

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MCOR) and Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR)

Electronic Annual Report Questions Commencing August 1, 2017 (Revised February 2016)

I. Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR):

To better capture data regarding Mandatory Commercial Recycling the following data/text fields will be added to the EAR in lieu of a single text box.

Section: Education and Outreach

1. Describe education and outreach methods for the reporting year for electronic, print and direct contact, including those done by the jurisdiction and by the hauler(s). *Note: LAMD staff will input this information.*

Section: Monitoring

1. Total number of covered businesses
2. Total number of covered businesses not recycling
3. Total number of covered multifamily complexes
4. Total number of covered multifamily complexes not recycling
5. What was done to inform those not recycling about the law and how to recycle?

II. Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORe):

To capture data regarding Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling the following data/text fields will be added to the EAR. In Spring, 2017 CalRecycle will provide an update on where this data will be located in the EAR.

SECTION: RURAL JURISDICTIONS ONLY

- 1) Does your jurisdiction have a rural exemption for MORe? Y/N
Instructions: If the answer is Yes, reporting entity may skip the remaining MORe reporting section (exception AB 876). However, a jurisdiction with a rural exemption may fill out remaining sections for MORe reporting. The rural counties and rural regional agencies must fill out the questions related to AB 876 in the Infrastructure section.
- 2) Do you wish to complete the MORe reporting section? Y/N

SECTION: Identification of Covered Businesses/Multifamily Complexes

- a. Please describe the methodology used to identify covered businesses and multifamily complexes _____
- b. If any of this data is not available, please explain why it is not available and how you are addressing gathering the data and when it will be available _____

SECTION: Monitoring

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- a. Total number of covered businesses
- b. Total number of covered businesses not recycling organics, if available.
- c. Total number of covered multifamily complexes
- d. Total number of covered multifamily complexes not recycling green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and nonhazardous wood waste
- e. What was done to inform those not recycling about the law and how to recycle?
Note: For each of the numeric data boxes there will be the ability for a Regional Agency to report the totals for the RA in each data field and/or for each member, if they have the data by member available.
- f. If applicable, please describe any challenges encountered in implementing monitoring related to the jurisdiction's organic recycling program.
- g. If available, provide the amount of organic material that is being diverted by covered businesses/multifamily complexes _____

SECTION: Education and Outreach

- 1) Describe education and outreach methods for the reporting year for electronic, print and direct contact, including those done by the jurisdiction and by the hauler(s). *Note: LAMD staff will input this information.*
 - 2) If applicable, please describe any challenges encountered in implementing education and outreach for the jurisdiction's organic recycling program.
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SECTION: Infrastructure and Barriers

Progress achieved in implementing commercial organics waste recycling program (all years)

The following shall be reported for compost, anaerobic digestion and chip and grind facilities, and may include other facilities that recycle organic waste.

[The Facility Information Toolbox \(FacIT\) database](#) can assist local jurisdictions in identifying organic facilities within a "reasonable vicinity" to comply with the Annual Reporting requirements in AB 1826. Please see the user guide ([Tool to Identify and Map Waste Recycling Facilities](#) (PDF, 1.8 MB)) to see how this tool may be able to help you.

- 1) *(County/Regional Agency only need to answer—AB 876)* An estimate of the amount of organic waste in cubic yards that will be disposed by the county or regional agency over a 15-year period.

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- a. *(County/Regional Agency only need to answer—AB 876)* An estimate of the additional organic waste recycling facility capacity in cubic yards that will be needed to process the amount of organic waste identified in #1 above.
- 2) *(County/Regional Agency only need to answer—AB 876)* Pursuant to AB 876 include information on areas identified as locations for new or expanded organic waste recycling facilities capable of safely meeting the additional organic waste recycling facility capacity need identified in #1a above.

The Department will consider the following types of questions in evaluating responses regarding how you are or have identified locations for new or expanded organic waste recycling facilities capable of safely meeting the additional organic waste recycling facility capacity need identified in #1a above:

- a. - *Have met as a county, regional agency, or even a broader geographic region to discuss areas or locations where new organics diversion facilities can be placed or existing facilities can be expanded?*
- b. - *Have you considered how different types of organics, e.g., food waste and yard waste, will affect your capacities and types of facilities you will need?*
- c. - *Have you already identified areas or sites through some type of public process? If so, please provide that information. If not, how and when will you go about doing this?*
- d. - *Have you assessed existing MRFs and diversion facilities that could be used for co-location, and assessed closed or abandoned sites that could be used again?*
- e. - *Have you identified existing diversion facilities in your area that are permitted to accept organics, and have you assessed the amount of additional material they can process?*
- f. - *Are there any existing contracts in place between the jurisdictions or facilities that could limit the amount of new organic material that can be taken to existing facilities?*

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- 3) Please provide the names of organic waste recycling facilities within a reasonable vicinity and the capacities available for materials to be accepted at each facility.

 - 4) Please describe existing solid waste and organic waste recycling facilities within the jurisdiction that may be suitable for potential expansion or colocation of organic waste processing or recycling facilities.

 - 5) Please describe efforts of which the jurisdiction is aware that are underway to develop new private or public regional organic waste recycling facilities and the anticipated timeline for completion of those facilities.

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- 6) Please provide a list of closed or abandoned sites that may be available for new organic waste recycling facilities.

- 7) Please describe other nondisposal opportunities or markets (e.g., food donation, on-site composting, etc.) available to covered entities in the jurisdiction.

- 8) If available, please describe appropriate zoning and permit requirements for siting a new organic waste recycling facility within your jurisdiction.”

- 9) Please describe any incentives available, if any, for developing new organic waste recycling facilities within the jurisdiction.

- 10) Please describe any efforts the local jurisdiction is participating in or aware of to promote local markets for processed organic material (e.g. through jurisdiction purchases of material, education to residents/businesses to purchase materials).

11) Any Barriers? Yes or No

Please indicate any known barriers to siting or expanding organic waste recycling facilities in the area, such as availability of markets, budgetary issues, public health and safety concerns, low population density, distance to markets, or cost to process material is prohibited due to small amount of material, etc. If there are identified barriers that are in the jurisdiction’s control, please provide a summary of the jurisdiction’s plan to remedy the barriers that are under its control.

SECTION: Enforcement, Self-Haul Requirements and Exemptions

The following elements do not need to be implemented as part of the jurisdiction’s organic waste recycling program; however, if the jurisdiction implements any of these, then the jurisdiction is required to report on any efforts related to these provisions.

- 1) Has the jurisdiction implemented any enforcement measures for covered businesses (including multifamily) that are not in compliance? If so, please describe.

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- 2) Has the jurisdiction implemented any certification requirements for self-haulers? If so, please describe.

- 3) Have any exemptions been granted? (Exemptions noted in the law include lack of sufficient space to provide additional bins, current business practices already result in a significant reduction in its organic waste (can be revoked 2020), the business does not generate at least one-half cubic yard of organic waste per week, limited term exemptions unforeseen events.) If so, please describe.

- 4) _____

SECTION: Additional Information

Is there anything else you would like to tell CalRecycle about unique or innovative efforts by your jurisdiction to reduce organic waste generation and increase diversion, about your jurisdiction's public education efforts, or about specific obstacles to reaching your jurisdiction's implementation of an organic recycling program?

If you wish to attach additional information to your annual report, please use the "Document Management" button below to upload additional files or you can send them directly to your LAMD representative. Please include a brief description of those files in the text box below.

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