





# Costa Mesa Sanitary District

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## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors

**Via:** Scott Carroll, General Manager 

**From:** Elizabeth Pham, Management Analyst II 

**Date:** February 9, 2016

**Subject:** **OC Waste & Recycling Coordinator's Meeting (Update)**

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### Summary

On Thursday, January 14, 2016 staff attended the OC Waste & Recycling Coordinator's meeting in Santa Ana. This report is a brief synopsis of the meeting.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

### Analysis

The meeting consisted of the following three (3) presentations:

- Mallory Burden from CalRecycle, provided information on AB 1826—Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling.
  - Dr. Eric Handler from OC Environmental Health, presented on Waste Not OC (WNOC).
  - Scott Carroll from Costa Mesa Sanitary District and Mike Silva from CR&R, presented on the Organics Recycling Program.
1. Mallory Burden provided an update on AB 1826; information is available on the CalRecycle website.
  2. Dr. Eric Handler from OC Environmental Health, presented on Waste Not OC (WNOC). WNOC is a public-private partnership formed with the goal of eliminating hunger and reducing food waste by facilitating the donation of wholesome surplus food from food producing facilities to local pantries. The overall vision of the coalition is to end hunger in Orange County using a



three pronged approach: educating the community about food donations, identifying food scarce individuals, and connecting those individuals to sources of food.

3. Scott Carroll and Mike Silva presented on the District's Organics Recycling Program. The program uses Anaerobic Digestion technology to convert food scraps and yard waste into renewable natural gas and fertilizer.

### **Strategic Plan Element & Goal**

This item complies with the objective and strategy of Strategic Element 2.0, Solid Waste, which states:

***“Objective:** Our objective is to manage the collection and recycling of residential trash in the most economical and environmentally friendly way.”*

***“Strategy:** We will do this by looking for ways to improve efficiencies, achieve high customer satisfaction, and considering prudent new recycling methods.”*

### **Legal Review**

Not applicable

### **Environmental Review**

The OC Waste and Recycling Coordinator's Meetings are not a disturbance of the environment similar to grading or construction and do not constitute a project under CEQA or the District's CEQA Guidelines. The recycling coordinators work as a group for the betterment of the environment.

### **Financial Review**

No financial impact.

### **Public Notice Process**

Copies of this report are on file and will be included with the complete agenda packet for the February 9, 2016, Board of Directors Study Session meeting at District Headquarters and posted on the District's website.

### **Alternative Actions**

1. Direct staff to report back with more information.