

## **Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future Stakeholders Meeting**

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9240 Firestone Boulevard  
Downey, CA 90241  
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### **MEETING SUMMARY**

- **Welcome and Introductions – Coby Skye, Assistant Deputy Director**
  - Coby welcomed attendees and asked by a show of hands for attendees to acknowledge the stakeholder groups they represented at this meeting. He stressed the importance of receiving input from stakeholders in updating the Roadmap, which is necessary to achieve an innovative, sustainable waste management system in the County.
  
- **Recap of December 2019 Roadmap Kickoff Meeting – Patrick Holland**
  - Patrick provided highlights of the Roadmap 2020 Kickoff meeting held on December 5, 2019, at Los Angeles County Public Works Headquarters in Alhambra, CA.
    - Two of the reasons mentioned during the kickoff meeting that are driving the need to revise the current Roadmap are the impacts of the China National Sword on recycling markets and new State organics legislation that is changing how organics will be managed in California.
    - Dot Democracy – The meeting attendees participated in a dot democracy exercise that lead to the consensus among the meeting attendees that there is a clear need to develop infrastructure and markets for organics.
    - Program Assessment – A post meeting survey was sent to the meeting attendees by County Public Works.
      - ❖ Overall, the meeting attendees had favorable comments about the meeting, including the topics covered and the meeting's format.
      - ❖ The winner of the post-meeting survey opportunity drawing was announced, and the winner was presented with the prize.
  
- **Roadmap Initiatives Breakout Sessions**
  - The attendees participated in three rotating breakout sessions to review and discuss the current Roadmap initiatives as the foundation for the County to prepare Roadmap 2020. The Roadmap initiatives were grouped by the following Strategies:
    - Programs and Services
    - Measuring Results
    - Facilities and Infrastructure

- The attendees provided many thought-provoking and interesting comments and perspectives during these sessions.
- The attendees recommended edits to the existing Roadmap initiatives and new initiatives for Public Works' consideration.
- SCS Engineers, Inc., staff facilitated the breakout sessions and provided a recap of key findings to the attendees during the meeting.
- **Food DROP Video**
  - A [video](#) on the Food DROP (Food Donation and Recovery Outreach Program) created by Public Works was aired during the meeting.
  - The video explains how the Program is implemented and how it benefits the environment and the food insecure County residents by matching organizations that have excess food with individuals who are food insecure.
- **Organics Overview – Patrick Holland**
  - Patrick provided information on County programs that facilitate compliance with State organics mandates including the Scrape Your Plate and Food DROP programs.
- **Organics Management Presentation: From Collection to End Markets**
  - Tetra Tech staff provided a comprehensive presentation that delivered clear and concise information on the following topics:
    - Organics Regulatory Requirements for Collection and Diversion
    - Background on Countywide Organic Waste Management System
    - Summary of Existing Collection Systems and Best Practices for Collection and Associated Processing
    - Status of End-Use Markets for Products Generated by Organics Recycling
  - The presentation included two group discussions that encouraged sharing information about the Proposed Analysis of Collection Scenarios and Associated Infrastructure and the Proposed Analysis of Economic and Non-Economic Barriers Affecting End-Product Marketability.
  - The case studies featured during the presentation provided the attendees with a wealth of knowledge and examples on the challenges, obstacles, and flexibility demonstrated by a variety of jurisdictions in order to successfully implement organics management programs.

- **Closing Remarks – Patrick Holland**

- Patrick thanked everyone for attending and providing their feedback and informed participants that the next Roadmap 2020 meeting is tentatively scheduled to occur at the end of April 2020 with more details to be shared.