

Riverside Food Rescue and Waste Prevention Ambassador Program

Public Works Department

City Council
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BACKGROUND

1. The City of Riverside received \$209,736 grant from CalRecycle in 2017.
2. The City developed a food waste reduction program to provide public outreach, community education and food rescue and distribution.



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BACKGROUND (CON'T.)

3. Five classes, held on Saturdays
 - a. The Life Cycle of Food & Waste
 - b. Powering Healthy Soils w/Food Waste Compost
 - c. Food Rescue & Waste Reduction
 - d. Composting, Technology & Energy
 - e. Using Your Knowledge for Local Action

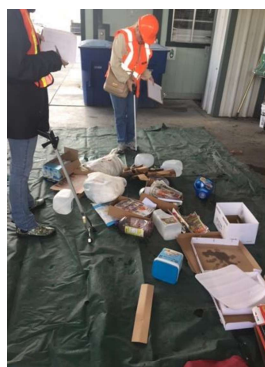


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BACKGROUND (CON'T.)

Attendees touring the Agua Mansa MRF and conducting a waste sort to understand the waste stream and issues with contamination of the blue and green carts.



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BACKGROUND (CON'T.)

Attendees learning about backyard composting and vermicomposting with food waste.



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BACKGROUND (CON'T.)

Attendees learning how to cook from root to tip and repurposing potential food waste items into a delicious meal! (Carrot top pesto & bread salad) Buen Provecho!



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BACKGROUND (CON'T.)

Attendees learning about commercial composting and energy production with anaerobic digestion.



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BACKGROUND (CON'T.)

Attendees reviewed the past four classes, current programs in Riverside, and discussed how to implement public outreach and other volunteer efforts to be a part of the food waste reduction movement! (Bug Fair Booth, Gleaning efforts, Food Rescue Donations, etc.)



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NEXT STEPS

1. Two more cohorts remain, finishing in March 2020.
2. Redevelop the program beyond food waste rescue to include sustainability training and education.
3. Increase partnerships.
4. Increase participation among Riverside residents and businesses.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Accept the update on the Riverside Food Rescue and Waste Prevention Ambassador Program; and
2. Recognize the Riverside Food Rescue and Waste Prevention Ambassador Program participants with Certificates of Appreciation.



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