

**Alameda County & Cities Climate Forum  
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**Waste Reduction & Recycling Work Group  
Minutes**

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**January 23, 2016 Headlines**

- 50% of Alameda County landscape is “Bay Friendly”!
- Last Bay Area landfill slated for closure: Alameda County a Leader in Zero Waste
- USGBC opens Demolition History Museum: Governor declares intent to deconstruct the boxes.
- Green jobs update: “StopWaste.Org funds retraining program for idle landfill workers”
- Bay Area Food Section: Alameda County and cities adopts universal biodegradable takeout fare ordinance
- Dept of Irony: UC Berkeley shows use of biodegradable takeout fare causes major increase in greenhouse gas
- Alameda County opens 3<sup>rd</sup> regional compost facility!
- AC highest reusable bag use in country
- 1<sup>st</sup> compost facility in 50 years opens in AC
- Waste powers cars
- StopWaste.Org goes out of business (killed by success)
- All restaurants switch to compostable packaging
- 2050 carbon red. Goal met in 2016
- AC achieves 75% goal 2016
- AC achieves 0 waste goal 2016
- Green jobs save AC economy on 2016
- All landfill gases produced in AC power cities
- AC Landfill no longer needed
- Landfill jobs covert to recycling
- Junk mail and H2O bottles extinct in AC
- Theft of high-priced post-consumer film plastic skyrockets
- Plastic bag, e-waste – u-waste on exhibit @ museum
- AC bans non-recyclable packaging

- ARB recognizes recycling & composting to be in top 3 emissions reductions in state
- AC cuts paper use 75% due to electronic comm.

## **Top Ideas**

### **Top 3 votes**

- Commercial sector recycling coordination outreach
- Rethink multi family collection and share best practices
- All county digesters convert waste to energy

### **Other Brainstorming**

- Funding regional cooperation
  - funding efficiencies in food scrap:
    - transport
    - capacity
    - processing
  - lifecycle analysis
    - cost/benefit, carbon
    - studies
- Leadership + education = culture change
  - anti-consumption
- Reaching 75%
- Cooperative purchasing
- Small-scale organics processing/composting support
- Update per capita/per category generation
- Economies of scale
- Explore joint policies
- Regional land use coalition EBMUD provides food waste collaboration
- 75% Diversion
- Support bans
  - ADC
  - Recyclable materials (from L.F)
  - Hazwaste
- Create Markets
- Support composting processing
- Investigate public willingness (facilities) near communities
- Deconstruction support
- Share diversion best practices for MFU
- Country-wide compost purchasing

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