

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND COMPLAINT FOR PENALTY  
1094.SLCP.CAP.2022.12

Before: The State of California  
Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

In the Matter of: City of Bell Gardens  
8327 Garfield Avenue  
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery is hereinafter referred to as "CalRecycle."
- 1.1 CalRecycle, in consultation with the California Air Resources Board, adopted regulatory requirements, consistent with the mandate of Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016), that are designed to achieve the organic waste reduction goals established in section 39730.6 of the Health and Safety Code through a 50 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025. The purpose of these reductions is to further the statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP), including methane. These SLCP regulations are referred to hereinafter as the "Regulations" and can be found at Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 18981.1 through 18998.4. Cities, counties, and special districts are responsible for implementing these Regulations in their communities starting January 1, 2022.
- 1.2 The City of Bell Gardens is hereinafter referred to as "Jurisdiction." Jurisdiction is required to comply with the Regulations.
- 1.3 Jurisdiction is or expects to be facing continuing violations of the Regulations commencing during the 2022 calendar year, which could result in significant administrative civil penalties under the Regulations.
- 1.4 Senate Bill 619 (Laird, Chapter 508, Statutes of 2021), through amendments to section 42652.5 of the Public Resources Code (PRC), created a mechanism called

a Notification of Intent to Comply through which a local jurisdiction may secure administrative civil penalty relief from any continuing violations of the Regulations for the 2022 calendar year and may be eligible for a broader and longer-term regulatory compliance path, including suspended administrative civil penalties, through a Corrective Action Plan.

- 1.5 Under PRC section 42652.5(e), the Notification of Intent to Comply must include a description of proposed actions to remedy the violations, as well as a proposed schedule for those actions, that the Jurisdiction commits to undertake to remedy the violations.
- 1.6 The Notification of Intent to Comply is hereinafter referred to as "Notification."
- 1.7 For violations taking more than 180 days to correct, PRC section 42652.2 allows CalRecycle to determine, in its sole discretion, that violations identified in a Notification may be addressed through a Corrective Action Plan issued pursuant to 14 CCR section 18996.2.
- 1.8 The Corrective Action Plan is hereinafter referred to as "CAP."
- 1.9 For violations disclosed in the Notification approved by CalRecycle as meeting the requirements of PRC section 42652.5(e), CalRecycle shall waive administrative civil penalties during the 2022 calendar year if the Jurisdiction implements the proposed actions according to the approved Notification's schedule of actions and, as applicable, approved CAP schedule of actions.
- 1.10 For violations disclosed in the Notification that commence during the 2022 calendar year and continue into the 2023 calendar year, administrative civil penalties may begin accruing as of January 1, 2023. SB 619 provides administrative civil penalties accruing on and after January 1, 2023, shall be waived upon complete compliance with an approved CAP schedule of action.

#### DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS

2. As authorized by PRC section 42652.5(c), the Jurisdiction notified CalRecycle of its ongoing or anticipated violations of the Regulations and the PRC through a Notification submitted March 1, 2022.
- 2.1 CalRecycle reviewed the Jurisdiction's Notification, its description of the Jurisdiction's disclosed violations of the Regulations, and proposed actions and schedule for those actions to remedy those violations for compliance with PRC section 42652.5(e). CalRecycle approved the Notification's proposed actions and schedule of actions, as modified by this CAP.

- 2.2 The Jurisdiction's Notification identified the following violations of the Regulations as follows:
- 2.2.1 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR section 18984.2 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not included food scrap collection service in the two-container collection system provided to all residential and commercial generators.
  - 2.2.2 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR section 18984.4 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not met recordkeeping requirements for compliance with Organic Waste Collection Services.
  - 2.2.3 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR section 18984.5 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not conducted container contamination minimization for the residential or commercial sector.
  - 2.2.4 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR section 18984.6 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not met recordkeeping requirements for compliance with container contamination minimization.
  - 2.2.5 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR section 18984.8 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not distributed new containers with proper container labeling.
  - 2.2.6 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR section 18985.1 in that since February 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction is providing an unsegregated two-container collection service to generators, but has not included information indicating that organic waste is being processed at a high diversion organic waste processing facility in the education and outreach provided to outreach to organic waste generators.
  - 2.2.7 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR, section 18985.3 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not included all relevant documents supporting compliance with Article 4 (Education and Outreach) of the Regulations in the Implementation Record as required by section 18995.2.
  - 2.2.8 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR section 18993.1 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not procured recovered organic waste products to meet or exceed its current annual recovered organic waste product procurement target.
  - 2.2.9 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of 14 CCR section 18993.2 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not included all documents supporting its compliance with Article 12 of the Regulations in the implementation record required by section 18995.2.
  - 2.2.10 The Jurisdiction is and has been in violation of Title 14 CCR section 18995.2 in that since January 1, 2022, the Jurisdiction has not included all records and information in the Implementation Record within 60 days of the creation of the record or information.
- 2.3 CalRecycle accepted the Jurisdiction's self-reported Notification and characterization of its violations therein. CalRecycle has not undertaken a compliance review of Jurisdiction, and thus CalRecycle's approval of the

Notification of this CAP should not be taken as an indication that Jurisdiction is in full compliance with Regulations in other respects. CalRecycle will be undertaking a compliance review of all jurisdictions in the future.

### SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

3. Based on the foregoing DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS, CalRecycle finds that:
- a. The Jurisdiction worked with CalRecycle to develop this CAP, which includes schedule of actions necessary for the Jurisdiction to achieve address the violations disclosed in the Notification and described in Section 2 (Determination of Violations) above.
  - b. CalRecycle hereby approves and issues this CAP pursuant to PRC section 42652.5(c)-(e) and Title 14 CCR section 18996.2.
  - c. The Jurisdiction will fully implement the programs identified in this CAP by the dates provided in the Section 3.2 below.
  - d. CalRecycle will monitor the Jurisdiction’s continued implementation of the programs identified in the CAP from December 16, 2022 through December 31, 2023 (“the oversight period”) to assure implementation is complete and timely. The oversight period may be extended at the discretion of CalRecycle if any extensions to the Schedule are granted as described below in Sections 4.4 and 4.5.
  - e. During the oversight period, the Jurisdiction will submit status reports to CalRecycle and attend status meetings with CalRecycle to demonstrate the ongoing progress the Jurisdiction is making on remedying the violations described above.
  - f. During the oversight period, the Jurisdiction will provide bimonthly status reports to CalRecycle:

#### Report Cycle

Report 1: February 28, 2023, covering December 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Report 2: April 30, 2023, covering February 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

Report 3: June 30, 2023, covering April 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023

Report 4: August 31, 2023, covering June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023

Report 5: October 31, 2023, covering August 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

Report 6: December 31, 2023, covering October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

- g. The status reports are to be used to document the status and work completed for each of the identified tasks in the CAP. For each task in the CAP, the Jurisdiction will explain the status of the task, specifying what actions have been taken to complete the task.

- h. If the work has been delayed or has not been completed, the Jurisdiction will explain the reason(s) for the delay/incompletion. The Jurisdiction will also attach any previously submitted extension requests made pursuant to section 4.4 of this CAP and any extensions granted pursuant to section 4.5 of this CAP, using additional sheets as necessary for the report. CalRecycle may consider the explanation in deciding whether to allow the Jurisdiction to continue to operate under the Notification and CAP or to revoke approval of the Notification and CAP pursuant to PRC section 42652.5(d).
- i. During the oversight period, the Jurisdiction will meet with CalRecycle telephonically or via other remote electronic means (such as Teams or Zoom) bimonthly to provide interim progress updates on the following schedule:

Meeting Cycle

Meeting 1: During January 2023

Meeting 2: During March 2023

Meeting 3: During May 2023

Meeting 4: During July 2023

Meeting 5: During September 2023

Meeting 6: During October 2023

- j. The status meetings are to be used to discuss the most recent status report and to discuss interim progress made by the Jurisdiction on each of the identified tasks in the CAP.
  - k. Prior to the close of the oversight period, CalRecycle may undertake a compliance review or field visit to supplement other status reporting.
  - l. At any time prior to the conclusion of the oversight period, if CalRecycle determines the Jurisdiction has failed to implement the programs identified in the Notification and CAP, has failed to participate in status reporting during the oversight period, has substantially misrepresented its progress in status reporting, or has substantially failed to make interim progress on Tasks set out in Section 3.2 for four consecutive reporting periods, CalRecycle may immediately issue a notice revoking its approval of the Notification and CAP and indicating its intent to impose penalties as provided in PRC section 42652.5. Title 14 CCR sections 18997.3, 18997.5, and 18997.6 and PRC section 42652.5 governs the process and considerations CalRecycle will utilize in calculating and assessing administrative civil penalties against the Jurisdiction, which may be up to \$10,000 per day per violation.
- 3.1 Based on the foregoing DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS, it is hereby ordered that the Jurisdiction will implement the actions described below in accordance with the compliance deadlines contained in the schedule of actions to remedy violations as set forth in Section 3.2 below.

### 3.2 Schedule and Program of Actions

#### Section 18984.2 Two-Container Organic Waste Collection Services

The Jurisdiction will provide two-container collection service to all residences.

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
<b>TASK 1</b>	Residential Franchise Agreement to become effective, residents will now be able to add food scraps to their existing greenwaste container.	9/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)
<b>TASK 2</b>	Jurisdiction will provide 2-container waste collection service to all residential customers that are not subject to an exemption or waiver from such service under 14 CCR sections 18984.12, 18986.3, 18984.11, or other provision of the Regulations, or are not an authorized self-hauler subject to the Jurisdiction's ordinance requiring compliance with the requirements of 18988.3.	9/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)

#### Section 18984.4 Recordkeeping Requirements for Compliance with Organic Waste Collection Services

The Jurisdiction will document or keep records for compliance with Organic Waste Collection Services.

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
<b>TASK 3</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will establish a system for documenting organic waste collection services for recordkeeping and reporting.</p> <p>The Jurisdiction will include the following information and documents in the Implementation Record:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A description of which collection method(s) it will use to comply.</li> <li>2. The geographical area for each collection method.</li> <li>3. If using a service that requires the contents of containers provided by the jurisdiction to be transported to a high diversion organic waste processing facility, the jurisdiction shall at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List all high diversion organic waste processing facilities used by the jurisdiction.</li> <li>• List all approved haulers in the jurisdiction that are allowed to take organic waste to the jurisdiction's identified high diversion organic waste processing facility or facilities.</li> <li>• The geographical area the hauler(s) serves, the routes serviced, or a list of addresses served.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	10/31/2022 (Task completion to be verified)

	<p>4. If allowing compostable plastics to be placed in the green container, a copy of written notification received from each facility serving the jurisdiction indicating that the facility recovers that material.</p> <p>5. If allowing organic waste to be collected in plastic bags, a copy of written notification received from each facility serving the jurisdiction indicating that the facility can process and remove plastic bags when it recovers source separated organic waste.</p>	
<b>TASK 4</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will perform site visits or phone calls monthly to verify and evaluate whether businesses opting to self-haul organics are doing so (ongoing).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The jurisdiction will document implementation.</li> </ul>	9/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)
<b>TASK 5</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will compile a complete list of covered generators annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The jurisdiction will obtain lists from the hauler based on the hauler's waste and recycling service records.</li> </ul>	9/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)
<b>Task 6</b>	<p>Jurisdiction will begin maintaining all relevant documents in the implementation record.</p>	2/28/2023

### Section 18984.5 Container Contamination Minimization

The Jurisdiction will monitor generators using a two-container organic waste collection service for contaminants.

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
<b>TASK 7</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will determine, through its newly adopted franchise agreement, which method the jurisdiction will use to monitor container contaminants. Route reviews or waste evaluations.</p> <p><b>Minimum requirements - Route reviews</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All hauler routes must be reviewed annually</li> <li>Containers may be randomly selected along a hauler route. Not required that every container on a hauler route be sampled annually.</li> </ul>	9/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)
<b>TASK 8</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will ensure hauler will develop a schedule for conducting route reviews.</p>	9/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)
<b>TASK 9</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will establish a system for notifying generators of violations.</p> <p><b>Minimum requirements - Route reviews:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The contamination notice shall, at a minimum, include information regarding the generator's requirement to properly separate materials into the appropriate containers</li> </ul>	9/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)

	The contamination notice may be left on the generator's container, gate, or door at the time the violation occurs, and/or be mailed, e-mailed, or electronically messaged to the generator.	
<b>TASK 10</b>	Jurisdiction will perform container contamination minimization for all routes that are not subject to an exemption or waiver from such service under 14 CCR sections 18984.11 and 18984.12 (a) and (c), or are not an authorized self-hauler subject to the Jurisdiction's ordinance requiring compliance with the requirements of section 18988.3.	12/31/2022

### Section 18984.6 Recordkeeping Requirements for Container Contamination Minimization

The Jurisdiction will keep records of the number of residential or commercial violations identified and number of notices issued.

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
<b>TASK 11</b>	The Jurisdiction will document the methods used to monitor container contaminants.	Initiated 3/1/2022 for non-exclusive haulers and 9/1/2022 for exclusive hauler (Task completion to be verified)
<b>TASK 12</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will establish a system for documenting route reviews conducted and tracking the violations for recordkeeping and reporting.</p> <p>The Jurisdiction will include the following information and documents in the Implementation Record:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A description of the jurisdiction's process for determining the level of container contamination.</li> <li>2. Documentation of route reviews conducted, if applicable.</li> <li>3. If applicable, documentation of waste evaluations performed, including information on targeted route reviews conducted as a result of the studies. The documentation will at a minimum include dates of the studies, the location of the solid waste facility where the study was performed, routes, source sector (e.g., commercial or residential), number of samples, weights and ratio of prohibited container contaminants and total sample size.</li> <li>4. Copies of all notices issued to generators with prohibited container contaminants.</li> </ol>	Initiated 3/1/2022 for non-exclusive haulers and 9/1/2022 for exclusive hauler (Task completion to be verified)



	5. Documentation of the number of containers where the contents were disposed due to observation of prohibited container contaminants.	
<b>TASK 13</b>	The Jurisdiction will begin documenting contamination minimization efforts and tracking number of violations.	Initiated 3/1/2022 for non-exclusive haulers and 9/1/2022 for exclusive hauler (Task completion to be verified)

### Section 18984.8 Container Labeling Requirements

The Jurisdiction will distribute new containers with proper container labeling.

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
<b>TASK 14</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will develop labeling for use on containers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Labels on containers must include language or graphic images or both indicating the primary materials accepted and the primary materials prohibited in that container, OR</li> <li>2. Containers must include imprinted text or graphic images indicating the primary materials accepted and the primary materials prohibited in that container.</li> <li>3. Jurisdiction may use model labeling provided by CalRecycle.</li> </ol>	8/29/2022 (Task completion to be verified)
<b>TASK 15</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will require and verify the hauler will label each new container or lid provided to generators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labels will be consistent with the applicable container collection requirements specifying what materials are allowed to be placed in each container.</li> </ul>	8/29/2022 (Task completion to be verified)

### Section 18985.1. Organic Waste Recovery Education and Outreach

The Jurisdiction will provide organic waste recovery education and outreach to residential generators.

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
<b>TASK 16</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will mail a program flyer/brochure/letter to all residential generators to provide education on organics and explain the jurisdiction's program including types of organic materials accepted and the franchise hauler's contact information.</p> <p><b>Task 16a</b> Jurisdiction will provide outreach and education to organic waste generators that are provided organic waste collection services or self-haul within the jurisdiction, that are not subject to an exemption or waiver from such service under 14</p>	9/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)

	CCR sections 18984.11 and 18984.12 (a) and (c). (Note: A jurisdiction may still have a separate obligation under the Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) and Mandatory Organics Recycling (MORe) laws—Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 42649.3 (d) and 42649.82 (d)(1)(C)—that is separate and independent of SB 1383, the SB 1383 Regulations, and this plan.)	
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### Section 18985.3 Recordkeeping Requirements for a Jurisdiction’s Compliance with Education and Outreach

The Jurisdiction will establish recordkeeping for compliance with Education and Outreach requirements.

TASK #	Description	Target Completion Date
TASK 17	<p>The Jurisdiction will begin tracking and compiling documentation.</p> <p>The Jurisdiction will include all documents supporting compliance in the Implementation Record and will include at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of the information provided to comply with this article, including: flyers, brochures, newsletters, invoice messaging, and website and social media postings.</li> <li>• The date, and to whom the information was disseminated or direct contact made. If a jurisdiction provides mass distribution through mailings, or bill inserts, it shall provide the date, a copy of the information, and the type and number of accounts receiving the information.</li> <li>• If the requirements of this article were met solely through the use of electronic media, the record shall include a copy, with dates posted, of social media posts, e-mails or other electronic messages.</li> <li>• If a jurisdiction relies on a designee to comply with this section, it shall include a copy of the materials distributed by the designee.</li> </ul>	Initiated 3/1/2022 for non-exclusive haulers and 9/1/2022 for exclusive hauler (Task completion to be verified)

### Section 18993.1. Recovered Organic Waste Product Procurement Target

The Jurisdiction will procure organic waste products to meet its procurement target.

TASK #	Description	Target Completion Date
TASK 18	<p>The Jurisdiction will develop processes and programs to ensure compliance with its annual procurement target including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly procuring recovered organic waste products for use or giveaway.</li> </ul>	12/31/2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requiring, through a written contract or agreement, that a direct service provider to the jurisdiction procure recovered organic waste products and provide written documentation of such procurement to the jurisdiction.</li> </ul>	
<b>TASK 19</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will identify additional procurement opportunities within its departments and divisions for expanding the use of recovered organic waste products.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Jurisdiction will coordinate with its current landscaping contractors to procure recovered organic compost and mulch for use at Jurisdiction facilities and green spaces.</li> <li>The Jurisdiction will coordinate with its exclusive residential franchise waste hauler to provide recovered organic compost and/or mulch giveaway events to the community.</li> <li>The Jurisdiction will also seek to procure a combination of renewable gas or electricity from biomass conversion from direct service providers.</li> </ul>	12/31/2023
<b>TASK 20</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will meet regulatory procurement targets established by CalRecycle pursuant to 14 CCR section 18993.1; enforcement of this provision by CalRecycle will be consistent with the legislative directives in PRC section 42652.5 (a)(5)(B) and 42652.6, as amended in AB 1985 (R. Rivas, Chapter 344, Statutes of 2022).</p>	3/1/2024

**Section 18993.2. Recordkeeping Requirements for Recovered Organic Waste Procurement Target**

The Jurisdiction will establish recordkeeping related to recovered organic waste procurement.

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
<b>TASK 21</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will include all documents supporting compliance with this article in the implementation record including, but not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A description of how the jurisdiction will comply with the requirements of Article 12 of the Regulations.</li> <li>The name, physical location, and contact information of each entity, operation, or facility from whom the recovered organic waste products were procured, and a general description of how the product was used, and if applicable, where the product was applied.</li> <li>All invoices or similar records evidencing all procurement.</li> </ul>	3/1/2022 (Task completion to be verified)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If including procurement of recovered organic waste products made by a direct service provider to comply with the procurement requirements of section 18993.1(a), the jurisdiction will include all records of procurement of recovered organic waste products made by the direct service provider on behalf of the jurisdiction including invoices or similar records evidencing procurement.</li> <li>• If a jurisdiction will include renewable gas procured from a POTW for any of the uses identified in section 18993.1(f)(2) to comply with the procurement mandate of Section 18993.1(a), a written certification by an authorized representative of the POTW, under penalty of perjury in a form and manner determined by the jurisdiction, attesting to the following for the applicable procurement compliance year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (A) That the POTW was in compliance with the exclusion in Section 17896.6(a)(1);</li> <li>• (B) The total tons of organic waste received from the types of solid waste facilities listed in Section 18993.1(h)(1); and</li> <li>• (C) The percentage of biosolids that the POTW produced and transported to activities that constitute landfill disposal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If a jurisdiction will include electricity procured from a biomass conversion facility to comply with the procurement mandate of Section 18993.1(a), a written certification by an authorized representative of the biomass conversion facility certifying that biomass feedstock was received from a permitted solid waste facility identified in 18993.1(i) will be provided to the jurisdiction. The certification will be furnished under penalty of perjury in a form and manner determined by the jurisdiction.</li> <li>• If the jurisdiction is implementing the procurement requirements of Section 18993.1 through an adjusted recovered organic waste product procurement target pursuant to Section 18993.1(j), the jurisdiction will include records evidencing the 6 total amount of transportation fuel, electricity, and gas for heating applications procured during the calendar year prior to the applicable reporting period.</li> <li>• For jurisdictions complying with the requirements of Section 18993.1, through the procurement of mulch, a copy of the ordinance or similarly enforceable mechanism the jurisdiction has adopted requiring that mulch procured</li> </ul>	
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	by the jurisdiction or a direct service provider meets the land application standards specified in Section 18993.1.	
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**Sections 18995.2 Implementation Record and Recordkeeping Requirements.**

The Jurisdiction will establish recordkeeping related to jurisdiction inspection requirements.

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>
<b>TASK 22</b>	The Jurisdiction will establish a system for tracking inspections and enforcement actions for recordkeeping and reporting.	Initiated 3/1/2022 for non-exclusive haulers and 9/1/2022 for exclusive hauler (Task completion to be verified)
<b>TASK 23</b>	<p>The Jurisdiction will begin tracking and compiling documentation. The Implementation Record will be stored in one central location, physical or electronic, that can be readily accessed by CalRecycle.</p> <p>All records and information will be included in the Implementation Record within 60 days of the creation of the record or information. All records will be retained by the jurisdiction for five years.</p> <p>Include all documents supporting compliance in the implementation record including, but not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of all ordinances or other similarly enforceable mechanisms, contracts, and agreements, as required by Chapter 12 of the Regulations.</li> <li>• A written description of the jurisdiction's inspection and enforcement program that it uses to comply with Sections 18995.1 and 18995.4.</li> <li>• All organic waste collection service records required by Section 18984.4.</li> <li>• All contamination minimization records required by Section 18984.6.</li> <li>• All waiver and exemption records required by Section 18984.14.</li> <li>• All education and outreach records required by Section 18985.3.</li> <li>• All hauler program records required by Section 18988.4.</li> </ul>	Initiated 3/1/2022 for non-exclusive haulers and 9/1/2022 for exclusive hauler (Task completion to be verified)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All jurisdiction edible food recovery program records required by Section 18991.2.</li> <li>• All recovered organic waste procurement target records required by Section 18993.2.</li> <li>• All recycled content paper procurement records required by Section 18993.4.</li> <li>• All inspection, route review, and compliance review documents generated pursuant to the requirements of Section 18995.1(d).</li> <li>• All records of enforcement actions undertaken pursuant to this chapter.</li> <li>• All records of complaints and investigations of complaints required by Section 18995.3 and compliance with the jurisdiction’s inspection and enforcement requirements of Sections 18995.1.</li> </ul>	
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COMPLIANCE REVIEW, ENFORCEMENT, AND RELEASE

4. Communications. All approvals and decisions of CalRecycle regarding notifications will be communicated to the Jurisdiction in writing by the Branch Chief, Jurisdiction and Agency Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Waste Permitting, Compliance and Mitigation Division, or the Branch Chief’s designee. No formal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by CalRecycle regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Jurisdiction shall be construed to relieve the Jurisdiction of the obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

4.1 Submittal. All reporting from the Jurisdiction described in section 3 (Schedule for Compliance), paragraph 3.f, shall be submitted through an online portal or compliance module developed by CalRecycle with instructions provided to Jurisdiction. All other communications from the Jurisdiction according to this CAP shall be sent in writing electronically to:

Rhiannon McCollough  
Rhiannon.McCollough@calrecycle.ca.gov

4.2 Compliance Review. At the end of the oversight period or at any time deemed appropriate by CalRecycle, CalRecycle will meet with the Jurisdiction to assess the Jurisdiction’s CAP implementation efforts and to determine whether or not the Jurisdiction has timely complied with all commitments in all sections of this CAP. If requested by the Jurisdiction, CalRecycle has discretion to issue notice of a hearing at any time upon its staff’s recommendation that the Jurisdiction has completed the conditions of the CAP. In accordance with PRC section 42652.5, failure to implement programs and or comply with all sections of the CAP at any time may result in CalRecycle’s revocation of its approval of the Notification and

CAP and imposition of administrative civil penalties retroactively to the date of violation in 2022, for administrative civil penalties accruing in 2023, and for administrative civil penalties accruing during any other additional time covered by the Notification and CAP. These potentially applicable penalties are described in Section 5.0 of this CAP.

- 4.3 CalRecycle Review and Approval: If CalRecycle determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this CAP fails to comply with the Notification as amended by this CAP or fails to achieve successful implementation of the Regulations, CalRecycle may:
  - a. Amend the CAP as appropriate to remedy the violations of the Regulations expeditiously, and/or
  - b. Serve a notice that CalRecycle will revoke approval of the Notification and consider the imposition of penalties in accordance with Title 14 CCR sections 18997.3, 18997.5, and 18997.6.
- 4.4 Extension Request and Other Task Modification Requests: If the Jurisdiction determines that it will be unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this CAP, the Jurisdiction may, as far in advance of the due date as possible, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay. If the Jurisdiction finds that a task required by this CAP in Section 3.1 is not feasible, despite the Jurisdiction's best and substantial efforts, the Jurisdiction may propose an alternative task that is substantially similar or equally effective to the original task, subject to the approval of CalRecycle. The modification request shall include an explanation of the infeasibility, an explanation of how the alternative task is substantially similar or equally effective, and a justification for any extension of time associated with the change.
- 4.5 Extension and Other Task Modification Approvals: If CalRecycle determines that good cause exists for an extension, considering the factors set out in Title 14 CCR section 18996.2(a)(2), it will grant an extension as appropriate and specify in writing a new compliance schedule. If CalRecycle determines that good cause exists for the change in task because the original task is infeasible and the alternative task is substantially similar or equally effective, it will grant an approval and extension as appropriate and specify in writing the new task; additionally, if CalRecycle determines that good cause exists for any extension associated with the change in task, considering the factors set out in Title 14 CCR section 18996.2(a)(2), it will grant an extension as appropriate and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.
- 4.6 Compliance with Applicable Laws: The Jurisdiction shall carry out this CAP in compliance with all Local, State, and Federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain necessary permits.

- 4.7 Liability: Nothing in this CAP shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of the Jurisdiction, including for violations of the Regulations that were not disclosed in the Notification and any violations of the Regulations that the Jurisdiction fails to remedy notwithstanding commitments in the Notification and this CAP.
- 4.8 Government Liabilities: The State of California and CalRecycle shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions in carrying out activities pursuant to this CAP, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by the Jurisdiction or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to the CAP. The Jurisdiction shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless the State, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting in connection with the performance of this CAP.
- 4.9 Parties Bound: This CAP shall apply to and be binding upon the Jurisdiction and upon CalRecycle and any successor agency (regional agency, etc.) that may have responsibility for, and the authority over, the subject matter of this CAP.

#### PENALTY

5. Penalties, if any, shall be assessed and calculated in accordance with the provisions of PRC 42652.5 and Title 14 CCR sections 18997.3, 18997.5, and 18997.6. Penalties shall be calculated based on the factors set out in section 18997.3 and may be as much as \$10,000 per day per violation for the duration of the violation(s).
- 5.1 Penalty Procedures. Penalty, if any, shall be imposed in accordance with the procedures and methodology set out in PRC section 42652.5 and Title 14 CCR sections 18997.3, 18997.5, and 18997.6. Regulatory violations that are considered “minor,” meaning they involve violations constituting minimal deviation from regulations, shall be subject to penalties of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500) per violation and no more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per violation per day; “moderate” violations are subject to no less than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per violation and shall be no more than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) per violation per day; and “major” violations, are subject to penalties no less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) per violation per day and no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation per day. The following types of deviations are deemed to be “major” under the regulations for the purposes of assessing penalties:
- a. Failure to have any ordinance or similarly enforceable mechanism for organic waste disposal reduction and edible food recovery.



- b. Failure to have a provision in a contract, agreement, or other authorization that requires a hauler to comply with the requirements the Regulations.
- c. Failure to have an edible food recovery program.
- d. Failure to have any Implementation Record.
- e. Implementation or enforcement of an ordinance, policy, procedure, condition, or initiative that is prohibited under Title 14 CCR sections 18990.1 or 18990.2.
- f. Failure to submit the reports required in Title 14 CCR sections 18994.1 and 18994.2.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

6. Issuance. This Corrective Action Plan is final and effective from the date of issuance.

6.1 Date of Issuance December 16, 2022

#### **Signature on file**

Mark de Bie, Deputy Director  
Waste Permitting, Compliance and Mitigation Division  
Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

**FIRST ADDENDUM TO CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN NO. 1094.SLCP.CAP.2022.12**

City of Bell Gardens Amendment of Timeline in Corrective Action Plan No. 1094.SLCP.CAP.2022.12

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On May 22, 2023, the City of Bell Gardens requested an amendment to part of the timeline for Corrective Action Plan No. 1094.SLCP.CAP.2022.12. The City of Bell Gardens only requested a change in the timeline, not a change in the task requirements. The justification provided for the timeline amendment is included in the attached request.

**Requested Changes to Timeline:**

<b>TASK #</b>	<b>Original Date</b>	<b>Amended Date</b>
10	12/31/2022	3/1/2024

The City of Bell Gardens' request for timeline amendment shows good cause and provides a reasonable alternate timeline for completion. The impacted task affects the final completion date of the Corrective Action Plan. Therefore, Sections 3.d., 3.f., and 3.i will need to be changed to reflect the new final completion date of the Corrective Action Plan.

See below for the changes made to Sections 3.d, 3.f, and 3.i.

**SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE**

3. Based on the foregoing DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS, CalRecycle finds that:
  - a. The Jurisdiction worked with CalRecycle to develop this CAP, which includes schedule of actions necessary for the Jurisdiction to achieve address the violations disclosed in the Notification and described in Section 2 (Determination of Violations) above.
  - b. CalRecycle hereby approves and issues this CAP pursuant to PRC section 42652.5(c)-(e) and Title 14 CCR section 18996.2.
  - c. The Jurisdiction will fully implement the programs identified in this CAP by the dates provided in the Section 3.2 below.
  - d. CalRecycle will monitor the Jurisdiction's continued implementation of the programs identified in the CAP from December 16, 2022, through March 1, 2024, ("the oversight period") to assure implementation is complete and timely. The oversight period may be extended at the discretion of CalRecycle if any extensions to the Schedule are granted as described below in Sections 4.4 and 4.5.

- e. During the oversight period, the Jurisdiction will submit status reports to CalRecycle and attend status meetings with CalRecycle to demonstrate the ongoing progress the Jurisdiction is making on remedying the violations described above.
- f. During the oversight period, the Jurisdiction will provide bimonthly status reports to CalRecycle:

#### Report Cycle

Report 1: February 28, 2023, covering December 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Report 2: April 30, 2023, covering February 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

Report 3: June 30, 2023, covering April 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023

Report 4: August 31, 2023, covering June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023

Report 5: October 31, 2023, covering August 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

Report 6: December 31, 2023, covering October 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023

Report 7: February 29, 2024, covering December 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024

Report 8: April 30, 2024, covering February 1, 2024 – March 1, 2024

- g. The status reports are to be used to document the status and work completed for each of the identified tasks in the CAP. For each task in the CAP, the Jurisdiction will explain the status of the task, specifying what actions have been taken to complete the task.
- h. If the work has been delayed or has not been completed, the Jurisdiction will explain the reason(s) for the delay/incompletion. The Jurisdiction will also attach any previously submitted extension requests made pursuant to section 4.4 of this CAP and any extensions granted pursuant to section 4.5 of this CAP, using additional sheets as necessary for the report. CalRecycle may consider the explanation in deciding whether to allow the Jurisdiction to continue to operate under the Notification and CAP or to revoke approval of the Notification and CAP pursuant to PRC section 42652.5(d).
- i. During the oversight period, the Jurisdiction will meet with CalRecycle telephonically or via other remote electronic means (such as Teams or Zoom) bimonthly to provide interim progress updates on the following schedule:

#### Meeting Cycle

Meeting 1: During January 2023

Meeting 2: During March 2023

Meeting 3: During May 2023

Meeting 4: During July 2023

Meeting 5: During September 2023

Meeting 6: During November 2023

Meeting 7: During January 2024

Meeting 8: During March 2024

- j. The status meetings are to be used to discuss the most recent status report and to discuss interim progress made by the Jurisdiction on each of the identified tasks in the CAP.
- k. Prior to the close of the oversight period, CalRecycle may undertake a compliance review or field visit to supplement other status reporting.
- l. At any time prior to the conclusion of the oversight period, if CalRecycle determines the Jurisdiction has failed to implement the programs identified in the Notification and CAP, has failed to participate in status reporting during the oversight period, has substantially misrepresented its progress in status reporting, or has substantially failed to make interim progress on Tasks set out in Section 3.2 for four consecutive reporting periods, CalRecycle may immediately issue a notice revoking its approval of the Notification and CAP and indicating its intent to impose penalties as provided in PRC section 42652.5. Title 14 CCR sections 18997.3, 18997.5, and 18997.6 and PRC section 42652.5 governs the process and considerations CalRecycle will utilize in calculating and assessing administrative civil penalties against the Jurisdiction, which may be up to \$10,000 per day per violation.

The request is approved. The amendment will be included as an addendum to the December 16, 2022 Corrective Action Plan No. 1094.SLCP.CAP.2022.12.

**Dated:** July 7, 2023

**Signature on file**

Mark de Bie, Deputy Director  
Waste Permitting, Compliance and Mitigation Division  
Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

**Attachment 1:** City of Bell Garden's Time Amendment Request