

# Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the Calabasas Landfill

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#### Senate Bill 1383

- SB 1383 established Statewide organic waste landfill disposal reduction targets:
  - 2020 50% reduction
  - 2025 75% reduction
  - 2025 recover 20% of edible food for human consumption
- CalRecycle regulations for local jurisdictions adopted in November 2020:
  - Develop mandatory organic waste management programs
  - Ensure sufficient infrastructure to process organic waste
  - \$10,000 per day penalties for non-compliance





#### **Organic Waste Processing Infrastructure**

- Organic waste disposal = 4.6 million tons per year
- Additional organic waste processing capacity needed = 1.1 million tons per year
- New facilities needed to process:
  - Food waste
  - Green waste
  - Wood waste
  - Paper products
- Estimated capital cost = \$1 billion











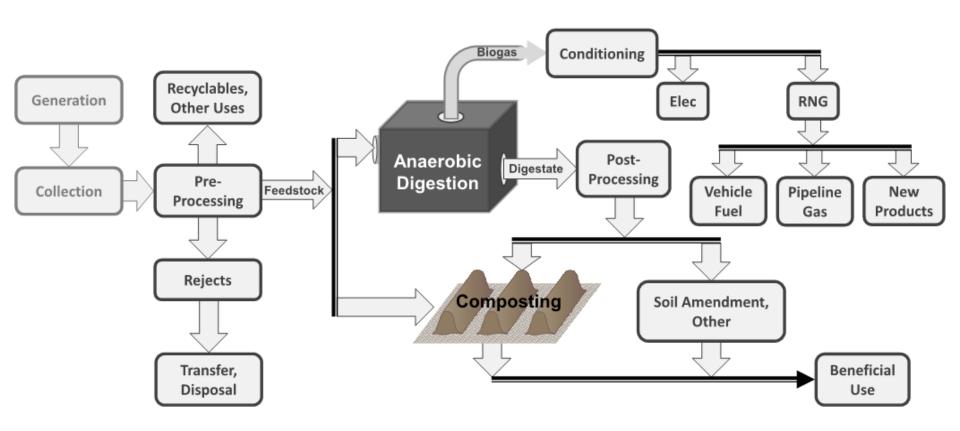
## Closing the Infrastructure Gap: Anaerobic Digestion

- Reduction in organic waste landfill disposal
- Reduction in landfill emissions such as methane, a powerful climate pollutant 84 times more powerful than carbon dioxide
- Production of electricity, vehicle fuel, pipeline biomethane, and/or soil amendments
- Reduction in use of fossil-based energy and synthetic fertilizers





#### **Anaerobic Digestion Process**



## **Local Anaerobic Digestion Facilities**



LA County Sanitation Districts, Carson, California (food waste slurry receiving tanks)



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CR&R, Perris, California



Anaergia, Rialto, California

### **Enhancing Countywide Solid Waste Management**

- In 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion to address waste management challenges.
- Public Works prepared a report with recommendations to support organic waste infrastructure development:
  - Release Request for Proposals for anaerobic digestion facility at the Calabasas Landfill.
  - Conduct feasibility analyses for government-owned landfill sites and other County-owned properties.
  - Collaborate with other jurisdictions and agencies to analyze additional sites.





## Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the Calabasas Landfill



- Owned by the County
- Operated by County Sanitation Districts
- Disposal Tonnages
  - Current = 900 tons per day (tpd)
  - Permitted = 3500 tpd
- Anaerobic Digestion Facility:
  - Public-private partnership
  - Federal, State, regional, and local permits
  - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review
  - Input from Community Advisory Committee (CAC)



#### **Projected Development Timeline**

- June 2022 Release request for proposals
- November 2022 Select private developer
- December 2022 Begin negotiations with developer
- December 2024 Developer conducts CEQA review and obtains permits
- January 2025 Public Works requests Board of Supervisors approval for project
- January 2027 Developer obtains construction/operating permits and completes construction
- June 2027 Facility begins operation





#### Thank You

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