

*Cara Morgan, CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development Branch Chief:* “So today we are here at the grand opening of the outside compost facility to the first one of its kind, where it's entirely run on solar power. But it's really a compost facility off the grid, which is totally cool.”

*Chris Seney, Republic Services, Director, Organics Operations:* “By the end of the year. Will have 200 tons per day capacity for greenways and green waste mixed with food waste, so this facility will be critically important to the region's infrastructure for processing organic materials.”

*Manuel Medrano, Chula Vista, Environmental Services Manager:* “We knew that we have to comply with SB 1383, so coordination will Republic started years ago when organic ways gets just buried in a landfill. It creates methane, very harmful greenhouse gas. Finally a good solution for it. Creating compost which will help sequester carbon and improve the soil health, it's again incredibly important for us.”

*Cara Morgan, CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development Branch Chief:* “To help them to comply with the 1383 requirements. All of their food waste and green waste is going to be coming to this facility.”

*Chris Seney, Republic Services, Director, Organics Operations:* “So this is just a snapshot of what came in this morning. It gets ground that as we add all the feedstock on top but the cover over it. The covers are keeping the water out, but it's also keeping the moisture as well as the odors in, I could look on. Here is the air on. Is it off? What's the accident? What's the temperature in that pile? All of that helps speed up the compost process, and instead of those harmful materials being placed into landfill.”

*Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego, San Diego County Solid Waste Planning & Recycling:* “They actually will be turned into valuable products that help increase our climate resilience by adding compost and mulch to the soil, we increase its ability to hold water so soil temperatures will be buffered and also provide that soil fertility that we need across California”

*Cara Morgan, CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development Branch Chief:* Because unfortunately some of the fires, the catastrophes the droughts. I think more and more people are understanding climate change is real, and I think now with facilities people me and you and everyone in California can actually do something about. It is a team effort. It takes a village to do this. All of the City Council meetings and board of supervisor meetings we've been at. It's been really powerful to hear elected officials really understanding and committing to addressing climate change. In this way, recycling organic waste into new products is a fast track to combating climate change. Republic services has been a leader in managing organic waste.”

*Javara Perriat, Republic Services, President of the Southwest Area:* “Bringing organic products. Kind of out of the way stream Into a circular recyclable waste stream is really important to us.”

*Mary Salas, Chula Vista, Mayor:* “This facility and program will help create green high tech jobs in our community.”

*Cara Morgan, CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development Branch Chief:* This is a circular economy. We take from the material food waste over here being made into to soil and other products that then can go back into our economy. That's what being circular is all about.”

*Chris Seney, Republic Services, Director, Organics Operations:* “I'm already thinking through an expansion.”

*Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego, San Diego County Solid Waste Planning & Recycling:* “So there's many new facilities that are being proposed and that are going through the permitting process, and we're looking forward to more facilities coming online soon.”

*Cara Morgan, CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development Branch Chief:* Now by recycling organic waste paper, cardboard, food waste, green ways we can have an immediate Impact on battling climate change, and I think that's really empowering and to know that I can actually do something about it and I can actually realize the benefits of it in my lifetime.”

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**We are here for the people of California as we embark on recovery.**

- Soundbite

**As climate change has made our wildfire season year round, CalRecycle is here to help California communities recover for the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> season in a row recover and restore their lives.**

- Bring in Tahoe fire, increase in acres burned – bar graphs. Zoomed out. Make a copy and put it there.
- Video Weed, Valley Fire, others
- Nobody knows its weed – could label, Andy Marino or Todd (group photos) -

**Another year of tragic wildfires. Greenville is smaller, but looks a lot like Paradise. Don't have much there, mostly tourist. It was a financially depressed community.**

- Dixie Fire, Plumas county
- Tragedy – good portion of Paradise's commercial core survived. Greenville's main street is gone.
  - Internet and cell phone service knocked, main cell phones, internet service.

**It was an overwhelming tidal wave of devastation had hit them.**

- Don't use images of fire. Maybe for a focused setup – work of firefighters is out of our lane
- Controlled burn stuff from Yosemite. Seeing the trees and smoke remnants -
- Tragedy now – I don't have a house or a place to rebuild.

**TINA SOUND:** When she came in to Cal OES – difference between response and recovery. Recovery is a longer timeframe. Mobilization of resources. These people are still in crisis mode. Extended trauma.

We do one part of it.

**Every wildfire brings a different set of tragic circumstances.**

All wildfire are different – addition of trees. Also, size of fires. Number of properties affected. Mid 3 digits - biggest challenge in recent years is geography. Antelope valley, del norte county – tough spots to reach.

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Pics of site assessments

Rachel explains program

- Log that
- Visual: Rachel standing in front of debris, talking about what's behind her.

Chris has pics/video of properties – Tehama County

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2020 -

99% debris removal – one property left in Fresno County

- 76 percent FSA (tree only account for remaining)

Pics of 2020 – Sonoma and Napa, pics and videos. Nothing too remarkable

- Water tender keeping down dust
- Numbers and totals

Key Points for 2020:

- We met our overall goal – most debris removal completed in less than a year.
- Allowing our crews to then focus on upcoming fire season

Working together w/state and local partners.

- Started work on upcoming fire season two months ahead of pace

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Contractors, our folks, others, working together – one team one fight

We have expanded our internal team – talk to Tina about what that means. A year ago, Bob's team had 6 people. Take a look at org chart now, 2-3 times as large. Expanded admin team. Allows our field team to work more effectively.

Expanding sci/engineer and admin staff – more efficient, quicker deployments.

Northern (plumas) and Central Division (placer)

- Crews working everywhere.
- Quicker, attention to local needs

2021 still evolving – pre ops TPs

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[CalRecycle SOT - Rachel Wagoner Interview RAW.mp4](#)

### **Plumas County-Specific Debris Removal Program Video:**

- • Captions:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/zx7ne361tvnlhog/EllieGreenvilleCleanupCaptions.srt?dl=0>
- • Video:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/w47cuaykvsxktjm/Cleanup%20After%20the%20Dixie%20Fire%20Begins%20in%20Greenville%20Ellie.mp4?dl=0>

### **Debris Removal Program General Video:**

- • Captions:  
[https://www.dropbox.com/s/uyzblquvwm0spga/HHWCleanupBeginsGreenville.en\\_US.srt?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/uyzblquvwm0spga/HHWCleanupBeginsGreenville.en_US.srt?dl=0)

- • Video:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/pj2l6hpvl2g919i/Dixie%20Fire%20Hazardous%20Debris%20Cleanup%20Begins%20in%20Greenville.mp4?dl=0>

**Deputy Director Ryan Buras Recovery/Debris Removal videos:**

- • <https://www.dropbox.com/s/3fnbz2k63j8nlby/RyanBuras1.mp4?dl=0>
- • <https://www.dropbox.com/s/nh2blaow4igc56i/RyanBuras2.mp4?dl=0>
- • <https://www.dropbox.com/s/a3qiy6eavf31bjj/RyanBuras3.mp4?dl=0>
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