**Project:**  Compost Program

**Lead:** Tuolumne County RCD

**Summary:** Providing compost to landowners through an agreement with City of San Mateo.

**Dates:** November 2024 – June 2025

The purpose of this project is to collaborate with the City of San Mateo to meet the requirements of SB1383. SB 1383  aims to reduce methane emissions by limiting the amount of organic waste being sent to landfills and requires that organic waste be composted.

To promote the development of a compost economy, the law requires that every city, town, and county in California purchase and distribute a certain amount of compost, mulch, or renewable natural gas annually, referred to as “procurement targets.” The procurement quantity for each jurisdiction is based on their population size.

SB 1383 creates an opportunity to strengthen regional climate resiliency by regenerating ecological processes on our natural and working lands through the utilization of nature-based solutions, like applying compost to soils in rangelands and cropping systems. It is one of the most impactful ways to improve biodiversity, crop/forage production, resistance to pest and disease pressures, and water holding capacity.

This RCD pilot program helps jurisdictions meet procurement targets while providing no-cost compost to producers and landowners alike. The project is a partnership between Tuolumne County RCD and the City of San Mateo.

TCRCD is the project lead and fiscal sponsor for this program. TCRCD has an agreement with City of San Mateo and will coordinate the distribution of compost to landowners who apply for compost application through the program. Compost will be available to landowners at no charge. The program will serve landowners in Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties with the option to expand the program.

Funding covers work between November 1st 2024 – June 30, 2025, with the opportunity to renew the program with the City of San Mateo annually.

Compost Supplier: Our partner supplier, Oliveira Enterprises, produces CCOF Certified Organic, OMRI Listed, and CDFA Registered compost primarily by sourcing raw biomass from whole-orchard recycling and commercial forestry projects.

How it Works

1) Submit the Compost Program Interest Form.

2) A Technical Assistance Provider will get in contact to discuss your project.

3) The RCD buys the compost and delivers it.

4) Landowner spreads the compost.

5) Photos of project completion are taken by landowner and/or RCD.