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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
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**Subject:**      **Receive and File Update on Solid Waste Collection Agreements and Senate Bill 1383 Organics Recycling; All Supervisorial Districts.**

**Recommendation:**

Receive and file a presentation on the solid waste collection agreements and SB 1383 organics recycling.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Discussion:**

This presentation is to provide an update on the new residential solid waste collection agreements (SWCAs) for refuse, recyclable materials, and organic waste collection service that were effective January 1, 2024 after a competitive procurement process. E.J. Harrison & Sons, Inc. (EJH) was granted an exclusive SCWA for the north, central and southwest residential service areas of unincorporated Ventura County. Arakelien Enterprises, Inc. (Athens) was granted an exclusive SCWA for the southeast residential service area of the unincorporated County. The new agreements included rate decreases and the expansion of services.

Previously your Board was provided an overview from the Public Works Agency, Water and Sanitation (PWA-WS) addressing local compliance requirements for Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), which went into effect on January 1, 2022.

The most significant waste reduction mandate to be adopted in California in the last 30 years, SB 1383 requires the state to reduce landfill disposal of organic waste (i.e., food waste, green waste, and paper products) by 75 percent by 2025. This means, the state must reduce organic waste disposal by more than 20 million tons annually by 2025. The law also requires the state to increase edible food recovery by 20 percent by 2025.



The County's responsibilities include the following:

- Provide organic waste collection to all residents and businesses
- Establish an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream
- Conduct outreach and education to all organics waste generators, solid waste collection companies, organics waste processing facilities, edible food recovery organizations, and city/county departments
- Capacity Planning (evaluating our local readiness to manage organics and recover edible food waste)
- Procure recycled organic waste products like compost, mulch, and renewable natural gas (NG)
- Inspect and enforce compliance with SB 1383
- Maintain accurate and timely records of SB 1383 compliance

The presentation will provide an update of efforts to meet these responsibilities.

**Strategic Plan:**

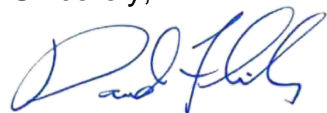
This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors (Board's) 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:

- III. Reliable infrastructure and sustainability through
1. Maintaining and improving dependable public resources to serve the needs of our diverse communities.
  3. Investing in sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy, and preservation of our natural resources.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact the undersigned at (805) 654-2373.

Sincerely,



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