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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2016
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Steve Castleberry, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: **Report on AB 1826, Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling**

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Item

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

In October 2014, Governor Brown signed into law AB 1826, which requires businesses to recycle organic waste. The bill is focused particularly on food waste, food-soiled paper waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste and nonhazardous wood waste. Statewide, organic waste makes up more than 30% of the material going into the state's landfills, and AB 1826 is intended to help meet the statewide goal of diverting 75% of waste material. To support the effort, local jurisdictions are required to provide outreach and educational materials to assist businesses in meeting the goals.

AB 1826 phases in organic recycling requirements for businesses starting April 1, 2016, based upon the amount and type of waste generated per week. An increased number of businesses will be required to comply over the coming years as the minimum threshold decreases. Per CalRecycle, full implementation shall be realized in 2019.

January 1, 2016	Jurisdictions to have an organics waste recycling program in place.
April 1, 2016	Businesses that generate eight cubic yards of organic waste per week are required to implement organics waste recycling.
January 1, 2017	Businesses that generate four cubic yards of organic waste per week are required to implement organics waste recycling.
August 1, 2017 and Ongoing	Jurisdictions will submit information about their organics waste recycling program in their annual report submitted to CalRecycle.
Fall 2018	CalRecycle will conduct its formal review of those jurisdictions that are on a two-year review cycle after receipt of 2016 Annual Reports submitted on August 1, 2017 by jurisdictions.
January 1, 2019	Businesses that generate four cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week are required to implement organics recycling.
Fall 2020	CalRecycle will conduct its formal review of all jurisdictions after receiving the 2019 Annual Reports submitted by jurisdictions.

Summer/Fall 2021	If CalRecycle determines that the statewide disposal of organic waste in 2020 has not been reduced by 50 percent of the level of disposal during 2014, the organic recycling requirements on businesses will expand to cover businesses that generate two cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week.
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Businesses can meet the mandatory organics recycling requirements through any of the following:

- Source separate organic waste from other waste and participate in a waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- Recycle its organic waste on site, or self-haul its organic waste off site for recycling.
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.

Nevada County staff and Waste Management have identified approximately 15 businesses in Nevada County that potentially meet the mandatory organic recycling requirements. Over the next several months, Waste Management staff will contact businesses both in writing and in-person to make sure they are aware of the requirements. There is not currently a countywide food waste recycling program, but staff will investigate a number of existing informal programs to see if they are applicable on a larger scale. In addition, Waste Management is working to identify a food waste recycler and to develop a collection/disposal service which could be offered to businesses.

CalRecycle will measure compliance based on the strength of our program, not the overall recycling rate. There will be annual CalRecycle program reviews to identify implementation gaps and insure compliance.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

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Approved by: Steve Castleberry, Director of Public Works

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