Compost and Mulch Procurement Strategies from Alameda County

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What are we required to procure?

City of Fremont:

- Population: 234,239
- Procurement Target: 18,739 tons ROWP
  - Compost CY: 25,737
  - Mulch CY: 62,464 (600 lb/CY)
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- How much more compost and mulch do we need to use to meet target?
What will it cost?
Expanding distribution of free compost
Expanding carbon farming on ranches and farms

- Alameda County Resource Conservation District (RCD)
- Zero Foodprint
Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

• Including private projects
• Make project team the DSP
• Include language in application to use compost/mulch on behalf...
• Require submittal of receipts for Certificate of Completion
• Good for cities with development happening
Lawn Conversion Rebates – Sheet Mulching

- Increasingly required or incentivized
- Can be integrated with little additional work
- DSP language in rebate application (prospective)
- Receipts required
- Good for cities who:
  - Administer rebates
  - Have good relationship with water agency
Direct Service Providers

- **Landscape Maintenance**
  - Direct contract and subcontractor
- **Landscape Construction**
  - Will be subcontractor
- **Important documents**
  - RFP or bid specs
  - Contract documents
- **Include requirements for:**
  - Materials - meet 1383 req’s
  - Documentation - test data for mulch
  - Reporting – provide template
Thank you!

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