

Mammoth Lakes Town Council

Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approve the resolution opting to affirm an exemption from the requirements of mandatory organics collection services.

Council Meeting Date: 11/17/2021

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Recommended Motion: Approve the resolution opting to affirm an exemption from the requirements of mandatory organics collection services.

Summary: In September 2016, the State set methane emission reduction targets for California in Senate Bill (SB) 1383, intended as a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (like organic waste) in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills (50% reduction by 2020 and 75% by 2025). It also sets a goal to rescue at least 20% of currently disposed edible food by 2025 and redirect that food to people in need.

From 2016-2020, the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) worked to develop regulations to achieve the goals of SB 1383. These new regulations were finalized by CalRecycle in November 2020 and take effect in January 2022. If certain conditions are met, CalRecycle may issue waivers to jurisdictions that exempt them from some or all of these collection requirements. One of these exemptions is for rural jurisdictions. A rural jurisdiction may apply to CalRecycle for an exemption from complying with the organic waste collection requirements. To qualify, the following must be met:

- The jurisdiction meets the definition of a "Rural Jurisdiction" as defined in PRC Section 42649.8.
- The jurisdiction's governing body adopts a resolution that includes a finding regarding the purpose of and need for the exemption.

The attached resolution makes the findings required for the Town to submit an application for a rural exemption from certain SB 1383 requirements to CalRecycle.