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## **CITY OF LA QUINTA USES ELECTRIC VEHICLE FOR SB 1383 ORGANICS COMPLIANCE**

*La Quinta, CA:* In July 2022, the City of La Quinta purchased a 2022 Chevrolet Bolt EUV electric vehicle to implement the inspection and compliance monitoring of Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) organic waste recycling requirements. With the intent of SB 1383 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, City staff chose to lead by example and utilize a vehicle with zero emissions to conduct compliance inspections and reviews. Most of the funds used to procure the electric vehicle were offset by the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

The City applied for the non-competitive CalRecycle grant in January 2022 and was awarded \$59,159. Nearly half of the grant accounted for the electric vehicle, and the remaining balance will be used to purchase relevant organic waste educational materials such as electronic compost bins, outdoor compost tumblers, worm-composting bins, and staff-created SB 1383 outreach materials for the residents of La Quinta.

The new electric vehicle is branded with the City's recycling logo and used by the City's

Organics Compliance Officer for periodic inspections, monitoring, and compliance reviews for both residential and commercial customers. Through December 2023, residents and businesses found not in compliance with organics waste recycling will receive educational materials and outreach from the City and Burrtec Waste Industries to assist with future compliance. The state mandated requirements for jurisdiction inspections and enforcement go into effect in 2024.

SB 1383 became effective in January 2022 as a statewide effort to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses to combat climate change, improve human health, and create clean jobs that support resilient local economies. Organic waste includes food scraps, eggshells, coffee grinds, leaves and grass, landscape trimmings, untreated wood, organic textiles, and soiled paper products and cardboard. Organic waste in landfills emit 20% of the state's **methane, a super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide, and** currently makes up one-third of what Californians send to landfills. By 2025, the goals of the program are to reduce landfill intake of organic waste disposal by 75% and to rescue edible food currently disposed of in landfills by 20%.