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## **COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDERING NEW PROGRAM TO MEET CALIFORNIA'S 75 PERCENT INITIATIVE**

(Costa Mesa, CA) – Due to California's ambitious goal of 75 percent recycling, composting or source reduction of solid waste by the year 2020, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) Board of Directors is considering implementing an organic recycling program that will allow residents to recycle green and food waste. AB 341, which was signed into law by the Governor Brown on October 5, 2011, sets a state policy goal that at least 75 percent of generated solid waste be recycled, composted or source reduced by the year 2020.

The state wants to reduce disposal at landfills by 43 million tons. CalRecycle, the agency responsible for managing the state's recycling and waste management programs, is required to provide a report to the Legislature in January 2014 that will provide strategies to achieving the policy goal. The strategies that will be discussed will very likely change the trash industry in California and how people dispose of their trash. CMSD's exclusive trash hauler, CR&R Environmental Services, has developed new technology that will enable the District to achieve 75 percent diversion. CMSD's Board of Directors has begun to be briefed on the new technology along with a new program for recycling organics (green and food waste). At an upcoming special meeting scheduled for October 29, 2013, the Board will be discussing the cost to implement such a program and possible changes to the current method of service. The special meeting will be held at CMSD headquarters located at 628 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street and will begin at 9:30 am. The public is welcome to attend. If the public has any questions and/or concerns about the proposed organic recycling program, please contact District staff at 949.645.8400.

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