



To: Zero Waste Advisory Commission

From: Bob Gedert, Director
Austin Resource Recovery Department

Date: February 13, 2013

Subject: Director's Report

Sustainable Materials Management Workshop: February 25-26, 2012 – Austin, TX

EPA Region 6, State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) and the City of Austin Resource Recovery will host a one and one half day workshop at the Palmer Event Center in Austin, Texas to discuss the strategies of EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program and its challenges. The workshop is an opportunity for municipalities to share successful materials management experiences, as well as federal agencies who may be existing participants or want to learn more about the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Challenges. Challenge areas include the Federal Green Challenge, Food Recovery Challenge, and the Electronics Challenge. Consistent with the workshop theme, current Challenge participants along with local partners will discuss their experiences implementing sustainable materials management strategies.

The workshop will include two tracks, "Discover and Share Local Successes" and "Federal Collaboration". Anticipated attendees include current SMM Challenge participants, EPA, STAR, City of Austin, Federal Facility Managers, Council of Governments, Solid Waste Planning Districts, Industry, Grocery stores, Recyclers, Universities, state and local governments.

This workshop is offered free of charge to all registrants who are confirmed to attend.

Early registration is highly recommended. Registration is available at: <http://www.trainex.org/SMMW>

Austin, Texas Offering Organic Waste Pilot Collection (with video)

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The city of Austin, Texas, has begun a pilot program to collect organic waste from residents weekly and convert it to compost. The city is offering the curbside service to about 7,900 households in five test areas in Austin representing the city's demographic diversity, according to a news release. During the one-year pilot, the city will evaluate the effectiveness of the organics collection program and evaluate possible costs as they might affect future rates.

Depending on how the pilot areas do the city said it may add more households, with the goal of providing curbside organics collection to all Austin customers by 2016.

Those participating in the program will receive a 96-gallon cart to collect yard trimmings, food scrap and food-soiled paper. Austin Resource Recovery currently provides all customers with weekly yard waste collection. The pilot participants also received a small food scrap collector to help take food scraps from the kitchen to the organics cart. The city will have the organics processed to generate compost.

Pilot participants will pay no additional cost for the service. The pilot program is part of Austin's goal to divert 90 percent of materials from landfills by 2040.

"At present, nearly half the materials that end up in the landfill could be composted," said Bob Gedert, Austin Resource Recovery director. "Collecting organic materials at the curb will keep valuable materials out of our landfills, reduce harmful greenhouse gases and help Austin get closer to zero waste."

Source URL: <http://waste360.com/residential/austin-texas-offering-organic-waste-pilot-collection-video>

Staff Hires and Promotions Update

New employee	Promotions	Title
Matthew Chustz		Administrative Specialist
Julie Rhodes		Economic & Business Development Liaison
Dodd Day		Safety Division Manager
Colleen Dawes		Strategic Initiatives Intern
Jillian Curran		Strategic Initiatives Intern
Raymundo Benavidez		Service Writer
	Robert Torres	To: Solid Waste Operator Specialist
	Sir Derrick Lott	To: Solid Waste Operator Specialist

Current and Upcoming Job Postings

Position	Contact Manager	Posting Status
Public Information & Marketing Program Manager	Tammie Williamson	Position posted
Planner II or III	Jessica King	Top candidate selected
Temporary Recycle Right Auditor	Jessica King	Position to be posted
Financial Specialist	Sue Cooper	Interview being scheduled
Financial Consultant	Sue Cooper	Position being reclassified from Specialist
Accounting Manager	Sue Cooper	Applications being reviewed
Human Resources Advisor	Blanche Quarterman	Applications being reviewed
Temporary Contract Compliance Specialist	Phil Tindall	Position posted
Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator	Dodd Day	Position posted
Administrative Specialist (OS)	Richard McHale	Applications being reviewed
Solid Waste Operator	Vidal Maldonado	Applications being reviewed
Solid Waste Associate	Vidal Maldonado	Applications being reviewed
Solid Waste Specialist	Donald Hardee	Interviews week of 2/4/2013
Solid Waste Specialist	Ron Romero	Interviews week of 1/28/2013
Solid Waste Supervisor	Ron Romero	Interviews week of 2/4/2013
Solid Waste Operator	Ron Romero	Position to be posted

Single Stream Recycling Statistical Report
FY 2012-13 through December 2012
Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) and Balcones Resources Inc (BRI)

		Contractor Payments			Net Value to City	Landfill Cost Avoidance	
Month	Tons Delivered	Revenue	Processing Cost	Net Amount Due/(Owed)	\$ per ton value	Per Ton	Total
October 2012 - TDS	1,992.62	\$107,483	\$182,325	(\$74,842)	(\$37.56)	\$21.14	\$42,124
October 2012 - BRI	2,522.20	\$156,614	\$201,074	(\$44,460)	(\$17.63)	\$21.14	\$53,319
<i>Total</i>	4,514.82	\$264,097	\$383,399	(\$119,302)			\$95,443
November 2012 - TDS	1,676.28	\$92,488	\$153,380	(\$60,891)	(\$36.33)	\$21.14	\$35,437
November 2012 - BRI	2,864.82	\$188,214	\$227,301	(\$39,087)	(\$13.64)	\$21.14	\$60,562
<i>Total</i>	4,541.10	\$280,702	\$380,681	(\$99,978)			\$95,999
December 2012 - TDS	2,584.16	\$144,257	\$236,451	(\$92,194)	(\$35.68)	\$21.14	\$54,629
December 2012 - BRI	2,010.51	\$135,238	\$161,904	(\$26,666)	(\$13.26)	\$21.14	\$42,502
<i>Total</i>	4,594.67	\$279,495	\$398,355	(\$118,860)			\$97,131
FY 2012-13 Totals	13,650.59	\$824,294	\$1,162,434	(\$338,140)			\$288,573

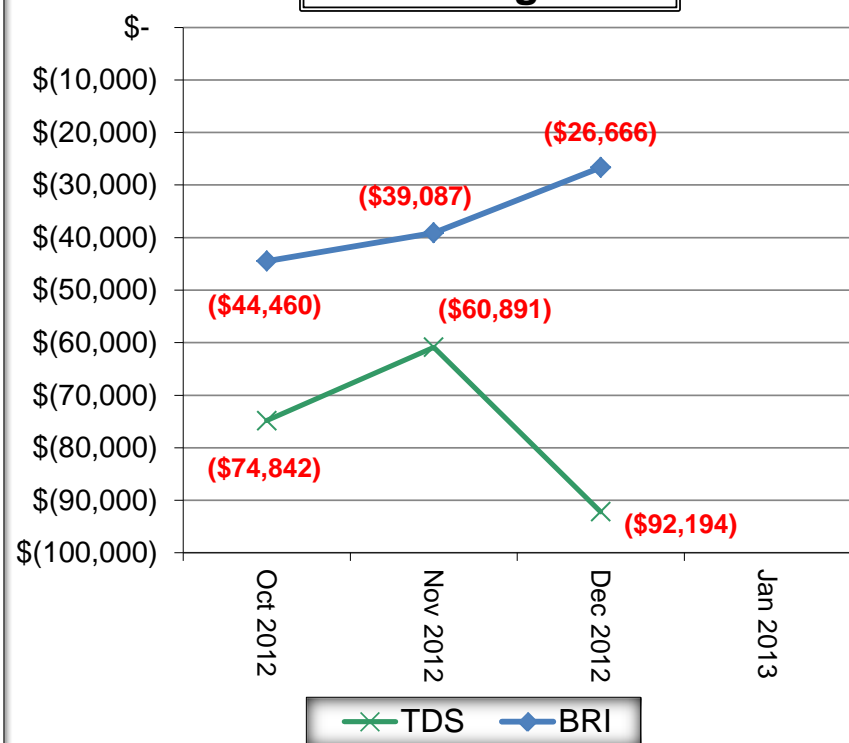
Material Composition Percentages		
	TDS	BRI
Material	10/27/2012	10/22/2012
ONP	13.80%	27.89%
OCC	7.58%	11.15%
Mixed Paper	19.76%	12.31%
Tin	2.04%	2.28%
UBC	1.32%	1.45%
NHDPE	1.34%	0.90%
CHDPE	1.11%	0.64%
PETE	3.13%	3.58%
Glass	30.61%	26.59%
Residual	15.45%	10.33%
Plastics 3-7	3.17%	2.53%
Scrap Metals	0.69%	0.35%
Other	0.00%	0.00%
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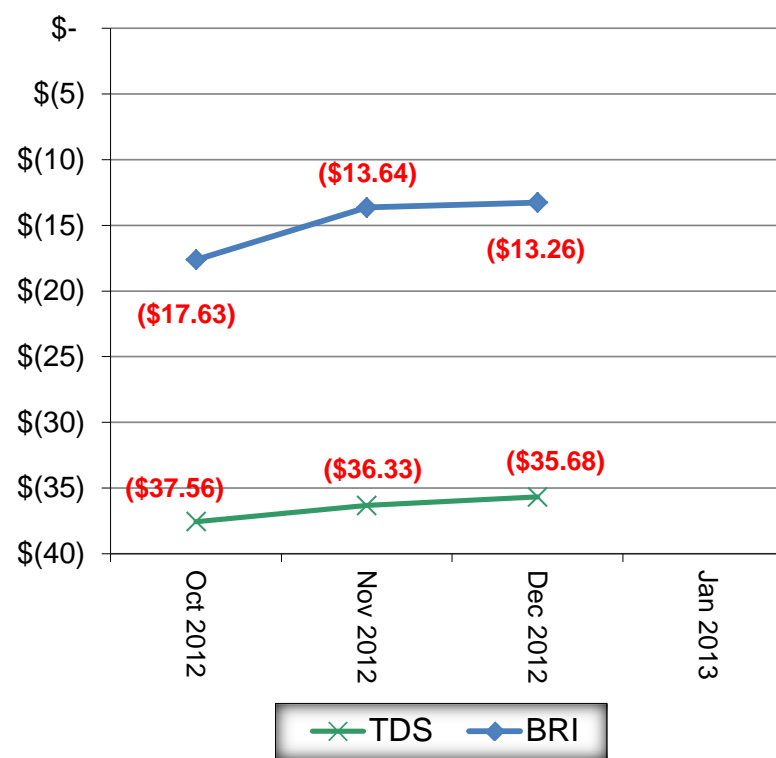
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Revenue Less Processing Costs



Net Value to City



Austin Resource Recovery Curbside Collection and HHW Operations

		LAST FISCAL YEAR				CURRENT FISCAL YEAR				
		FY 2012	FY 2012 Goal	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	FY12 YTD (Oct '11 - Dec'11)	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	FY13 YTD (Oct '12 - Dec'12)	FY 2013 Goal
Tons Disposed	Tons of curbside Garbage	129,653	123,000	10,751	11,719	32,116	10,652	9,898	31,177	127,000
	Tons of Curbside Bulk Disposed	7,611	7,500	503	516	1,770	339	480	1,679	6,600
	HHW Operations Tons Disposed	434	400	22	35	91	32	22	82	400
	Total Disposed Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations	137,698	130,900	11,276	12,270	33,977	11,023	10,400	32,938	134,000
Tons Diverted	Tons of curbside recycling	54,009	60,000	4,553	4,922	13,662	4,525	4,572	13,595	63,000
	HHW Operations Tons recycled/reused	208	150	18	10	49	16	11	47	150
	Tons of Curbside Yard Trimmings	21,712	25,000	1,281	1,673	4,196	1,504	2,634	5,522	27,000
	Tons of Curbside Bulk Recycled	233	200	10	42	76	8	13	48	800
	Tons of Curbside Brush Collected	7,720	7,500	625	363	1,530	578	406	1,827	6,400
	Total Diverted Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations	83,882	92,850	6,487	7,010	19,513	6,631	7,636	21,039	97,350
Total Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations		221,580	223,750	17,763	19,280	53,490	17,654	18,036	53,977	231,350
Percent of Waste Stream Diverted by Curbside and HHW Operations		37.86%	41.50%	36.52%	36.36%	36.48%	37.56%	42.34%	38.98%	42.08%
Pounds of Garbage collected per customer per pickup		27.05	25.06	27.23	27.23	n/a	26.52	26.36	n/a	26.03
Number of Garbage customers		184,316	188,807	182,354	183,389	n/a	185,491	185,712	n/a	187,676
Pounds of Recycled materials collected per customer per pickup (every other week)		22.71	24.44	23.21	23.21	n/a	22.71	22.70	n/a	25.82
Pounds of Yard Trimmings collected per customer per week		4.56	5.09	3.27	3.27	n/a	3.77	3.77	n/a	5.53
Number of Recycling and Yard Trimmings customers		182,971	188,807	181,160	182,135	n/a	184,049	184,284	n/a	187,676

Austin Resource Recovery Curbside Collection and HHW Operations

