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**TO:** Waste Management Authority (WMA) Board

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**SUBJECT:** Addressing SB 1383 Procurement Requirements: AB 2346 Update

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### **SUMMARY**

During the 2024 legislative session, StopWaste sponsored [AB 2346](#) which was authored by Assemblymember Alex Lee. This bill addressed the challenges of SB 1383 procurement requirements for local governments and introduced flexibility and options for how to meet these requirements across the state. For mature compost markets like we have in Alameda County, this bill provides new pathways to comply with SB 1383.

### **DISCUSSION**

Since 2022, StopWaste has convened a group of stakeholders interested in proposing solutions to address the conditions of regions with mature compost markets and finding additional ways to meet SB 1383 procurement requirements that accelerate progress toward necessary and ambitious state climate goals. That group included a broad range of local government, composters, and other stakeholders. The bill included ideas that were proposed by stakeholders and vetted by CalRecycle, who supported this work along the way. Other allied organizations also provided feedback and support during the legislative session as well.

The bill provides flexibility to jurisdictions by:

- Adding products that can count toward procurement, such as mulch from city tree trimmings
- Allowing investments in market development to count, such as the development of compost distribution hubs and purchasing spreading equipment
- Giving the option to comply through a five-year target, to allow for annual variation in the demand for compost caused by various market conditions and external factors

In addition, the bill incentivizes progress toward SB 1383 goals by allowing local jurisdictions to calculate their own target based on local organics diversion, rather than statewide average.

The group that came together to support AB 2346 was a broad coalition of supporters from across the state (Attachment 1).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment 1: ([link](#)) AB 2346 Bill Language

Attachment 2: AB 2346 List of Supporters

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### AB 2346 (Lee) - List of Supporters

Alameda County Board of Supervisors	County of Orange
California Chapters of The Solid Waste Association of North America's Legislative Task Force	County of San Mateo
California Environmental Voters (formerly CLCV)	Fremont LEAF
California Food Recovery Coalition	League of California Cities
Californians Against Waste	Little Hoover Commission
City of Alameda	Los Angeles County
City of Chino Hills	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
City of Emeryville	Mojave Desert and Mountain Recycling Authority
City of Long Beach	Office of Energy & Sustainable Development, City of Berkeley
City of Oakland	RecycleMore
City of Palmdale	RecycleSmart
City of San Diego	Republic Services - Western Region
City of San Jose	Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)
City of Santa Rosa	Soiland Co., INC.
City of Thousand Oaks	South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) Dba RethinkWaste
City of Visalia	Zero Foodprint
County of Alameda General Services Agency	Zero Waste Marin
	Zero Waste Sonoma