

**MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

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| <b>MEETING: 5/25/17</b>                                | <b>AGENDA NO.:</b>  |
| <b>ACTION REQUESTED<br/>OF COMMITTEE:</b>              | 1. Receive a report on CalRecycle's communications with Monterey County in letters dated January 4 and April 19 of 2017 |
| <b>DEPARTMENT:<br/>Environmental Health<br/>Bureau</b> |   |

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Alternative Energy and Environment Committee:  
a. Receive a report on CalRecycle's communications with Monterey County in letters dated January 4 and April 19 of 2017.

**SUMMARY:**

A letter dated January 4, 2017, from CalRecycle to the Director of the Environmental Health Bureau reported on a review of Monterey County's AB 939 (State waste diversion mandates) noting the need to improve in the following areas: disposal trends, commercial recycling trends, construction and demolition coordination with RMA, government source reduction.

A letter dated April 19, 2019, from CalRecycle to the CAO stated that Monterey County is in compliance with AB 939 (State waste diversion mandates) for the years of 2012-2015. This letter also referenced a January 4, 2017, letter noting areas to address for improvement, specifically: per person per day disposal (a numerical indicator of reported disposal tons divided by population of jurisdiction); commercial recycling rates; construction and demolition coordination with other agencies to ensure jurisdiction compliance via permitting processes; and government source reduction by addressing environmentally friendly purchases as a procurement policy, as well as addressing internal recycling practices.

**DISCUSSION:**

Currently the Recycling and Resource Recovery program is pushing an advertisement campaign addressing recycling, with emphasis on commercial and organics recycling. These advertisements are in print, television, and the internet.

We have begun a mass mailing campaign to the industrial/commercial sector outlining laws pertaining to commercial recycling and the need to communicate their compliance to Environmental Health. We have also conducted in person reviews to re-enforce the need to comply with the laws regarding recycling and diversion. We will continue this cycle to ensure State diversion goals are met.

Environmental Health has also coordinated with RMA to address process and procedures related to construction/demolition to verify proper diversion is taking place.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Monterey County Resource Management Agency

**FINANCING:**

Approval of this recommendation will not result in additional general fund impacts.

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Attachments:

- a. Letter from CalRecycle dated 1/4/17
- b. Letter from Calrecycle dated 4/19/17