



January 16, 2022

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Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Members of the City Council
City of Sacramento
915 I Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Jan. 25, 2022 City of Sacramento Council Meeting
Support for Proposed Rate Adjustment for Food and Garden/Yard Waste Collection

Dear Mayor Steinberg and Members of the City Council:

The Environmental Council of Sacramento would like to express its support of rate adjustment recommendations to implement SB 1383 programs by the City's Utility Rate Advisory Commission.

SB-1383 Short-lived climate pollutants: methane emissions: dairy and livestock: organic waste: landfills. (2015-2016) requires a 75-percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025.

Based on statewide statistics, organic materials are the most prevalent item in the waste disposal stream. A third of the material going to landfills is readily compostable. To meet the state's goal for 75 percent recycling, and to meet targets for greenhouse gas emissions reduction, particularly methane emissions reduction, we support the City's plan to change its collection rates. However, we request that the City clarify how it plans to implement SB1383 for single-unit and multifamily unit dwellings and commercial/industrial enterprises.

- 1) Confirm the rates/rate increases for a) food waste only and b) garden/yard and food waste. Will lower income residents be subsidized in some way?
- 2) The City will issue different containers for food waste and garden/yard/food waste. Does issuance of a container trigger the rate addition to a resident's bill?
- 3) Residents are encouraged to compost their own food and garden/yard waste. How will the City confirm that home-composters do not put food and garden/yard waste into the garbage?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Herre".

Susan Herre
ECOS President