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TO: All County Departments' Facility Managers

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COUNTY DEPARTMENTS COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 1826: COMMERCIAL ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

In October of 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826), which will require businesses to arrange for organic waste recycling services depending on the amount of waste they generate per week (as shown in the tiered schedule below). Organic waste includes food scraps, green waste, and food soiled paper.

Date	Compliance Threshold (Cubic yards generated weekly)
April 1, 2016	8 (organic waste)
January 1, 2017	4 (organic waste)
January 1, 2019	4 (commercial solid waste)
Summer/Fall 2021	2 (commercial solid waste)

As a result of this legislation, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) has been discussing the implementation of AB1826 with the State governing agency over waste management (CalRecycle) and evaluating the potential impacts in order to assist the County with compliance. Through the Sustainable Waste Management Working Group, many County departments have been involved in the discussions and have been aware of the new law and its potential impacts. Additionally, your Department may have already been contacted by your waste hauler to inform you of the new law.

In February 2016, Internal Services Department (ISD) collaborated with Public Works and the Working Group to administer a survey to all County departments in order to identify strategies for providing more effective waste hauling services to County departments to meet current and future state mandated reporting and recycling requirements.

Based on the results of the survey, Public Works has done a preliminary review of County facilities by departments who receive waste hauling services through ISD's waste hauling contracts and has highlighted those **facilities in the attached list that are likely within the first tier of compliance**. Public Works may be able to assist you in determining whether your facility is required to comply.

If a facility is required to comply with AB 1826, there are several options. The facility may:

1. Source separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to a basic level of organic waste recycling service with a waste hauler that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
2. Recycle the organic waste onsite or self-haul the facility's own organic waste for recycling.
3. Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service with a waste hauler that may include mixed waste processing that specifically separates and recycles organic waste.
4. Make other arrangements, such as sell or donate the recyclable organic waste materials.

Public Works would like to assist your Department in determining compliance if any of your facilities meet these thresholds, as well as in choosing the best option to comply. Facilities that have a large number of employees, extensive landscaping, or house large numbers of patients or inmates are very likely to meet these thresholds, starting as early as April 1 of this year. Other types of facilities may also generate enough organic waste to meet the compliance threshold; therefore, each facility is advised to review its waste hauling invoices to verify level of service received in order to determine whether they will be required to comply.

Public Works and ISD are ready to assist you in subscribing to organic waste recycling services. If your Department currently has a waste hauling contract through ISD, please note that ISD is currently in the process of developing new waste hauling contracts to include provisions for organic recycling services to aid in compliance. In the meantime, your Department is advised to contact your waste hauler to arrange for organic recycling services. If your current waste hauler does not provide organic recycling services, there are two additional options for obtaining organic recycling services:

1. Contact approved vendors from ISD's Facility Ancillary Services Master Agreement (FASMA) contracts, which are appropriate for your disposal needs. The Master Agreement Vendor List can be found on ISD's FASMA website at the

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following link: <http://purchasingcontracts.co.la.ca.us/fasma.htm>. Contact Tatiana Menendez of ISD at (323) 267-2615 to view terms of the FASMA contracts.

2. Contact any of the waste haulers on the enclosed list of non-exclusive commercial franchise haulers to obtain contract services for organic waste recycling.

If you would like assistance in determining the applicability or implementation of the law to your facility, or if you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Nilda Gemeniano at (626) 458-5184.

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