

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
April 26, 2022

New Business

ITEM 10a

State Mandatory Food Scraps Recycling

The District has been aware of the new Organic Waste and Food Scraps Recycling mandate that took effect in January of this year, and has received a reminder letter from the City recently (*see notice on the next page*).

Manager Russell has been in contact with CR&R since February to work out some solution to the problem here in our community with the lack of space for additional food waste barrels at every home. It was worked out with CR&R that we might be able to make this work if the community could subscribe to the use of those mini barrels (shorter and narrower) and if we could have the next couple of months to inventory and figure out where the new barrels could fit.

It was also worked out that we would write into the requirements of ALL NEW trash enclosure requests, the mandate to provide space for a small 35-gal. capacity green food scraps barrel. In this way, the community could eventually come into compliance.

Without conducting an inventory yet, there are probably as many as 15 or 20 homes that could take an extra food scraps barrel right now, along with the four new trash enclosures that were approved at the last board meeting. CR&R said that this arrangement would suffice for now, knowing that we don't have much extra space and that we're doing our best to accommodate the new law.

Fortunately, they do understand that some older communities were subdivided when homes and cars were half the size they are today and there is a willingness on the part of CR&R to accommodate and work with those unique communities.

The cost for the additional food scraps barrels will not be passed on to homeowners. The District was formed to provide several municipal services, one of which is trash collection, so we will absorb the cost. The only burden on homeowners will be getting into the habit of not tossing food scraps into the regular trash.



CITY OF DANA POINT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



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**Subject: STATE MANDATORY MULTI-FAMILY (5 UNITS+) ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING
(Food Scrap/Green Waste Recycling)**

35000 BEACH RD
DANA POINT, CA 92624

Dear CAPISTRANO BAY COMM DIST

The City of Dana Point and CR&R, Inc. have important information about organics recycling that directly impacts your community.

Effective January 1, 2022, all California residences, multi-family complexes and businesses are now required to separate organic waste from the trash and participate in an organic collection program per State Senate Bill (SB) 1383, California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy.

Under the law, City governments are required to advise affected multi-family residences (5 units or more) about the organics recycling mandate for compliance with SB1383. Based on CR&R Environmental Services' (CR&R), Inc.'s records, **your community has been identified as currently not subscribing to an organics recycling program.**

The City of Dana Point, together with CR&R Environmental Services, Inc. offers a Food Scrap Recycling Program for multi-family residential properties. Under this program, food scraps such as fruit and vegetable trimmings, eggshells, bread, fish, meat, dairy, expired food and fats, oil and grease are collected in a cart or dumpster separate from the trash and recycling containers.

Free assistance is available to you to implement a Food Scrap Recycling Program and provide outreach and education to your community about the new recycling program.

The City is required to report to the State of California of the status of businesses/multi-family communities not in compliance with SB1383. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

CR&R is available to assist you with any questions you may have about California's newest recycling mandate, SB1383. Please contact your CR&R Sustainability Specialist, Chris Kapp, directly at (714) 372-8224 to set up a custom food scrap/organic waste recycling program for your community.

Sincerely,

Matthew Sinacori, P.E.
Director of Public Works, City Engineer