

## **City of Arcadia Pushes Forward with SB 1383 Implementation**

Since Senate Bill (SB) 1383 went into effect on January 1, 2022, the City of Arcadia has made substantial progress to implement mandatory organics recycling and an edible food recovery program.

In accordance with SB 1383 and to achieve the statewide target of reducing methane emissions by 75% by 2025, the City of Arcadia adopted Ordinance No. 2383 in November 2021. Since then, the City has initiated outreach and education efforts to inform all Arcadia residents, commercial businesses, and multi-family complexes of their respective requirements to comply with SB 1383.

Informational flyers have been developed and its contents tailored to guide residents, commercial generators, and commercial food generators in understanding what they need to do. In addition, Public Works staff compiled a list of businesses that satisfied the definition of Tier 1 and Tier 2 and sent them informational letters which describe their mandatory participation in the food recovery program. The City contacted nearby food recovery organizations to confirm their capacity to accept food from Arcadia businesses and provided their contact information to businesses.

Moreover, to aid residents in the transition to organics recycling, the City hosted an event in January to give away free kitchen compost pails. The event was so well-received by residents that we ran out of pails. During the event, City staff was readily available to answer and address any questions or concerns related to organics recycling.

Internally, the City began implementing the mandatory procurement of recovered organic waste products, which includes compost, mulch, and recycled-content paper products, to meet the City's procurement target as required by SB 1383

While there is still much left to be done, the City of Arcadia is pleased with its progress on implementing SB 1383 and strives to make the transition as smooth as possible for its residents and businesses. For more information, please contact Public Works Services Department at 626-254-2712.