non-Domiciled Driver's Licenses - California DMV](#)

[https://www.hklaw.com/en/insights/publications/2026/02/roadblocks-ahead-final-rule-tightens-nondomiciled-cdl-criteria#:~:text=The%20Federal%20Motor%20Carrier%20Safety,commercial%20learner's%20permits%20\(CLPs\).](https://www.hklaw.com/en/insights/publications/2026/02/roadblocks-ahead-final-rule-tightens-nondomiciled-cdl-criteria#:~:text=The%20Federal%20Motor%20Carrier%20Safety,commercial%20learner's%20permits%20(CLPs).)

Staff participated in or attended the following meetings in March 2026

- BayROC (Bay Area Recycling Outreach Coalition) meeting, March 10
- Lafayette Environmental Task Force meeting, March 12
- California Organic Recycling Council Member Meeting, March 13
- Moraga Community meeting, March 20
- Northern CA Recycling Association's Annual Recycling Update, March 25
- California Product Stewardship Council Associates' meeting, March 18

ATTACHMENT A

1. SB 1383 letter for commercial and multifamily accounts
2. SB 1383 checklist for use by Republic Services' Sustainability Advisors

ATTACHMENT B

1. SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program to support jurisdictions and nonprofit food recovery letter



SB 1383 Compliance Checklist

Business Name & Address: _____ Date: _____

Contact Name & Email: _____ Coordinator: _____

Indoor Recycling & Organics Bin Placement

Do all trash containers have recycling and organics containers placed next to them?

- Yes No Business has a waiver

Are all the containers color-coded correctly?

- Yes No

Do all containers have labels or signs to show which materials can and cannot go in?

- Yes No

Property Manager Education & Training to Employees/Tenants

How is the property manager training and educating employees/tenants?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Services Guide - Food Recycling Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Training video for businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Services Guide - Commingled Commercial Organics | <input type="checkbox"/> Training video for the Food Recycling Project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tote for multifamily recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Training video for multifamily complexes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-gallon kitchen food scraps container | <input type="checkbox"/> Move-in guide <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Are new tenants provided with material sorting training within 14 days of move-in?

- Yes No Other

Republic Services Outreach & Assistance (Collateral Provided)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Services Guide - Food Recycling Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Training video for businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Services Guide - Commingled Commercial Organics | <input type="checkbox"/> Training video for the Food Recycling Project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tote for multifamily recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Training video for multifamily complexes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-gallon kitchen food scraps container | <input type="checkbox"/> RecycleSmart SB 1383 Compliance handout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Container purchase Internal receptacle suggestions | <input type="checkbox"/> Link to recyclesmart.org for additional resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labels/signs | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signmaker tool
www.recyclesmart.org/signmaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Move-in guide <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Business Notification and Acknowledgment

This account acknowledges that the business/multifamily account received the education and outreach materials and understands the State mandated SB 1383 requirements.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



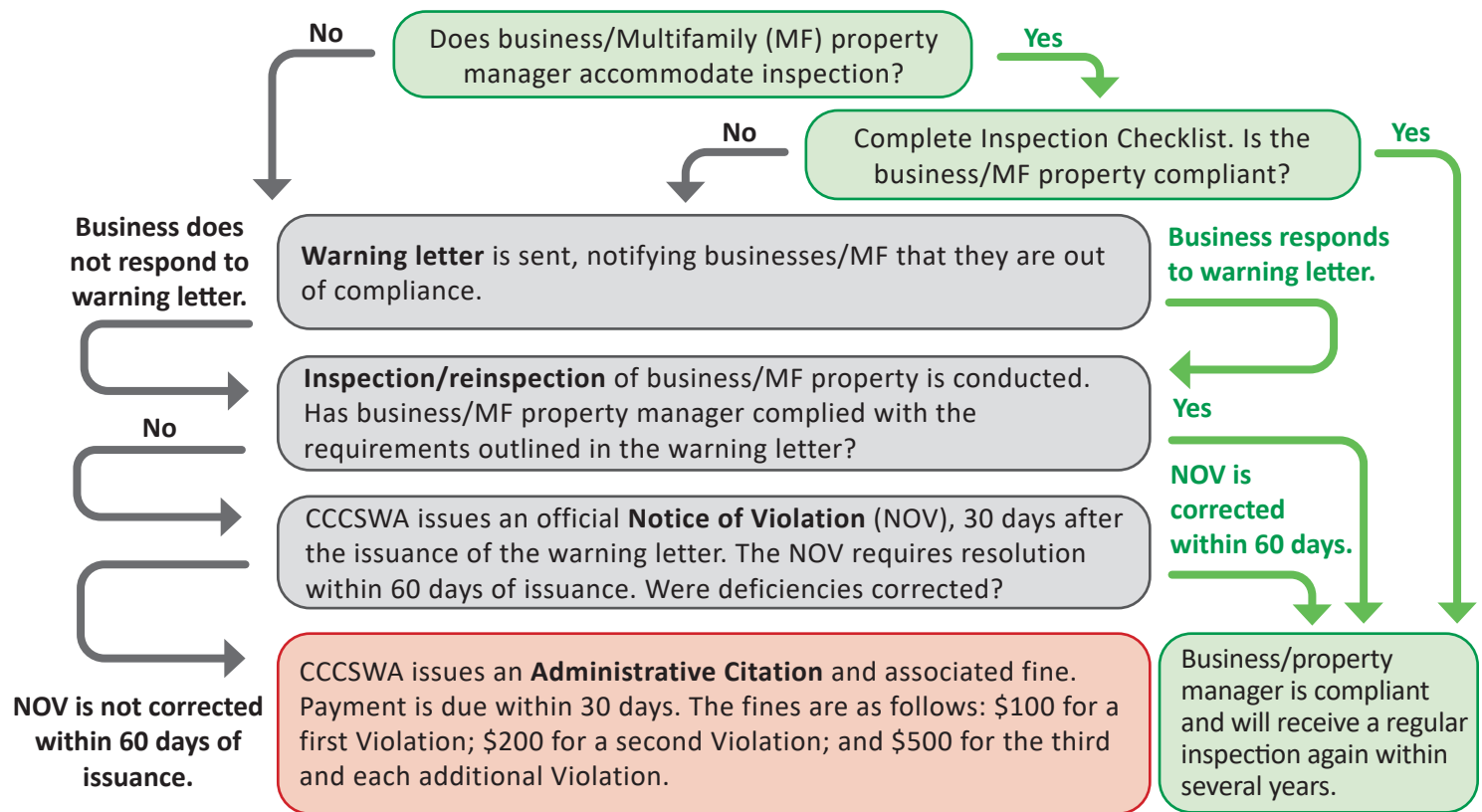
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Recycling, Organics & Landfill Program Requirements for All Commercial Entities & Multifamily Complexes

Central Contra Costa County Solid Waste Authority (CCCSWA), also known as RecycleSmart, is the local government agency that oversees solid waste management in our area. Our member agencies are the cities and towns of Danville, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek, and Contra Costa County, covering the central County unincorporated areas. CCCSWA has designated Republic Services' Sustainability Advisors to conduct inspections of local businesses for the purpose of determining the businesses' compliance with Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) and CCCSWA Ordinance 21-1. **Thank you for cooperating with this mandatory inspection.**

Compliance Enforcement Process



Notes

Contact Us with Questions

CCCSWA/RecycleSmart Representative
(925) 906-1801
Authority@RecycleSmart.org

Republic Services Sustainability Advisor
(925) 671-5860
SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com

See Reverse



Recycling and Organics

- Provide access for inspections.
- Subscribe to, and participate in, regular organics and recycling collection services with Republic Services, or
- Self/backhaul your organics and recycling: If you self/backhaul, or to request an organics service waiver, please visit the [Waivers and Self/Backhaul Requirements](#) webpage for more information and to complete a request form.



[Waivers and Self/Backhaul Requirements](#)

Recycling & Organics Container Placement & Signage

- Arrange containers so that employees, contractors and tenants have access to an adequate number, size and location of containers.
- Provide indoor containers for organics and recycling in all areas where landfill containers are present (except in restrooms).
All outdoor and indoor containers must conform to the following:
 - Color-coded bodies **OR** lids: Gray or black for landfill, blue for recycling, and green for organics.
 - Clearly labeled with graphic images to indicate primary materials accepted and prohibited.



Contamination Monitoring

- Periodically inspect recycling and organics containers and inform employees if contamination is found.

Education and Training

- Annually provide educational information about the legal requirement to separate organics and recyclables from landfill.
- Include education on proper sorting of all three streams (organics, recycling, landfill) into the correct containers.
- For new tenants, provide this information before or within 14 days of move-in.

Educational Videos

Training videos to share with employees/tenants:



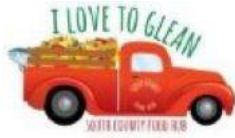
Commercial businesses: Please share [video](#) with your employees/tenants



Commercial businesses on Food Recycling Project program: Please share [video](#) with your employees



Multifamily Complexes: Please share [video](#) with your tenants



March 12, 2026

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
Swing Space, Room 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable John Laird
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
Swing Space, Room 8720
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Steve Bennett
Chair, Assembly Subcommittee #4
Swing Space, Room 4710
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Eloise Gómez Reyes
Chair, Senate Subcommittee #2
Swing Space, Room 7210
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Ongoing Funding for Edible Food Recovery

Each year 2.5 billion still-fresh, unsold meals are landfilled in California while one in five Californians do not have enough to eat. At the same time, recent federal funding delays and budget cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are straining California's food assistance system, reducing benefits for households and increasing demands on food assistance organizations across the state. Furthermore, rotting food and other organic waste in landfills emit significant amounts of methane, which is considered a "super greenhouse gas" because it is 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide in trapping heat in the atmosphere. The practice of throwing away food in landfills undercuts the state's goals of reducing the most harmful greenhouse gases (GHGs) and weakens efforts to improve food security for millions of Californians.

We write to respectfully request \$29 million in ongoing funding for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program and CalRecycle's Edible Food Recovery Grant Program to support jurisdictions and non-profit food recovery organizations. These funds are critically needed to cover operational and infrastructure costs, including transportation, cold storage equipment and staffing so that food recovery organizations can help achieve the goals of SB 1383: reducing methane emissions, improving air quality and reducing GHGs, and feeding people in our communities. In California, the estimated 2.5 billion edible meals disposed of each year equate to roughly 3 billion pounds of food. Based on typical food recovery costs of \$1.50–\$2.50 per pound, recovering this surplus alone would require an estimated \$4.5–\$7.5 billion annually for transportation, labor, storage, and coordination, highlighting the scale of investment needed to achieve our food recovery and climate goals.

Passed in 2016, SB 1383 requires edible food recovery to direct surplus edible food to food insecure communities rather than sending it to landfills. The goal is to recover 20 percent of edible food that would otherwise be disposed. Achieving this goal requires a steady investment because food recovery necessitates enormous work from both commercial edible food generators (hotels, restaurants, etc.) and food recovery organizations/services that provide food to people in our communities. Further, the state

law mandates annual data collection and reporting on all of these efforts, which is a significant lift for nonprofit food recovery organizations and local governments.

In prior years, CalRecycle provided grants as appropriated by the legislature to pay for food waste prevention and edible food recovery. Since 2018, CalRecycle has awarded \$28 million to 97 edible food recovery projects, which provided impressive results: 246 million meals or 295 million pounds of food redirected from landfills, 443 local jobs created, and GHG emission reductions equal to over 54,000 cars taken off the road. While CalRecycle's programs have often been funded through GGRF appropriations, they have also been funded by the General Fund. In the past two years, at a time when food insecurity is increasing, that funding has dried up. The last grant cycle was in FY 2022-23.

Specifically, we urge the Governor to allocate \$29 million annually to organic waste diversion grant programs at CalRecycle for the next five years. The existing SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program and the Edible Food Recovery Grant Program are among the most cost-effective expenditures, with a high ratio of GHG reduction per dollar, while simultaneously addressing food insecurity in our communities. With looming federal funding cuts to SNAP, this funding can help food banks and food recovery organizations, as they face a growing fiscal crisis along with unprecedented local need for food. Local governments are working hard with food recovery organizations to do this work, despite it not being adequately funded, which presents long-term challenges to meet the state's climate and equity goals. We strongly urge you to prioritize funding for food recovery grant programs.

Sincerely,

530 Food Rescue Coalition
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet
Alameda County Community Food Bank
Bayview Senior Services
Berkeley Food Network
California Association of Food Banks
California Food Recovery Coalition
California State Association of Counties
Californians Against Waste
Careit
City of Livermore
City of Oakland
City of San Jose
Common Vision
Daily Bowl
Dorothy Day House
Environmental Innovations
ExtraFood

Food Connect Circle
Food Finders Inc.
Food of God (FOG)
FoodRecovery.org
Food Shift
Hunger at Home
I Love to Glean
Impact LA
LEAF
League of California Cities
Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen
Los Angeles Food Policy Council
Meals on Wheels, Orange County
No Time to Waste Food Recovery
NoHo Home Alliance
Open Heart Kitchen
Orange County United Way
ProduceGood
RecycleSmart | Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority
Recycling & Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County
ReGen Monterey
San Lorenzo Family Help Center
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
StopWaste
Tri-City Volunteers Inc, Food Bank + Mobile Pantry
Trybe
Upper Valley Agency Waste Management Agency
White Pony Express
Zero Waste Marin
Zero Waste Sonoma



Future Agenda Items

TYPE BOARD MEETING: 04/23/2026	
C	Approve 03/26/2026 Minutes
A	2026 Legislation Bills and Recommendations
I	Executive Director's Monthly Report
FYI	April 1 - Finance & Administration Committee Meeting (1:00 p.m.)

TYPE BOARD MEETING: 05/28/2026	
C	Approve 04/23/2026 Minutes
A	Operations and Reuse Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026-27
I	Executive Director's Monthly Report
P	Waste Reduction Student Scholarships

TYPE BOARD MEETING: 06/25/2026	
C	Approve 05/28/2026 Minutes
I	Executive Director's Monthly Report

TYPE

- C – Consent Item
- A – Action Item
- I – Information Item
- P – Presentation