



**Agenda
City of Vernon
Joint Special Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 04:00 PM
Council Chamber
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, CA 90058**

**Joint Special Meeting of the
Business and Industry Commission and
Green Vernon Commission**

SPECIAL REMOTE PROTOCOLS

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, this will be a teleconference meeting without a physical location to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This meeting will be conducted entirely by remote participation via Zoom Webinar.

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CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time the public is encouraged to address the Commissions on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commissions. The public will also be given a chance to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during deliberation on those specific matters.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Health and Environmental Control Department

[Senate Bill 1383 \(SB 1383\) Action Plan and Waste Hauler Program Changes](#)

Recommendation:

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ORAL REPORT

Brief reports, announcements, or directives to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2021.

By: _____/s/_____
Sandra Dolson, Administrative Secretary

Joint Special Business and Industry Commission and Green Vernon Commission Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. COV-677-2021

Submitted by: Fredrick Agyin

Submitting Department: Health and Environmental Control Department

Meeting Date: June 16, 2021

SUBJECT

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Background:

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) establishes methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. Actions to reduce short-lived climate pollutants are essential to address the many impacts of climate change on human health, and on the environment. Targets to achieve a 50 percent reduction in level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction by 2025 are components of SB 1383. CalRecycle has been tasked with managing the organic waste disposal reduction targets, and establishes an additional target that not less than 20 percent of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025. SB 1383 will further support California's efforts to achieve the statewide 75 percent recycling goal by 2020 (established by Assembly Bill 341), and strengthen the implementation of mandatory commercial organics recycling (established by Assembly Bill 1826).

The Health and Environmental Control Department (HECD) has determined that the adoption of an ordinance to require regulated businesses and residents to have and participate in waste collection services is the most effective means of achieving compliance with mandatory recycling laws. The City of Vernon ordinance will mirror CalRecycle's Senate Bill (SB) 1383 model ordinance to ensure that the City is in compliance with all applicable mandatory recycling laws including Assembly Bill (AB) 341 and AB 1826. The City's action plan timeline has been established based on the SB 1383 key implementation dates. SB 1383 has significant policy and legal implications requiring the City to make changes pertaining to its solid waste management program.

Compliance with SB 1383 requires the Vernon HECD to:

- Establish an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream and links commercial edible food generators with food recovery organizations, like food banks.
- Conduct outreach and education to all affected parties, including generators, haulers, facilities, edible food recovery organizations, and city/county departments.
- Procure recycled organic waste products like compost, mulch, renewable natural gas (RNG), and electricity. (Procuring does not necessarily mean purchasing.)

- Inspect and enforce compliance with SB 1383.
- Maintain accurate and timely records of SB 1383 compliance.

Currently, the City has 17 approved waste haulers operating within its five square miles. The large number of providers not only increases traffic, air pollution, and wear and tear on roads, it would also make it more difficult and expensive for the City to comply with SB 1383 inspection, reporting and enforcement requirements.

In order to meet compliance requirements and avoid fines and penalties by CalRecycle, staff has concluded that a single waste hauler operation in the City is the most efficient option. Additionally, staff has determined that a two-hauler franchise could also be effectively managed by City staff, while maintaining a high level of service and community choice in waste hauling services. A single waste hauler operating in a five-square-mile area is not uncommon, and it is the most efficient business model for Vernon as a small City. Revising the City's waste hauling program was also identified as one of the City's key Good Governance Reform measures, which emphasized that consolidation of the City's trash hauling enterprises would improve environmental and safety standards.

With focused management of one or two waste haulers, compliance with the mandates for education, planning, inspection, enforcement, and reporting, are achievable. Another important goal for the City is to establish a waste hauler baseline for customer service, safety, and accountability. The City will closely monitor and review the performance of the selected hauler, and will encourage input and participation from customers to ensure that service standards are met.

The HECD has initiated outreach efforts to stakeholders because of the varying perspectives surrounding the proposed changes to the City's waste hauler program. The HECD conducted SB 1383 outreach to Vernon's businesses, residents, and franchise solid waste haulers on April 28 and May 4 via remote town hall meetings. Specific SB 1383 mandates, the upcoming changes to the CalRecycle requirement for organic waste reduction, and the City's action plan for compliance were discussed with attendees. Understanding the large industrial composition of Vernon, staff intends to work with individual businesses that have specific concerns about waste hauler operation changes and/or the SB 1383 impacts on their respective companies.

To ensure that a fluid line of communication exists between stakeholders and City staff, it is recommended that a temporary Ad Hoc Committee comprised of three members from the Business and Industry Commission; and a temporary Ad Hoc Committee comprised of three members from the Green Vernon Commission be formed. The purpose of each Ad Hoc Committee would be to offer City staff insight on requisites related to the waste hauler program that are relevant to the business community, raise potential issues, and promote viable solutions. Ideally, the Ad Hoc Committees would be available to staff while researching and planning are underway for the implementation of a waste hauler program framework, and for the preparation of a comprehensive request for proposals (RFP) package that will address Vernon-specific needs. No final action would be taken by the temporary Ad Hoc Committees, and any feedback or recommendations would be taken back to their respective Commissions. City Council would be briefed on the communications of the Ad Hoc Committees and any recommendations by their respective Commissions, and City Council would, ultimately, make all final decisions related to the City's SB 1383 plan for waste management.

Vernon's goal is to establish a partnership with a waste hauler that can offer the best cost for the best service, and a mutual vested interest in successfully meeting the requirements of SB 1383.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Attachments: