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WPWMA Preparing for California Organic Waste Diversion Mandates

With innovative expansion plans and new operator contracts beginning July 1, 2022, the Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) is well-positioned to significantly increase the amount of organics recycled at its materials recovery facility (MRF) – including food waste. And, no matter how organic waste is collected by Placer County jurisdictions, the WPWMA will recycle it to its fullest potential.

The California Legislature passed SB 1383 in 2016, a sweeping mandate to reduce organic waste going to landfills. Organic waste decomposes in landfills and creates methane gas, a climate change accelerant. This new law requires California jurisdictions to achieve 50% diversion of organics from landfills by 2022 and 75% diversion by 2025.

“The requirements of SB 1383 are challenging,” says Eric Oddo, the WPWMA Program Manager. “But we have been gearing up for this change and are well-positioned to meet the mandate.”

On March 10, the WPWMA Board of Directors approved agreements with FCC Environmental Services, LLC, to operate the WPWMA’s Materials Recovery Facility and Western Regional Sanitary Landfill. The new operating agreements will include the upgrades necessary for western Placer County to answer California’s call for a significant reduction in organic material from landfills. Please visit our resource page [here](#)

The MRF’s planned infrastructure upgrade will allow the WPWMA’s jurisdictions to comply with the organics diversion mandates without the need to change their collection operations. The WPWMA will recover and recycle organics into new end-products like compost or biofuel.

The facility upgrades are in conjunction with the WPWMA’s proposed [Renewable Placer Waste Action Plan](#) to meet the future needs of residents and businesses, comply with a changing regulatory environment, support planned regional growth, increase material diversion from the landfill, and create opportunities for innovation.

The WPWMA is a regional agency established in 1978 through a joint exercise of powers agreement between Placer County and the cities of Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville (member agencies). The WPWMA’s facilities consist of the Western Regional Sanitary Landfill and a Materials Recovery Facility, including composting, household hazardous waste and recycling buyback facilities. For more information, visit WPWMA.ca.gov and RenewablePlacer.com.