



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMEBERS

FROM: ROBERT YALDA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.16 OF THE CALABASAS MUNICIPAL CODE

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2021

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce for first reading of Ordinance 2021-396 amending chapter 8.16 of the Calabasas Municipal Code to establish regulations pertaining to Senate Bill 1383: Short Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Reductions

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill No. 1383 (SB 1383) was signed into law on September 19, 2016 to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% and increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025. SB 1383 is the most significant waste reduction mandate to be adopted in the State of California in the last 30 years and requires all jurisdictions to implement a mandatory organic recycling ordinance by January 1, 2022. This legislation requires all businesses, residents, and multifamily family apartments to have access to recycling programs that capture food scraps, landscaping waste, among other organic waste materials.

According to CalRecycle, landfills are the third largest source of methane in California. Approximately 34 percent of landfill space is comprised of organic

waste. Food waste alone accounts for approximately 17-18 percent of total landfill disposal. The decomposition of organic waste in landfills is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions. The goal of SB 1383 is to divert organic waste from landfills, thereby reducing methane emissions.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 1383 mandates cities and counties to:

- Provide organic waste collection to all residents and businesses
- Develop and adopt an enforcement mechanism or ordinance by January 2022
- Implement an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream
- Establish a procurement policy to purchase paper products made with recycled content and purchase recycled organic waste products
- Provide outreach and education for generators, haulers, facilities, edible food recovery organizations, and municipal departments
- Maintain accurate compliance records
- Monitor compliance and conduct enforcement

To comply with SB 1383, jurisdictions throughout the state are required to adopt an enforcement mechanism or ordinance by January 2022. The purpose and intent of this Ordinance 2021-396 (Attachment A) is to comply with the State’s mandate and, through education, redistribution, and recycling efforts, reduce potent pollutants such as landfill methane emissions which are major contributors to climate change. This ordinance addresses and incorporates the aforementioned requirements of SB 1383.

SB 1383 allows cities to take an educational approach to enforcement for the first two years of the ordinance being in effect. Starting January 2024, cities must take progressive enforcement actions against organic waste generators that are not in compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce for first reading of Ordinance 2021-396 amending chapter 8.16 of the Calabasas Municipal Code to establish regulations pertaining to Senate Bill 1383: Short Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Reductions

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Ordinance 2021-396