



City of Placerville
Compliance Evaluation Findings Report
#23-1374

April 1, 2026

Report Summary

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 12 - Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

Article 3: Organic Waste Collection Services

Compliant

Noncompliant

Section 18984.1. Three-Container Organic Waste Collection Services

None

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

Section 18984.5. Container Contamination Minimization

Section 18984.6. Recordkeeping Requirements for Container Contamination Minimization

Section 18984.11. Waivers Granted by a Jurisdiction

Section 18984.14. Recordkeeping Requirements for Waivers and Exemption

Article 4: Education and Outreach

Compliant

Noncompliant

Section 18985.1. Organic Waste Recovery Education and Outreach

None

Section 18985.2. Edible Food Recovery
Education and Outreach

Section 18985.3. Recordkeeping
Requirements for a Jurisdiction's
Compliance with Education and Outreach
Requirements

Article 7: Regulation of Haulers

Compliant

Noncompliant

Section 18988.4. Recordkeeping
Requirements for Compliance with
Jurisdiction Hauler Program

Section 18988.1. Jurisdiction Approval of
Haulers and Self-Haulers

Article 8: CALGreen Building Standards and Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Compliant

Noncompliant

Section 18989.1. CALGreen Building
Codes

None

Section 18989.2. Model Water Efficient
Landscape Ordinance

Article 9: Locally Adopted Standards and Policies

Compliant

Noncompliant

Section 18990.1. Organic Waste
Recovery Standards and Policies

None

Section 18990.2. Edible Food Recovery
Standards and Policies

Article 10: Jurisdiction Edible Food Recovery Programs, Food Generators, and Food Recovery

Compliant

Noncompliant

Section 18991.1. Jurisdiction Edible Food
Recovery Program

None

Section 18991.2. Recordkeeping
Requirements for Jurisdiction Edible Food
Recovery Program

Article 11: Organic Waste Recycling Capacity Planning

Compliant	Noncompliant
Section 18992.1. Organic Waste Recycling Capacity Planning	None
Section 18992.2. Edible Food Recovery Capacity	

Article 12: Procurement of Recovered Organic Waste Products

Compliant	Noncompliant
Section 18993.1. Recovered Organic Waste Product Procurement Target	None
Section 18993.2. Recordkeeping Requirements for Recovered Organic Waste Procurement Target	
Section 18993.3. Recycled Content Paper Procurement Requirements	
Section 18993.4. Recordkeeping Requirements for Recycled Content Paper Procurement	

Article 13: Reporting

Compliant	Noncompliant
Section 18994.1. Initial Jurisdiction Compliance Report	None
Section 18994.2. Jurisdiction Annual Reporting	

Article 14: Enforcement Requirements

Compliant	Noncompliant
Section 18995.1. Jurisdiction Inspection Requirements	None
Section 18995.2. Implementation Record and Recordkeeping Requirements	

Section 18995.3. Jurisdiction
Investigation of Complaints of Alleged
Violations

Article 16: Administrative Civil Penalties

Compliant	Noncompliant
Section 18997.1. Scope	None

Public Resources Code, Division 30, Part 3, Chapters 12.8 and 12.9

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

The City of Placerville is implementing a Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling program.

Mandatory Commercial Recycling

The City of Placerville is implementing a Mandatory Commercial Recycling program.

Public Resources Code, Division 30, Part 2

Source Reduction and Recycling Element

The City of Placerville is implementing a Residential Diversion program, Commercial Diversion program, Construction and Demolition Debris program, Recycled Content Procurement program, and Education and Outreach program.

Household Hazardous Waste Element

The City of Placerville is fully implementing a Household Hazardous Waste Element program.

Overview

Review Process

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Jurisdiction and Agency Compliance and Enforcement Branch (JACE) is required to conduct a compliance evaluation [California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 41821(h) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Section 18996.1] of the City of Placerville's (Jurisdiction) implementation of and compliance with:

- Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) (14 CCR sections 18981.1 through 18998.4)

- Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORe) (PRC sections 42649.8 through 42649.87)
- Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) (PRC sections 42649 through 42649.7 and 14 CCR sections 18835 through 18839)
- Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) (PRC sections 41000 through 41460)
- Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE) (PRC sections 41500 through 41516)

JACE's compliance evaluation reviewed the Jurisdiction's waste diversion program implementation, using available information from the Jurisdiction's Implementation Record, Electronic Annual Report (EAR), CalRecycle databases, and communications between CalRecycle and the Jurisdiction. The compliance evaluation included, but was not limited to:

- Communications with the Jurisdiction (phone calls, emails, and letters) to learn about the community and program implementation efforts.
- Field evaluations of the Jurisdiction's residential, commercial, edible food, and procurement programs.
- Observing and evaluating the Jurisdiction's waste, recycling, and organics loads at respective facilities.

JACE did not evaluate SLCP requirements that became effective on January 1, 2024, as the compliance evaluation for the years prior to the date that the requirements became effective. These requirements include inspections of Tier Two commercial edible food generators [14 CCR Section 18995.1(a)(2)] and enforcement actions [14 CCR sections 18995.1(a)(5) and 18995.4].

Communication and Compliance Evaluation Timeline

The Jurisdiction was notified on February 10, 2023, by letter (Attachment 1) that a compliance evaluation would be conducted by JACE to determine the status of the Jurisdiction's implementation of programs designed to divert organics and edible food from landfills. Photographic evidence from observations on field visit is included in the Photo Report (Attachment 3).

- On February 24, 2023, JACE sent a letter (Attachment 2) to request access to the Jurisdiction's Implementation Record by March 10, 2023.
- On March 10, 2023, the Jurisdiction provided access to the Implementation Record.
- On November 6 and 8, 2023, JACE staff conducted field visits. JACE staff observed residential containers in the neighborhoods off Mallard Lane, Pacific Street and Goldner Street, and observed commercial containers South of Highway 50. Additionally, residential and commercial waste loads from gray, blue, and green containers were observed.
- On December 15, 2025, JACE staff sent the draft Compliance Evaluation Findings Report to the Jurisdiction.

- On January 14, 2026, the Jurisdiction provided additional information regarding program implementation.
- Communications and other interactions took place with the Jurisdiction throughout the compliance evaluation, which included phone calls, email messages, and meetings.

Existing Jurisdiction Conditions

The City of Placerville is in El Dorado County. According to the 2020 U.S. Census, the Jurisdiction encompasses 5.84 square miles. The Jurisdiction has an estimated population of 10,642 (California Department of Finance, 2025). According to the Jurisdiction's base year history (dated 1990), 26.95 percent of the Jurisdiction's total waste generation is from the residential waste stream and 73.05 percent from the non-residential waste stream.

Summary of Jurisdiction's Solid Waste Infrastructure and Materials Flow

Through the Jurisdiction's Implementation Record, it was determined that the Jurisdiction has a three-container collection service. Gray, blue, and green container waste is collected by Waste Connections - El Dorado Disposal Service and taken to the Waste Connection of CA, Inc. dba Western El Dorado Recovery Systems transfer station.

Gray container waste is comingled with other Jurisdictions' waste, loaded in transfer trailers and disposed at:

1. Forward Landfill
2. Potrero Hills Landfill, Inc.

Blue container waste is comingled with other Jurisdictions' waste, loaded in transfer trailers, and processed at Ukiah Waste Solutions.

Green container waste is comingled with other Jurisdictions' waste, loaded in transfer trailers, and processed at the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Residential and commercial generators may self-haul the materials for recycling and disposal. Self-haulers may drop off all material types at Waste Connection of CA, Inc. dba Western El Dorado Recovery Systems transfer station.

The Jurisdiction reports that it does not use a High Diversion Organic Waste Processing Facility (HDOWPF).

Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) Regulation Evaluation

General Provisions

14 CCR Section 18981.2. Implementation Requirement on Jurisdictions

See Table 1 below for specific information on ordinances, enforceable mechanisms, and other requirements.

Table 1

Program Requirements	Findings
Adopted enforceable ordinance(s) or mechanism(s) to mandate compliance with SLCP requirements. [18981.2(a)]	See details in the Articles below regarding enforceable ordinances or mechanisms to mandate compliance with SLCP requirements.
Designations of responsibilities made through contracts or agreements. [18981.2(b)]	The Jurisdiction provided evidence demonstrating that responsibilities are designated through contracts and agreements.
Civil penalties not designated to a private entity. [18981.2(d)]	The Jurisdiction provided evidence demonstrating that civil penalties are not designated to a private entity.
Copies of designee agreements and contracts included in the Implementation Record. [18981.2(e)]	The Jurisdiction provided evidence of designee agreements and contracts.

Article 3: Organic Waste Collection Services

14 CCR Section 18984.1. Three-Container Organic Waste Collection Services

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction has implemented a three-container collection service for both residential and commercial generators.

JACE staff conducted a field visit and confirmed that residential and commercial generators have been provided with the three-container service.

14 CCR Section 18984.4. Recordkeeping Requirements for Compliance with Organic Waste Collection Services

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18984.4.

14 CCR Section 18984.5. Container Contamination Minimization

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record and 2023 EAR indicates that route reviews are conducted for container contamination minimization. The Jurisdiction provided documentation to show that route reviews are being conducted.

14 CCR Section 18984.6. Recordkeeping Requirements for Container Contamination Minimization

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18984.6.

14 CCR Section 18984.7. Container Color Requirements

Finding: Not Applicable

Compliance with this section could not be evaluated as only older functional containers were observed.

14 CCR Section 18984.8. Container Labeling Requirements

Finding: Not Applicable

Compliance with this section could not be evaluated as only older functional containers were observed.

14 CCR Section 18984.11. Waivers Granted by a Jurisdiction

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains a written description of how waivers will be issued and validated.

14 CCR Section 18984.13. Emergency Circumstances, Abatement, Quarantined Materials and Federally Regulated Waste

Finding: Not Applicable

The Jurisdiction has not reported issuing emergency processing facility temporary equipment or operational failure waivers. The Jurisdiction has also not reported sediment debris disposal, homeless encampment or illegal disposal cleanup, or quarantined organic waste that was disposed of, which would require documentation.

14 CCR Section 18984.14. Recordkeeping Requirements for Waivers and Exemptions

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18984.14.

Article 3 Electronic Annual Report Findings

In the 2022 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported inaccurately about providing a 3+, 3-, 2-, and unsegregated single-container collection system to residential and commercial generators. JACE staff clarified the Jurisdiction has three-container collection service for all accounts. Considering other documentation and discussion with Jurisdiction representatives, a three-container collection service should be the only selection for residential and commercial generators in the EAR. In the 2022 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported 183 total waivers issued.

Article 4: Education and Outreach

14 CCR Section 18985.1. Organic Waste Recovery Education and Outreach

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction provided evidence demonstrating compliance with organic waste recovery education and outreach requirements.

14 CCR Section 18985.2. Edible Food Recovery Education and Outreach

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction provided evidence demonstrating compliance with edible food recovery education and outreach requirements.

14 CCR Section 18985.3. Recordkeeping Requirements for a Jurisdiction's Compliance with Education and Outreach Requirements

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18985.3.

Article 4 Electronic Annual Report Findings

The Jurisdiction completed this section of the 2022 EAR and 2023 EAR with no related issues or questions from CalRecycle. The Jurisdiction provided education and outreach to regulated generators and entities via print, electronic messaging and direct contact. The Jurisdiction reported 3,119 generators received print materials, 46 generators received electronic materials, and 89 generators received direct contact outreach education in the 2022 EAR. The Jurisdiction reported 3,461 generators received print materials, 3,461 received electronic materials and 406 received direct outreach education in the 2023 EAR.

Article 7: Regulation of Haulers

14 CCR Section 18988.1. Jurisdiction Approval of Haulers and Self-Haulers

Finding: Noncompliant

The Jurisdiction does not have a contract with its franchised hauler that includes the requirements of 14 CCR Section 18988.1.

See Table 3 below for specific information about the Jurisdiction's approval of hauler and self-hauler program implementation.

Table 2

Program Requirements	Compliance	Findings
Require haulers providing organic waste collection services to meet requirements of SLCP regulations as a condition of approval of a contract, agreement, or other authorization to collect organic waste. [18988.1(a)]	No	The Jurisdiction did not provide evidence of a contract, agreement, or other authorization that requires haulers to meet the requirements of SLCP regulations.

Require haulers to identify facilities to which they transport organic waste. [18988.1(a)(1)]	No	The Jurisdiction did not provide evidence that haulers are required to identify facilities to where they transport organic waste.
Require haulers to comply with Article 3 requirements. [18988.1(a)(2)]	No	The Jurisdiction did not provide evidence that haulers are required to comply with Article 3 requirements.
If the Jurisdiction allows self-haul of organic waste, the Jurisdiction adopted an ordinance or enforceable mechanism requiring compliance with Section 18988.3. [18988.1(b)]	Yes	The Jurisdiction provided evidence of allowing self-haul of organic waste through their ordinance which requires compliance with 14 CCR Section 18988.3.

14 CCR Section 18988.4. Recordkeeping Requirements for Compliance with Jurisdiction Hauler Program

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction’s Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18988.4.

Article 7 Electronic Annual Report Findings

The Jurisdiction reported in the 2022 EAR that one (1) hauler was approved to collect organic waste.

Article 8: CALGreen Building Standards and Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

14 CCR Section 18989.1. CALGreen Building Codes

Finding: Compliant

A CALGreen ordinance was adopted and provided by the Jurisdiction.

14 CCR Section 18989.2. Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Finding: Compliant

A Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) was adopted and provided by the Jurisdiction.

Article 8 Electronic Annual Report Findings

In the 2022 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported that there were 41 CALGreen projects and zero (0) MWELO projects.

Article 9: Locally Adopted Standards and Policies

14 CCR Section 18990.1. Organic Waste Recovery Standards and Policies

Finding: Compliant

No ordinance, policy, procedure, permit condition, or initiative that includes provisions listed in 14 CCR Section 18990.1(b)(1) – (5) were discovered during the evaluation.

14 CCR Section 18990.2. Edible Food Recovery Standards and Policies

Finding: Compliant

No ordinance, policy, or procedure that prohibits the ability of a generator, food recovery organization, or food recovery service to recover edible food that could be recovered for human consumption were discovered during the evaluation. No ordinance, policy, or procedure that prohibits share tables or requires schools to adhere to a food safety standard not specified in Part 7 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code were discovered during the evaluation.

Article 10: Jurisdiction Edible Food Recovery Programs, Food Generators, and Food Recovery

14 CCR Section 18991.1. Jurisdiction Edible Food Recovery Program

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction provided evidence to support that an edible food recovery ordinance has been adopted, and a program is being implemented.

14 CCR Section 18991.2. Recordkeeping Requirements for Jurisdiction Edible Food Recovery Program

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18991.2.

Article 10 Electronic Annual Report Findings

In the 2022 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported four (4) commercial edible food generators.

Article 11: Organic Waste Recycling Capacity Planning

14 CCR Section 18992.1. Organic Waste Recycling Capacity Planning

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction is part of El Dorado County organic waste capacity planning and was not identified by El Dorado County as needing to submit an implementation schedule.

14 CCR Section 18992.2. Edible Food Recovery Capacity

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction is part of El Dorado County's edible food recovery capacity planning and was not identified by El Dorado County as needing to submit an implementation schedule.

14 CCR Section 18992.3. Schedule for Reporting

Finding: Not Applicable

The Jurisdiction was not identified as needing to submit an implementation schedule.

Article 11 County Capacity Planning Report

The Jurisdiction was not identified in El Dorado County's 2022 – 2024 Capacity Planning report as needing to submit an implementation schedule to CalRecycle.

Article 12: Procurement of Recovered Organic Waste Products

14 CCR Section 18993.1. Recovered Organic Waste Product Procurement Target

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction met its Recovered Organic Waste Product (ROWP) procurement target. The Jurisdiction reported and provided evidence of procuring 884.46 ROWP tons in 2025. The Jurisdiction has a procurement target of 871 ROWP tons.

14 CCR Section 18993.2. Recordkeeping Requirements for Recovered Organic Waste Procurement Target

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18993.2.

14 CCR Section 18993.3. Recycled Content Paper Procurement Requirements

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction provided evidence to support that printing and writing paper and paper products, including, but not limited to, toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet seat covers that are procured pursuant to Public Contract Code 22150 - 22154 contain the minimum recycled content requirements and are recyclable.

14 CCR Section 18993.4. Recordkeeping Requirements for Recycled Content Paper Procurement

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18993.4.

Article 12 Electronic Annual Report Findings

The Jurisdiction reported procuring 310.34 ROWP tons in the 2023 EAR.

Article 13: Reporting

14 CCR Section 18994.1. Initial Jurisdiction Compliance Report

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction submitted the Initial Jurisdiction Compliance Report on time.

14 CCR Section 18994.2. Jurisdiction Annual Reporting

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction submitted the EARs on time for the period reviewed for this compliance evaluation.

Article 13 Electronic Annual Report Findings

The Jurisdiction submitted the 2022 EAR and 2023 EAR on time.

Article 14: Enforcement Requirements

14 CCR Section 18995.1. Jurisdiction Inspection Requirements

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction provided evidence of meeting all requirements in 14 CCR Section 18995.1.

The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all the records required by 14 CCR Section 18995.1.

14 CCR Section 18995.2. Implementation Record and Recordkeeping Requirements

Findings: Compliant

The Jurisdiction provided evidence of meeting requirements. The Jurisdiction's Implementation Record contains all records required by 14 CCR Section 18995.2.

14 CCR Section 18995.3. Jurisdiction Investigation of Complaints of Alleged Violations

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction provided documentation to support the procedure that will be followed for the receipt and investigation of complaints of alleged violations and provided the information required to be submitted for a complaint. No complaints have been reported as being received.

14 CCR Section 18995.4. Enforcement by a Jurisdiction

The compliance evaluation for the Jurisdiction took place prior to January 1, 2024, when this requirement became effective.

Article 14 Electronic Annual Report Findings

In the 2022 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported that there were three (3) inspections and one (1) complaint. During follow-up correspondence, the Jurisdiction clarified that this was misreported in the EAR and there were zero (0) complaints received in 2022.

Article 16: Administrative Civil Penalties

14 CCR Section 18997.1. Scope

Finding: Compliant

The Jurisdiction has adopted a Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance that includes it will impose penalties in the penalty amounts consistent with 14 CCR Section 18997.1.

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORe)

PRC Section 42649.82

The Jurisdiction is implementing a Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling program.

See SLCP Article 3 section above for more information.

MORe Electronic Annual Report Findings

In the 2023 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported that out of 138 commercial businesses that are required to recycle organics, one (1) is not recycling organics. This is a compliance rate of 99.28 percent. The noncompliant commercial business was notified of their noncompliance.

Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR)

PRC Section 42649.3 and 14 CCR Section 18838

The Jurisdiction is implementing a Mandatory Commercial Recycling program.

See SLCP Article 3 section above for more information.

MCR Electronic Annual Report Findings

In the 2023 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported that out of 259 commercial businesses required to recycle, one (1) is not recycling. This is a compliance rate of 99.61 percent. The noncompliant commercial business was notified of their noncompliance.

Source Reduction Recycling Element Program (SRRE)

Residential Diversion Program

The Jurisdiction reported and provided evidence to support full implementation of a residential diversion program. In the Jurisdiction's 2022 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported no changes to any SRRE selected diversion programs. The Jurisdiction has one (1)

buy-back center available for residents.

At the November 8, 2023 field visit, JACE staff evaluated 40 green containers and observed an average contamination rate of approximately 5 to 10 percent. Staff observed and evaluated one (1) green waste load, which contained approximately 10 percent prohibited container contaminants.

At the November 8, 2023 field visit, JACE staff evaluated 24 blue containers and observed an average contamination rate of 10 percent. Staff observed and evaluated one (1) blue waste load, which contained approximately 15 percent prohibited container contaminants.

At the November 8, 2023 field visit, JACE staff evaluated 69 gray containers and observed an average of 20 to 25 percent of divertible materials.

Commercial Diversion Program

The Jurisdiction reported and provided evidence to support full implementation of a commercial diversion program. In the Jurisdiction's 2022 EAR, the Jurisdiction reported no changes to any selected SRRE diversion programs.

At the November 6 and 8, 2023 field visits, JACE staff evaluated 15 green containers and observed an average contamination rate of approximately 5 to 10 percent. Staff observed and evaluated one (1) green waste load, which contained approximately 5 percent prohibited container contaminants.

At the November 6 and 8, 2023 field visits, JACE staff evaluated 40 blue containers and observed an average contamination rate of 5 to 10 percent. Staff observed and evaluated one (1) blue waste load, which contained approximately 15 percent prohibited container contaminants.

At the November 6 and 8, 2023 field visits, JACE staff evaluated 62 gray containers and observed an average of 20 to 25 percent of divertible materials.

Construction and Demolition Debris

The Jurisdiction reported and provided evidence to support the implementation of a construction and demolition debris diversion program.

Recycled Content Procurement

The Jurisdiction provided evidence to support implementation of a recycled content procurement program. Recycled content procurement language is included in the Jurisdiction's organics reduction ordinance.

See SLCP Article 12 section above for more information.

Education and Outreach

The Jurisdiction reported and provided evidence to support implementation of an education and outreach program.

See SLCP Article 4 section above for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Element Program (HHWE)

The Jurisdiction reported and provided evidence to support full implementation of an HHWE program. The Jurisdiction provides information on how to properly dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) on its website. The materials accepted include paint, motor oil, fluorescent lights, batteries, propane tanks, antifreeze, aerosols, pesticides and more. During the field visit, JACE staff observed the areas for the drop-off and collection of HHW materials.

Additional Information

Attachments

1. February 10, 2023, Notification of Compliance Evaluation for the City of Placerville
2. February 24, 2023, Request for SB 1383 Implementation Record for the City of Placerville
3. Photo report for City of Placerville

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