

BASIL CANTU

WASTE DIVERSION AND RECYCLING OFFICER

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Profile Summary

Have almost 8 years' experience in the solid waste industry, mainly assisting cities to comply with federal, state and local regulations. Five of those years I was working with a private hauler managing local jurisdictions contracts and I worked closely with the operational team with commercial and residential rollouts. Currently I am a new manager over at the city of Long Beach assisting the city to become compliant with California state mandate SB 1383.

Education

Life Pacific University

2013-2017

BA in Psychology and Human Development

Experience

Public Sector Account Manager – Waste Management

2017-2021

Directed commercial and national accounts through AB 341, AB 1826 and SB 1383 compliance requirements. Responsibilities encompassed meeting with elected officials regarding accounts in the Orange County / Los Angeles County Area. Oversaw a total of 15 jurisdictions and made sure each jurisdiction was in compliance with California state legislations.

Recycling Coordinator – University of Southern California

2021-2022

Planned, organized, and supervised all recycling programs at the University of Southern California Los Angeles. Reviewed and approved all invoices that had to do with waste and recycling. Provided training for staff members on how to properly recycle materials correctly.

Recycling Program Analyst – City of Corona

2022-2024

Helped oversee the solid waste contract with the city of Corona. Assisted the city of Corona in implementing recycling state mandates AB 341, AB 1826 and SB 1383. Was able to help the city reach 100% compliance with SB 1383. Meet with Cal Recycle on the city's behalf. Oversaw the edible food recovery program that started in 2022 with Tier 1 and will continue in 2024 with Tier 2.

Waste Diversion and Recycling Officer – City of Long Beach

2024-Present

Help oversee the city of Long Beach's solid waste and recycling programs to comply with federal, state and local regulations. Oversee the city's grants related to solid waste, the city's private hauler contract and the recycling contract with Waste Management. Currently working closely with the city's operation team to establish a residential organics program for over 120,000 single family and multi family homes.