



AGENDA REPORT

Economic Development

DATE:	April 28, 2026
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Shasa Curl, City Manager Nannette Beacham, Economic Development Director Samantha Carr, Environmental Manager
Subject:	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (RecycleMore) for Implementation of California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383)
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The services to be provided under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be funded through existing Solid Waste post-collection rates and solid waste franchise fee revenues. No additional appropriation is required, and this item has no impact on the General Fund. Any future costs associated with SB 1383 implementation that fall outside the scope of current rate-funded activities will be evaluated through the annual budget development process.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	California Senate Bill 1383 establishes statewide mandates for organic waste diversion and edible food recovery, imposing new regulatory requirements on jurisdictions, including the City of Richmond, and necessitating coordinated implementation efforts. The City has been working with RecycleMore to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to define roles and responsibilities for compliance with SB 1383 requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (RecycleMore) regarding implementation of California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) regulatory requirements and AUTHORIZE the City Manager or their designee to execute the MOU – Economic Development (Samantha Carr 510-620-5407).
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BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) set a statewide goal for the reduction of short-lived climate pollutants by diverting 75 percent of organic waste disposal to landfills by 2025 and recovering 20 percent of currently disposed surplus food for human consumption by 2025. Jurisdictions are required under SB 1383 to provide organic waste services such as, but not limited to, organic waste collection, edible food recovery programs, education and outreach, and monitoring and enforcement. SB 1383 designates the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) as the regulatory authority to achieve these organic waste disposal reduction targets.

The City of Richmond is a member agency of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority, a California joint powers authority (RecycleMore). RecycleMore is responsible for implementing most State-mandated recycling and organics programs in West County and is willing to expand its current scope to achieve compliance with the new requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1383 on behalf of its member agencies.

DISCUSSION:

The City has been working with RecycleMore staff to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Richmond and RecycleMore to establish roles, responsibilities, and requirements regarding the implementation of SB 1383 as required by the State of California and regulated by CalRecycle. The current MOU designates RecycleMore as the responsible party for implementing the following requirements of SB 1383:

1. Education and Outreach
2. Reporting and Recordkeeping
3. Edible Food Recovery Programs
4. Organic Waste Processing Capacity and Diversion Planning
5. Receipt and Investigation of Complaints
6. Inspection and Enforcement Program
7. Managing Waiver Policy

The City of Richmond will be responsible for:

1. Enforceable Ordinance(s) (completed in 2021)
2. Requiring haulers to implement SB 1383 compliance elements (e.g., collection, containers, monitoring, etc.) (completed as part of the Collection Agreement)

3. Container labels compliant with SB 1383 (completed as part of the Collection Agreement)
4. Approval of SB 1383 Waivers (ongoing)
5. Development and implementation of an [Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy](#) compliant with SB 1383 (completed)
6. Procurement of organic waste products (ongoing)
7. Reporting and record-keeping for Richmond required elements (ongoing)
8. Enforcement (ongoing)

CalRecycle, as the regulating authority, is conducting oversight and enforcement on jurisdictions to achieve SB 1383 requirements. As a result, the City of Richmond is subject to compliance evaluations. This MOU enables RecycleMore to leverage its specialized expertise to comply with the new SB 1383 requirements while imposing minimal strain on the City's already limited staffing resources. Funding for services provided as a result of the MOU is sourced from existing Solid Waste post collection rates and franchise fee.

CalRecycle has requested that the City and RecycleMore finalize this MOU as the City is expected to be audited for SB 1383 compliance in 2026. The City expects RecycleMore to approve this SB 1383 MOU at its April 2026 Board meeting.

City staff recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution to approve the MOU between the City and RecycleMore to implement SB 1383 requirements, and further authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute the MOU.

SYNERGISTIC POLICIES:

Climate Action Plan:

- Strategy SW 1: Establish a Zero Waste Framework

General Plan 2030:

- Policy EC3.3 Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling. Promote waste reduction and recycling to minimize materials that are processed in landfills

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – Draft Richmond SB 1383 MOU 4.17.26