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## ADDENDUM 2: ORGANICS PROCESSING SERVICES RFP

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The purpose of this document is to provide responses and clarification to questions received by RethinkWaste/SBWMA from potential proposers regarding RethinkWaste's Request for Proposals for Organics Processing Services issued on February 28, 2020. Additionally, given lack of request in advance (sufficient for planning purposes) for the potential March 11, 2020 Pre-Proposal Conference, it is hereby confirmed that the Pre-Proposal Conference will not take place. The content in this Addendum takes precedence over that in the RFP file, especially in its adjustment of proposal submission method and deadline.

**Question 1:** "Please confirm that questions are due Tuesday, March 10, not Wednesday as stated?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 1:** The questions are indeed due 3:00 PDT Tuesday, March 10, 2020, not Wednesday as stated once in that Section 3.4 of the RFP document.

**Question 2:** "Can email submission of full proposals be accepted?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 2:** Due to the economic and work impacts of the worsening Coronavirus situation, Sections 3.1, 4.1 and 4.3 are hereby modified, such that Proposal submission is to occur by transmission of emailed PDFs only (with emails to be sent to [gligon@rethinkwaste.org](mailto:gligon@rethinkwaste.org) and to include the Section 4.1-required information), for which only 1 set is necessary.

**Question 3:** "Can SBWMA delay the bid submission to April 6th, 2020?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 3:** Due to the economic and work impacts of the worsening Coronavirus situation, the SBWMA has hereby modified Sections 1.1 and 4.1 and lengthened the bid submission period two weeks, to move the bid submission deadline from 3/25/20 to 4/8/20. This also moves the date for SBWMA requesting clarification of proposals from 3/31/20 to 4/14/20.

**Question 4:** "Can contractor propose a different CPI index?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 4:** This annual rate adjustment methodology with the specified CPI Index (All Urban Consumers Index CPI-U, All Items, for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA, Base Period 1982 – 1984 = 100, not seasonally adjusted, compiled and published by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics) was used in the last major SBWMA Agreement (for Landfill Disposal). Proposers are encouraged to use this CPI index in their proposals, but are allowed to use different ones provided that sufficient justification is given.

**Question 5:** "Can the contractor recommend a Pre-Proposal Conference at a new date and time?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 5:** Due to how the previous offering of the Pre-Proposal Conference did not prompt any requests to hold the Conference in advance, and to the increasingly stringent Coronavirus-induced social distancing and non-essential travel and meeting protocols now put in place, it is determined that holding a Pre-Proposal Conference prior to the bid deadline is not viable.

**Question 6:** "Has SBWMA done any evaluations of the contamination in the organic's streams? If so, can they provide the results to contractors?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 6:** With this addendum, the SBWMA is providing [Addendum 2 Attachment 1 – Reports on Contamination Measurement for 2016](#) (the attachment contains two reports -1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual Contamination Measurement). Tables 3 & 4 in the reports provide percentage contamination results from the two tests performed in 2016 for the different inbound Organic material streams. Note: these sampling results are provided to Proposers for reference and are not intended as representations of current or future contamination levels. The SBWMA does not make any assurances of contamination levels of materials to be delivered to successful proposers.

**Question 7:** "Regarding Exhibit B - #5: Is erosion control at a landfill approved as processed material and considered diverted?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 7:** No.

**Question 8:** "Does the contractor have to propose all waste streams under this agreement?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 8:** No.

**Question 9:** "If residual is pulled from feedstock can the residuals contain any organic content?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 9:** We understand that proposers might want to sort or screen contamination from the inbound organics or contamination from the cured compost. The SBWMA wants to make clear that organic materials recovery and beneficial use is the intended goal and that processors will need to adhere to industry standards in organics recovery and the quantity of organics that might be incidentally disposed along with extracted contamination.

**Question 10:** "Section 2.3: Approximately 40% of the material is identified as currently being processed at Republic – Newby Island and being under contract through December 31, 2022. However, the RFP documents only provide for a January 1, 2021 start date for services. If a facility has capacity available January 1, 2023, but not January 1, 2021, is a contractor able to propose a 2023 start date for that portion of the material?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 10:** No.

**Question 11:** "Material Types: There is no consistency in the document as to the materials to be processed. In Table 2.3 two materials are identified as currently being processed: organics and food waste.

In table 2.4 current processing rates are listed for four materials: Segregated Plant Materials; Segregated Wood, Brush, Logs and Branches; Segregated Food Scraps; and Organic Materials.

Form C requires processing rates for three materials: Residential Green Waste; Commercial Source-Separated Organics; and Mixed Organics.

None of the above terms are defined in Exhibit A except for Organic Material which is very broad.

Could the SBWMA provide definitions for the materials on Form C, and a table showing the current or projected tonnages of each material and its current processing facility and rate?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 11:** The below table clarifies Form C and other Sections' Waste Streams' definition, current tonnage, processing facility (Recology Blossom Valley Organics-North and/or Republic-Newby Island) and rate information:

Form C Waste Stream	Definition	2019 tonnage	Facility(s)	2020 Rate
Residential Organics (green and food waste)	These are green cart organics collected from single family homes. Includes combination of yard trimming and food waste that residents place into the green cart. Christmas trees that are free of flock and decorations are included in this category of organics. In its education efforts, the SBWMA encourages residents to use paper and compostable bags for food waste.	Mixed in below	Both	In below
Commercial Source-Separated Organics (Food Scraps)	A subset of Organic Materials that is collected by Recology from a combination of Multi Family Dwellings and Commercial establishments. These materials are collected separately and so can be hauled separately or mixed with the Residential Organics to create the third category below, Mixed Organics. The degree of mixing of residential and commercial organics can be controlled to some extent at the transfer station to suit the processors' preferences, but some degree of mixing will be necessary to control the free-liquid associated with some Commercial Organics loads.	28,862 tons	Recology-BVON	\$56.56
Mixed Organics	This category is a mixture of the Residential Organics and Commercial Organics categories above. See above for information on the degree of mixing of the Residential and Commercial Organics materials.	93,626 tons	Both	\$39.03-\$69.63

**Question 12:** "Section 2.4: Segregated Wood, Brush, Logs and Branches are typically not composted but used as cogeneration fuel, mulch, and soil amendment. Could the SBWMA provide the tonnage of that material that is available, and an option to bid on that material separately?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 12:** The SBWMA cannot provide that tonnage and bidding option. Those materials were defined in previous Agreements (and provided for reference), but will not be used here. Only the three categories in the Table above will be used for the purposes of this RFP and Agreement.

**Question 13:** "If the SBWMA chooses to landfill a contaminated load, what expenses would the SBWMA cover? We propose that the cost of re-loading the material, freight, and landfill tip fees be included?"

**RethinkWaste Answer 13:** In the case that the SBWMA decides to direct the processor to dispose of a Contaminated Load, the SBWMA will pay for the processor's direct costs associated with re-loading the material, freight, and landfill tip fees.