



FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRESS REPORT

February 2026

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Monthly Progress Report

Project Details

Project name	Food Scraps Recycling Program
Reporting period	February 2026
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Progress Summary-County of El Dorado Activities & Outputs

Milestone 1: Recruit a maximum of fifteen (15) schools to launch and implement a Food Scraps & Recycling Program between the July 2025-April 2026 school year.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Obtain MOUs from a maximum of fifteen (15) schools.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe created an MOU template for schools receiving a full program launch.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe received a signed MOU from Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School on August 12, 2025.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe received a signed MOU for Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD) on September 3, 2025.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe received a signed MOU for Sierra Ridge Middle School and Pinewood Elementary School (PPESD) on October 10, 2025.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe received a signed MOU for Gold Trail School and Sutters Mill School (GTUSD) on November 12, 2025.</p> <p>Dec: SacBreathe is awaiting signature on MOUs for Indian Creek School, Herbert Green Middle School, and Charles Brown Learning Academy (MLUSD).</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe has received a signed MOU for Indian Creek School, Herbert Green Middle School, and Charles Brown Learning Academy (MLUSD) on January 20, 2026.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe is awaiting signature on an MOU for Rescue Union School District (RUSD).</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: MOU Template, see supporting document.</p> <p>Aug: Signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU): Sierra Ridge Middle School & Pinewood Elementary School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU): Gold Trail School & Sutters Mill School (GTUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Jan: Signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU): Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Feb: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p>

Task	Create a launch schedule in the order most efficient to implement the program.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe scheduled a program launch at Golden Sierra Junior High School in Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) for August 13-19. In addition, SacBreathe scheduled a program launch at Pioneer Elementary School in Pioneer Union School District (PUSD) for September 8-12.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Pioneer Elementary School on September 8.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD) on October 27.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Sierra Ridge Middle School on November 17 and Pinewood Elementary School on December 1.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Gold Trail School on January 12 and Sutters Mill School on January 26.</p> <p>Dec: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Gold Trail School on January 12 and Sutters Mill School on January 26.</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Indian Creek Elementary School (MLUSD) on February 23.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Charles Brown Learning Academy (MLUSD) on March 2 and Herbert Green Middle School (MLUSD) on March 9.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Aug: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Sept: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Oct: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Nov: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Dec: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Jan: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Feb: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p>

Milestone 2: Provide a full program launch at a maximum of fifteen (15) schools and provide technical assistance through the end of the contracted year.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Provide student training through in-class lessons, school-wide presentations, tabling or outreach methods and an online toolkit.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i>
Progress	<p>Aug: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School on August 13, 2025. From August 13 to 19, SacBreathe provided student training through interactive tabling activities during lunchtime.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD) on September 8, 2025, with two school-wide assemblies. From September 8 to 12, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support in the cafeteria at lunchtime.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD) on October 27, 2025, with in class presentations. From October 27 to 31, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support in the cafeteria at lunchtime.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD) on November 17, 2025, with in class</p>

	<p>presentations. From November 17 to November 21, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support in the cafeteria at lunchtime.</p> <p>Dec: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Pinewood Elementary School (PPESD) on December 1, 2025, with a school-wide assembly. From December 1 to December 5, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support in the cafeteria at lunchtime.</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Gold Trail School (GTUSD) on January 12, with in-class presentations and an assembly. From January 12 to January 16, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support at lunchtime. In addition, SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Sutters Mill School (GTUSD) on January 26 with in-class presentations and an assembly. From January 26 to 30, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support at lunchtime.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Indian Creek Elementary School (MLUSD) on February 23, with three assemblies. From February 23 to February 27, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support at lunchtime.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pinewood Elementary School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Jan: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Gold Trail School (GTUSD) and Program Launch and Lunch Support: Sutters Mill School (GTUSD), see supporting documents.</p> <p>Feb: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Indian Creek School, see supporting document.</p>
Task	Provide incentives and educational materials to students, admin, and staff to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Aug: From August 13 to August 19, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students, admin, and staff at Golden Sierra Junior High School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p> <p>Sept: From September 8 to 12, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Pioneer Elementary School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p> <p>Oct: From October 27 to 31, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Mountain Creek Middle School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p> <p>Nov: From November 17 to 21, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Sierra Ridge Middle School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p> <p>Dec: From December 1 to 5, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Pinewood Elementary School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p> <p>Jan: From January 12 to 16, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Gold Trail School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation. From January 26 to 30, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Sutters Mill School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p>

	<p>Feb: From February 23 to February 27, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Indian Creek Elementary School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pinewood Elementary School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Feb: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Indian Creek School, see supporting document.</p>
Task	<p>Provide five (5) days of lunch monitoring to guide students through the waste sorting process.</p>
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Aug: From August 13 to 19, SacBreathe provided student training at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School through interactive tabling activities during lunchtime and waste station support.</p> <p>Sept: From September 8 to 12, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support at Pioneer Elementary. SacBreathe staff guided students and admin through the waste sorting process.</p> <p>Oct: From October 27 to 31, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support at Mountain Creek Middle School. SacBreathe staff guided students and admin through the waste sorting process.</p> <p>Nov: From November 17 to 21, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support at Sierra Ridge Middle School. SacBreathe staff guided students and admin through the waste sorting process.</p> <p>Dec: From December 1 to 5, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support at Pinewood Elementary School. SacBreathe staff guided students and admin through the waste sorting process.</p> <p>Jan: From January 12 to 16, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support to students and staff at Gold Trail School. From January 26 to 30, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support to students and staff at Sutters Mill School.</p> <p>Feb: From February 23 to February 27, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support to students and staff at Indian Creek Elementary School.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pinewood Elementary School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Jan: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Gold Trail School (GTUSD) and Program Launch and Lunch Support: Sutters Mill School (GTUSD), see supporting documents.</p> <p>Feb: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Indian Creek School, see supporting document.</p>
Task	<p>Provide additional lunchtime support at the request of each school launched within the August 2025 to December 2025 timeframe.</p>
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: January 2026– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual:</i></p>

Progress	Feb: SacBreathe provided additional support at Pioneer Union School (Pioneer USD) and Mountain Creek Middle School (Pioneer USD) on February 25 while conducting a waste audit.
Outputs created	Feb: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i>

Milestone 3: Design a program for a maximum of fifteen (15) schools and develop an ongoing Food Scraps Recycling Program that fits the individual needs of each school focused on long term sustainability.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Procure program supplies and materials.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026 Actual: August 2025-Present</i>
Progress	<p>Aug: On August 12 and 13, SacBreathe provided Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School with eight (8) 32-gallon green organics cans, two (2) 20-gallon green organics cans, three (3) 22-gallon slim green cans, four (4) 32-gallon can lids, three (3) 22-gallon can lids, four (4) round trash can dollies, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking.</p> <p>Sept: On September 5, SacBreathe provided Pioneer Elementary School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, two (2) round trash can dollies, two (2) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking. On September 17, SacBreathe provided Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School with one (1) additional 22-gallon slim green can.</p> <p>Oct: On October 10, SacBreathe provided Pioneer Elementary School with two (2) additional round trash can dollies at the request of the plant manager. On October 27, SacBreathe provided Mountain Creek Middle School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking.</p> <p>Nov: On November 17, SacBreathe provided Sierra Ridge Middle School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) 22-gallon slim green cans, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking.</p> <p>Dec: On December 1, SacBreathe provided Pinewood Elementary School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) 22-gallon slim green cans, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking.</p> <p>Jan: On January 9, SacBreathe provided Pinewood Elementary School with two (2) cases of BPI liners. On January 12, SacBreathe provided Sierra Ridge Middle School with one (1) 32-gallon grey landfill can, one (1) round trash can dolly and one (1) 22-gallon slim can dolly. On January 12, SacBreathe provided Gold Trail School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) 22-gallon slim green cans, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking. On January 26, SacBreathe provided Sutters Mill School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) 22-gallon slim green cans, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking. On January 30, SacBreathe provided Sutters Mill School with six (6) additional 32-gallon green</p>

	<p>organics cans, two (2) 32-gallon blue recycling cans, six (6) round trash can dollies, and two (2) cases of BPI liners.</p> <p>Feb: On February 23, SacBreathe provided Indian Creek Elementary School (MLUSD) with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) 22-gallon slim green cans with lids, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking. On February 25, SacBreathe provided Charles Brown Learning Academy (MLUSD) with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) 22-gallon slim green cans with lids, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking. In addition, SacBreathe provided poster paper, poster board, and poster markers for student leadership to assist with program implementation.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Dec: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Jan: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Feb: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>
Task	Work with participating schools to establish a long-term program design and train teachers and cafeteria staff on state mandates, daily routines, and waste station monitoring.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i></p>

<p>Progress</p>	<p>Aug: SacBreathe held a key staff training on August 12 at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School. SacBreathe presented an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From August 13 to August 19, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe shared a virtual key staff with Pioneer Elementary administrators on September 2. While on site, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From September 8 to September 12, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe provided a key staff training at Pollock Pines Elementary School District on October 13. On October 14, SacBreathe shared a virtual key staff training with Pollock Pines Elementary School District administrators. While on site at Mountain Creek Middle School, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From October 27 to 31, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p> <p>Nov: While on site at Sierra Ridge Middle School, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From November 17 to 21, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p> <p>Dec: While on site at Pinewood Elementary School, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From December 1 to 5, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p> <p>Jan: While on site at Gold Trail School and Sutters Mill School, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From January 12 to 16 and January 26 to 30, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p> <p>Feb: While on site at Indian Creek Elementary School, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. On February 9, SacBreathe shared the link to the recorded staff training with Principal Schmidt.</p>
<p>Outputs created</p>	<p>Aug: Key Staff Training. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: Key Staff Training. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: Key Staff Training. <i>Communications Log, Key Staff Training: Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD), see supporting documents.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Dec: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Jan: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Feb: Key Staff Training. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>
<p>Task</p>	<p>Provide administration with links to the Food Scraps Toolkit resources and an interactive lesson plan to distribute to teachers.</p>
<p>Task dates</p>	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i></p>

Progress	<p>Aug: On August 4, August 11, and August 21, SacBreathe provided Principal Ron Morriss at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Sept: On September 2 and September 15, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Paturel at Pioneer Elementary with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Oct: On October 14, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Little at Pollock Pines Elementary School District with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Nov: On November 17, SacBreathe provided administration at Sierra Ridge Middle School with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Dec: On December 1, SacBreathe provided administration at Pinewood Elementary School with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery. On December 16, SacBreathe provided administration at Mother Lode Union School District with links to the online toolkit.</p> <p>Jan: On January 5, SacBreathe provided administration at Gold Trail School with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Feb: On February 9, SacBreathe provided administration at Indian Creek Elementary School with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Food Scraps Toolkit. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Food Scraps Toolkit. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Food Scraps Toolkit. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Food Scraps Toolkit. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: Food Scraps Toolkit. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Jan: Food Scraps Toolkit. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Feb: Food Scraps Toolkit. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p>

Milestone 4: Assist a maximum of fifteen (15) participating schools with the establishment of an edible food recovery system.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Educate and train students and key staff on edible food recovery by introducing a share-cart system.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i>
Progress	<p>Aug: On August 12, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School. While onsite on August 13, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a share-cart system. From August 13-19, SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage.</p> <p>Sept: On September 8, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff at Pioneer Elementary School. While onsite from September 8 to September 12, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a share-cart system. SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage.</p> <p>Oct: On October 27, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff and students at Mountain Creek Middle School. While onsite from October 27 to 31, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a</p>

	<p>share-cart system. SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage.</p> <p>Nov: On November 17, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery practices to staff and students at Sierra Ridge Middle School. From November 17 through November 21, SacBreathe provided onsite support to cafeteria staff regarding the proper use of the food share-cart system. During these visits, SacBreathe observed students and staff placing opened and unpackaged hot food items onto the share cart. When this issue was discussed with kitchen and cafeteria personnel, staff reported that school administration had approved the placement of these items on the share cart. SacBreathe provided staff with educational materials outlining proper food-sharing guidelines and food safety requirements. Despite this guidance, kitchen and cafeteria staff continued to permit the sharing of opened and unpackaged hot food items.</p> <p>Dec: On December 1, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff and students at Pinewood Elementary School. While onsite from December 1 to 5, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a share-cart system. SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage.</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff and students at Gold Trail School on January 12 and Sutters Mill School on January 26. While onsite at both schools, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a share-cart system. SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff and students at Indian Creek Elementary School on February 23. While onsite, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a share-cart system. SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document. Challenges, see progress report.</i></p> <p>Dec: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Jan: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Feb: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>
Task	<p>Assist schools to get in contact with a food recovery organization in their area.</p>
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Aug: On August 4, August 11, and August 21, SacBreathe provided Principal Ron Morriss at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p> <p>Sept: On September 2 and September 15, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Paturel at Pioneer Elementary with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p> <p>Oct: On October 14, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Little at Pollock Pines Elementary School District with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p> <p>Nov: On November 17, SacBreathe provided kitchen staff at Sierra Ridge Middle School with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p> <p>Dec: On December 1, SacBreathe provided kitchen staff at Pinewood Elementary School with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p>

	<p>Jan: SacBreathe spoke with nutrition staff at Gold Trail School on January 12 and Sutters Mill School on January 26 to provide educational material on edible food recovery requirements. In addition, SacBreathe provided a list of local edible food recovery organizations and offered to coordinate a meeting.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe spoke with Bobbi Lujan at Indian Creek Elementary School on February 25 to provide educational material on edible food recovery requirements. In addition, SacBreathe provided a list of local edible food recovery organizations and offered to coordinate a meeting.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: El Dorado County Resource Links. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: El Dorado County Resource Links. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: El Dorado County Resource Links. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: El Dorado County Resource Links. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: El Dorado County Resource Links. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Jan: El Dorado County Resource Links. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Feb: El Dorado County Resource Links. Communications Log, see supporting document.</p>

Milestone 5: Offer a full program kit and an upgraded toolkit training to the remaining 21 (twenty-one) schools within the county that do not participate in a full program launch.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Offer a full program kit to the remaining 21 (twenty-one) schools within the county that do not participate in a full program launch.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe created an MOU template for schools receiving a full program kit with an upgraded toolkit training. On July 28, SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Amy Jensen at Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) for Otter Creek School, American River Charter, and Divide Continuation. Amy Jensen declined the program kit due to school size, exemption, and off-site learning. On July 30, SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Rolling Hills Middle School in Buckeye Union School District (BUSD). Assistant Principal Sean Gallagher declined the program kit. SacBreathe will provide a full program kit to Latrobe School and Millers Hill School in Latrobe School District (LSD).</p> <p>Aug: On August 6, SacBreathe provided Latrobe Elementary School and Millers Hill Middle School (LSD) with four (4) 20-gallon green organics cans, two (2) round trash can dollies, two 22-gallon slim green organics cans, two liquid buckets with strainers, two (2) 100 pack cases of BPI certified biodegradable liners, and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, liquid disposal, and tray stacking.</p> <p>Sept: On September 17, SacBreathe reached out to Robert Whittenberg at El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) to offer program supplies and onsite support to Pacific Crest Academy.</p> <p>Oct: There are no updates for the month of October. SacBreathe will continue to offer program kits to schools within the county in December 2025.</p> <p>Nov: There are no updates for the month of November. SacBreathe will continue to offer program kits to schools within the county in December 2025.</p> <p>Dec: Following conversations with the County of El Dorado, program kits will continue being offered in February 2026.</p> <p>Jan: Following conversations with the County of El Dorado, program kits will continue being offered in February 2026.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe offered a full program kit to the remaining districts within the county, including Indian Diggings School District (IDSD), Camino Union</p>

	Elementary School District (CUESD), Buckeye Union School District (BUSD), and Placerville Union School District (PUSD).
Etter Outputs created	<p>July: Program Kit Tracker, see progress report. MOU Template, see supporting documents.</p> <p>Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Program Kit Tracker, see progress report. Communications Log, see supporting documents.</p> <p>Dec: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Feb: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p>
Task	Provide school administration with links to an upgraded toolkit training.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe is in the process of creating an upgraded toolkit training for students and staff.</p> <p>Aug: The upgraded toolkit training is in the final reviewing process and will be completed in September 2025.</p> <p>Sept: The upgraded toolkit training is in the final reviewing process.</p> <p>Oct: The upgraded toolkit training is complete. SacBreathe staff will begin distributing the toolkit to school administration in November. The upgraded toolkit contains a comprehensive Food Scraps & Recycling Program Implementation Guide and detailed resources for schools to implement organics recycling independently.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe has begun sharing the upgraded toolkit with school administration throughout the County of El Dorado.</p> <p>Dec: SacBreathe continues to share the upgraded toolkit with school administration throughout the County of El Dorado.</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe continues to share the upgraded toolkit with school administration throughout the County of El Dorado.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe continues to share the upgraded toolkit with school administration throughout the County of El Dorado.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Oct: 2025-26 Implementation Guide and Implementation Guide Files, see links. Educational Collateral: Upgraded Online Toolkit, see supporting documents.</p> <p>Nov: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: Communications Log, see supporting document. 2025-26 Implementation Guide and Implementation Guide Files, see links.</p> <p>Jan: Communications Log, see supporting document. 2025-26 Implementation Guide and Implementation Guide Files, see links.</p> <p>Feb: Communications Log, see supporting document. 2025-26 Implementation Guide and Implementation Guide Files, see links.</p>

Milestone 6: Create and update educational resources and collateral material to reflect program development.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Create and update educational collateral including presentation slides on the benefits of recycling and waste sorting.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i></p>

Progress	<p>Aug: SacBreathe created an updated Waste Station Diagram and Waste Station Layout to incorporate a share chart.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe created and ordered poster sized (24" x 18") signage for schools to display on campus.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe created an upgraded toolkit containing a comprehensive Food Scraps & Recycling Program Implementation Guide and detailed resources for schools to implement organics recycling independently.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe continues to create educational collateral through lesson planning.</p> <p>Dec: SacBreathe continues to create educational collateral through lesson planning.</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe continues to create educational collateral through lesson planning.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe continues to create educational collateral through lesson planning.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Educational Collateral: Updated Waste Sorting Diagrams (English and Spanish), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Educational Collateral: Poster Sized Signage (24" x 18"), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: 2025-26 Implementation Guide and Implementation Guide Files, see links. Educational Collateral: Upgraded Online Toolkit, see supporting documents.</p> <p>Nov: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 3 and 4, see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades TK and K, see supporting document.</p> <p>Jan: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 1 and 2, see supporting document.</p> <p>Feb: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 9 and 10, see supporting document.</p>
Task	<p>Create and update grade-level appropriate lesson plans to reinforce the importance of reducing food waste, food recovery, and composting.</p>
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: September 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: September 2025-Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Sept: SacBreathe created a grade-level appropriate lesson plan for grades 7 and 8. The lesson plan focuses on food waste recycling and the process of composting.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe is in the process of creating lesson plans for grades TK-6 and 9-12.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe created a grade-level appropriate lesson plan for grades 3 and 4. The lesson plan focuses on proper waste separation and food recovery.</p> <p>Dec: SacBreathe created a grade-level appropriate lesson plan for grades TK and K. The lesson plan focuses on food scraps recycling and proper waste separation.</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe created a grade-level appropriate lesson plan for grades 1 and 2. The lesson plan focuses on food scraps recycling and proper waste separation.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe created a grade-level appropriate lesson plan for grades 9 and 10. The lesson plan focuses on food scraps recycling, reducing food waste, and proper waste separation.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Sept: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 7 and 8, see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 3 and 4, see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades TK and K, see supporting document.</p> <p>Jan: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 1 and 2, see supporting document.</p> <p>Feb: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 9 and 10, see supporting document.</p>

Milestone 7: Create and distribute two (2) quarterly newsletters to school districts and school administrators about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program and resources and information on state mandate compliance.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Deliver two (2) quarterly newsletters to school and district administration via email.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: The August newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to school districts and administrators on August 15.</p> <p>Aug: The August newsletter was distributed to school districts and administrators on August 15.</p> <p>Sept: The October newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to school districts and administrators on October 15.</p> <p>Oct: The October newsletter was distributed to school districts and administrators October 15.</p> <p>Nov: The December newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to school districts and administrators on December 15.</p> <p>Dec: The December newsletter was distributed to school districts and administrators December 15.</p> <p>Jan: The February newsletter is in progress and will be distributed to school districts and administrators February 13.</p> <p>Feb: The February newsletter was distributed to school districts and administrators February 13. The final newsletter is in progress and will be distributed to school districts and administrators on March 30.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Quarterly Recycling and Organics Recycling Updates Newsletter: August, see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Quarterly Recycling and Organics Recycling Updates Newsletter: October, see supporting document.</p> <p>Dec: Quarterly Recycling and Organics Recycling Updates Newsletter: December, see supporting document.</p> <p>Feb: Quarterly Recycling and Organics Recycling Updates Newsletter: February, see supporting document.</p>

Milestone 8: Provide community engagement through outreach events.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Participate in up to five (5) community events and encourage community engagement through outreach activities focused on awareness of food scraps recycling.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe reached out to the El Dorado Hills Community Services District to request to participate in National Night Out on August 8. However, due to staffing conflicts, SacBreathe will no longer be able to participate.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe reached out to Teri Gotro at El Dorado Hills Community Services District to inquire about upcoming opportunities for community engagement.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe reached out to Amy Jensen at Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) to inquire about upcoming opportunities for community engagement.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe continues to research upcoming outreach opportunities throughout the county.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe reached out to Emily Gallo at Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) to inquire about upcoming opportunities for community engagement.</p>

	<p>Dec: SacBreathe is scheduled to provide outreach at Community Night Out in Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) on January 22 and February 26.</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe provided outreach at Community Night Out in Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) on January 22 and is scheduled to provide additional outreach at Northside Elementary (BOMUSD) February 26.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe provided outreach at Community Night Out in Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) on February 26.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: <i>Communication Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Dec: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Jan: <i>Community Outreach: Black Oak Mine Unified School District, Community Night Out and Communications Log, see supporting documents.</i></p> <p>Feb: <i>Community Outreach: Black Oak Mine Unified School District, Community Night Out and Communications Log, see supporting documents.</i></p>

Milestone 9: Collaborate with county waste haulers and assist with outreach for community-based organizations and/or food recovery groups.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Work with the Environmental Management Department to plan meetings with county waste haulers, food banks, and food recovery organizations to collaborate on strategy and implementation.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>July: On July 29, SacBreathe met with Kristina Noble from El Dorado Disposal to collaborate on program implementation and strategies for recruitment for the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Aug: On August 12, SacBreathe collaborated with Kristina Noble from El Dorado Disposal to discuss program implementation at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School. SacBreathe reached out to Feeding the Foothills to request a meeting to discuss SB 1383 implementation and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Sept: On September 29, SacBreathe collaborated with Kristina Noble from El Dorado Disposal to discuss program implementation in Placerville Union School District and Mountain Creek Middle School. SacBreathe scheduled a meeting for October 3 with Feeding the Foothills to discuss SB 1383 implementation and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe met with Feeding the Foothills on October 3 to discuss SB 1383 implementation and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe met with Kristina Noble from El Dorado Disposal on November 17 to discuss program implementation and waste hauling at Sierra Ridge Middle School.</p> <p>Dec: On December 18, SacBreathe met with CalRecycle, the County of El Dorado, and El Dorado Disposal to discuss program implementation at Rescue Elementary School in Rescue Union School District (RUSD).</p> <p>Jan: On January 16, SacBreathe collaborated with Julie Abbatelli at the County of El Dorado to discuss the edible food recovery resources provided to school districts throughout the El Dorado County region.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe collaborated with Kristina Noble to coordinate the launch details and organic services at Mother Lode Union School District.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: <i>Communication Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>

	<p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Dec: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Jan: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Feb: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>
Task	Assist with outreach between two (2) to four (4) groups or organizations by delivering additional education on SB 1383 to increase awareness and participation in the region.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: On July 16, SacBreathe presented at a CalRecycle webinar in collaboration with Julie Abbatelli from the County of El Dorado. The presentation provided an overview of the Food Scraps & Recycling Program and discussed best practices for organics recycling program implementation in K-12 schools.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe provided Feeding the Foothills with links to our online Toolkit and inquired about the need for additional resources.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe is scheduled to meet with Feeding the Foothills on October 3 to discuss edible food recovery in El Dorado County.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe met with Feeding the Foothills on October 3 to discuss SB 1383 implementation and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Nov: There are no updates for the month of November. SacBreathe will continue to reach out to organizations in December.</p> <p>Dec: On December 23, SacBreathe reached out to Matthew Meachen at Independence High School to connect him with Feeding the Foothills.</p> <p>Jan: On January 27, SacBreathe collaborated with Kristina at El Dorado Disposal to discuss program implementation at Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD).</p> <p>Feb: On February 25, SacBreathe met with Bobbi Lujan at Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD) to discuss edible food recovery throughout the district.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: <i>Communication Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Dec: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Jan: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Feb: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>

Milestone 10: Maintain regular communication with a county representative.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Submit monthly progress reports including lessons and challenges and establish a regular check-in schedule with a county representative.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County’s Environmental Management Department on July 17 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County’s Environmental Management Department on August 14 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p>

	<p>Sept: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County’s Environmental Management Department on September 11 and September 25 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County’s Environmental Management Department on October 16 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County’s Environmental Management Department on November 6 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Dec: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County’s Environmental Management Department on December 11 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Jan: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County’s Environmental Management Department on January 15 and 29 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County’s Environmental Management Department on February 12 and 26 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: <i>Communication Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Dec: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Jan: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Feb: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>

Milestone 11: Submit Waste Diversion Report

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Prepare a final report of the total amount of waste diverted at each launched school for the 2025-26 contracted year, including best practices and lessons learned.
Task dates	<i>Planned: April 2026 Actual: January 2026-</i>
Progress	<p>Jan: SacBreathe conducted a waste audit at Sutters Mill School on January 30. The results of the waste audits for the 2025-26 school year will be compiled in the final report.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe conducted a waste audit at Pioneer Union School and Mountain Creek Middle School on February 25. In addition, SacBreathe conducted a waste audit at Indian Creek Elementary School on February 27. The results of the waste audits for the 2025-26 school year will be compiled in the final report.</p>
Outputs created	
Task	Provide a key staff survey at each fully launched school.
Task dates	<i>Planned: April 2026 Actual: January 2026-</i>

Progress	<p>Jan: SacBreathe obtained staff surveys at Sutters Mill School on January 30. The staff surveys will be combined the 2025-26 school year will be compiled in the final report.</p> <p>Feb: SacBreathe obtained staff surveys at Pioneer Union School and Mountain Creek Middle School on February 25. In addition, SacBreathe obtained staff surveys Indian Creek Elementary School on February 27. The staff surveys for the 2025-26 school year will be compiled in the final report.</p>
Outputs created	

Meetings Held

Date	Partner / Stakeholder	Purpose
02/06/26	<p>Charles Brown Learning Academy / Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Mahoney, Principal & Superintendent • Student Leadership, Charles Brown Learning Academy • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe provided the program overview and discussed the program implementation at Charles Brown Learning Academy.
02/09/26	<p>Rescue Union School District (RUSD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Shoemake, Superintendent • Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent • Laura Knight, Director of Nutrition Services • Jeremiah Patterson, Director of Facilities • Gina Johnston, Garden Coordinator • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe provided the program overview and discussed the availability to launch the program in RUSD.
02/12/26 & 02/26/26	<p>County of El Dorado Environmental Management Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Abbatelli, Solid Waste Division Sustainability Coordinator • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager 	The purpose of these meetings is to maintain a regular check-in schedule with the county. SacBreathe provided updates on the progress and challenges with recruitment.

02/25/26	Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bobbi Lujan, Director of Nutrition Services • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager 	SacBreathe discussed edible food recovery requirements and shared resources for El Dorado County.
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Meetings Scheduled

Date	Partner / Stakeholder	Purpose
03/26/26	County of El Dorado Environmental Management Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Abbatelli, Solid Waste Division Sustainability Coordinator • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager 	The purpose of these meetings is to maintain a regular check-in schedule with the county. SacBreathe will provide updates on the progress and challenges with recruitment.

Launches Scheduled

Date	Partner / Stakeholder	Purpose
08/13/25-08/19/25	Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services (BOMUSD) • Ron Morris, Principal • Kelli Myers, Custodian • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	<p>SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School on August 13. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide tabling education and waste sorting assistance from August 13 to August 19.</p> <p>Complete</p>
09/08/25-09/12/25	Pioneer Elementary School / Pioneer Union School District (PUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Howard, Chief Business Officer • Patrick Paturel, Superintendent and Principal • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	<p>SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Pioneer Elementary School on September 8 with school-wide educational presentations. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from September 8 to September 12.</p> <p>Complete</p>

10/27/25- 10/31/25	Mountain Creek Middle School / Pioneer Union School District (PUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Howard, Chief Business Officer • Patrick Paturel, Superintendent and Principal • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Mountain Creek Middle School on October 27 with in class educational presentations. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from October 27 to October 31. Complete
11/17/25- 11/21/25	Sierra Ridge Middle School / Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Little, Superintendent • Gabe Lundquist, Maintenance & Operations • Jeremy Ogzewalla, Principal • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Sierra Ridge Middle School on November 17 with in class educational presentations. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from November 17 to November 21. Complete
12/01/25- 12/05/25	Pinewood Elementary School / Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Little, Superintendent • Gabe Lundquist, Maintenance & Operations • Heather Minton, Principal • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Pinewood Elementary School with a schoolwide assembly. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from December 1 to December 5. Complete
01/12/26- 01/16/26	Gold Trail School / Gold Trail Union School District (GTUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Mayers, Principal • Julie Reynolds, School Secretary • Keri Phillips, Superintendent • Rachael Ryen, Lead Food Services Worker • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Gold Trail School with schoolwide education. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from January 12 to January 16. Complete

01/26/26- 01/30/26	Sutters Mill School / Gold Trail Union School District (GTUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sierra Thurlo, School Secretary • Keri Phillips, Superintendent • Rachael Ryen, Lead Food Services Worker • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Sutters Mill School with schoolwide education. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from January 26 to January 30. <p>Complete</p>
02/23/26- 02/27/26	Indian Creek Elementary School / Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Schmidt, Principal • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager 	SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Indian Creek Elementary School with schoolwide assemblies. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from February 23 to February 27. <p>Complete</p>
03/02/26- 03/06/26	Charles Brown Learning Academy / Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Mahoney, Principal & Superintendent • Student Leadership, Charles Brown Learning Academy • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe will launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Charles Brown Learning Academy with schoolwide education in collaboration with the student leadership team. SacBreathe will be onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from March 2 to March 6. <p>Not Started</p>
03/09/26- 03/13/26	Herbert Green Middle School / Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmen Glaister, Principal • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe will launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Herbert Green Middle School with schoolwide assemblies. SacBreathe will be onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from March 9 to March 13. <p>Not Started</p>

Program Kit Tracker

Date	Partner / Stakeholder	Purpose
07/28/25	Otter Creek School / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services (BOMUSD) 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. The program kit was declined due to school size and exemption. <p>Declined</p>

07/28/25	American River Charter / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services (BOMUSD) 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. The program kit was declined due to off-site learning. Declined
07/28/25	Divide Continuation / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services (BOMUSD) 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. The program kit was declined due to school size and exemption. Declined
07/30/25	Rolling Hills Middle School / Buckeye Union School District (BUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean Gallagher, Assistant Principal Debra Bowers, Principal 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Assistant Principal Sean Gallagher for SB 1383 implementation. The program kit was declined. Declined
08/06/25	Latrobe School / Latrobe School District (LSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Scroggins, Superintendent Joy Worth, Administrative Assistant 	SacBreathe provided a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. Complete
08/06/25	Millers Hill School / Latrobe School District (LSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Scroggins, Superintendent Joy Worth, Administrative Assistant 	SacBreathe provided a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. Complete
09/17/25	Pacific Crest Academy / El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Whittenberg, Superintendent Tim White, Director of Nutrition Services 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Superintendent Whittenberg for SB 1383 implementation. A response has not been received. In progress
02/11/26	Indian Diggings School District (IDSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Coffin, Superintendent 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Grant Coffin for SB 1383 implementation. A response has not been received. In progress

02/11/26	Camino Union Elementary School District (CUESD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Barnes, Superintendent • Tina Constancio, Chief Financial Officer • Jackie Rushing, Lead Food Services Worker • Spencer Moen, Maintenance & Operations 	<p>SacBreathe offered a full program kit to district administrators for SB 1383 implementation. A response has not been received.</p> <p>In progress</p>
02/11/26	Buckeye Union School District (BUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Roth, Superintendent • Jackie McHaney, Assistant Superintendent • Imelda Schwab, Food Service Director • Jim Bergenholtz, Maintenance & Operations 	<p>SacBreathe offered a full program kit to district administrators for SB 1383 implementation. A response has not been received.</p> <p>In progress</p>
02/11/26	Buckeye Union School District (BUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Bonnicksen, Superintendent • Jennifer Fusano, Chief Business Official • Karen Whittington, Nutrition Services Director • Jeremy Coleman, Maintenance & Operations 	<p>SacBreathe offered a full program kit to district administrators for SB 1383 implementation. A response has not been received.</p> <p>In progress</p>

Challenges & Lessons Learned

November 2025: Sierra Ridge Middle School

While onsite at Sierra Ridge Middle School from November 17 to November 21, SacBreathe observed students and staff placing opened and unpackaged hot food items onto the food share cart. When this occurred, SacBreathe instructed a student to dispose of an opened item in the food scraps container, however, a cafeteria staff member indicated that such items were permitted to be shared. When the issue was further discussed with kitchen and cafeteria personnel, staff reported that school administration had approved placing opened and unpackaged hot food items on the share cart to help ensure students receive enough food.

SacBreathe provided staff with educational materials outlining proper food-sharing guidelines and food safety requirements. Despite this, kitchen and cafeteria staff continued to allow the sharing of opened and unpackaged hot food items.

Additionally, SacBreathe observed that the liquid collection bucket was placed on the food share cart. SacBreathe advised relocating the bucket to prevent potential contamination of shared food, however, custodial staff did not make the recommended change.

a. Supporting Document

Communication Log to School Districts and
Schools in the El Dorado County Region

County Partners	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
County of El Dorado, Environmental Management Department	Julie Abbatelli, Sustainability Coordinator, Solid Waste Division	Feb 4: Julie reached out to request outreach estimates for January to June 2025. SacBreathe provided the estimates.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Feb 11: SacBreathe provided an agenda for the check-in meeting on February 12.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Feb 12: SacBreathe met with Julie to discuss the progress and challenges with recruitment and the plans for wrapping up the contract period.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Feb 13: SacBreathe provided the invoice and progress report for January 2026.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Feb 24: Julie shared a compost flyer for the March newsletter.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Feb 26: SacBreathe met with Julie to discuss the progress and challenges with recruitment and the plans for wrapping up the contract period. Following the meeting, SacBreathe shared that Bobbi Lujan would be reaching out from MLUSD to request assistance with edible food recovery.	<i>Electronic (2)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 7</i>
	Timothy Engle, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, Solid Waste Division	Feb 13: SacBreathe provided the invoice and progress report for January 2026.	<i>Electronic (2)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 2</i>
	Jackie Scaggs, Administrative Analyst	Feb 13: SacBreathe provided the invoice and progress report for January 2026.	<i>Electronic (2)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 2</i>
El Dorado Disposal	Kristina Noble, Education and Outreach Coordinator	Feb 9: SacBreathe shared an overview of the meeting with RUSD. Feb 10: SacBreathe informed Kristina of the upcoming program launches in MLUSD. Feb 18: SacBreathe shared a reminder of the upcoming launches scheduled for MLUSD. Feb 25: Kristina reached out to share that MLUSD had not reached out to begin organics services. SacBreathe offered to reach out to the	<i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic (3)</i>

		Superintendent to provide a reminder. Kristina reached out stating that the Superintendent had reached out later that day.	Totals <i>Electronic: 6</i>
Outreach Opportunities	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD)	Emily Gallo, Principal at Northside Elementary School	Feb 26: SacBreathe provided outreach and education at the Community Night Out Event at Northside Elementary on February 26. SacBreathe provided tabling activities, incentives, and education on proper waste sorting practices.	<i>Direct Contact</i> Totals <i>Direct Contact: 1</i>
School Districts / Schools	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
Rescue Union School District (RUSD)	Jim Shoemake, Superintendent	Feb 3: SacBreathe followed up with district administrators to schedule a meeting. A Zoom meeting was scheduled for February 9.	<i>Electronic (3)</i>
	Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent	Feb 9: SacBreathe met with district administrators via Zoom to discuss the Food Scraps & Recycling Program in RUSD. Administrators expressed that they would like to move forward with all of their schools while waiting for an official decision on their waiver status. SacBreathe shared the availability for the remainder of the contracted period and followed up via email with a list of supplies.	<i>Electronic (2)</i>
	Laura Knight, Director of Nutrition Services	Feb 10: Superintendent Donaldson informed SacBreathe that one of their schools may like to move forward with a program launch and requested links to the presentations for the remainder of their schools.	<i>Electronic</i>
	Jeremiah Patterson, Director of Facilities	Feb 11: SacBreathe shared an MOU and informed Superintendent Donaldson that dates could only be reserved once signed. In addition, SacBreathe shared the links for the presentations, program implementation guide, staff training, and additional resources.	<i>Electronic</i>
	Gina Johnston, Garden Coordinator		Totals <i>Electronic: 7</i>
Charles Brown Learning Academy (MLUSD)	Larry Mahoney, Superintendent & Principal	Feb 5: SacBreathe shared a reminder and agenda for the upcoming meeting with student leadership.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Feb 6: SacBreathe met with Superintendent Mahoney and the student leadership team to plan the program launch at Charles Brown Learning Academy. A launch was tentatively scheduled for March 2.	<i>Direct Contact</i>
		Feb 9: SacBreathe provided Superintendent Mahoney with links to the	<i>Electronic</i>

		<p>presentations and online toolkit along with the contact information for El Dorado Disposal.</p> <p>Feb 20: SacBreathe informed Superintendent Mahoney that the materials would be delivered on February 24.</p> <p>Feb 24: The materials were delivered to Charles Brown Learning Academy. SacBreathe informed Mr. Mahoney that the materials had been delivered. In addition, SacBreathe requested the lunch period times and offered to provide support during the presentations provided by student leadership.</p> <p>Feb 25: SacBreathe confirmed that we will be present during lunchtime for the upcoming launch. In addition, SacBreathe shared a reminder to reach out to El Dorado Disposal to begin organics services at all school sites.</p>	<p><i>Electronic</i></p> <p><i>Electronic (2), Direct Contact</i></p> <p><i>Electronic (2)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 7 Direct Contact: 2</i></p>
<p>Indian Creek Elementary School (MLUSD)</p>	<p>Shannon Schmidt, Principal</p>	<p>Feb 9: Principal Schmidt requested the staff training recording. SacBreathe shared the recording along with links to the online toolkit.</p> <p>Feb 20: SacBreathe shared a reminder about the upcoming program launch scheduled for February 23.</p> <p>Feb 22: Principal Schmidt reached out to inquire about how the waste sorting will work during breakfast. SacBreathe provided additional information about the expectations and recommendations for waste sorting during each meal period and offered to revisit the topic while on site.</p> <p>February 23: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Indian Creek Elementary with three assemblies focused on waste sorting education, proper food sharing guidelines, and the importance of composting. Following the assemblies, SacBreathe was onsite for five days providing waste sorting support in the cafeteria at lunchtime.</p>	<p><i>Electronic (2)</i></p> <p><i>Electronic</i></p> <p><i>Electronic (4)</i></p> <p><i>Direct Contact (5)</i></p> <p>Totals <i>Electronic: 7 Direct Contact: 5</i></p>
<p>Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD)</p>	<p>Bobbi Lujan, Nutrition Services Supervisor</p>	<p>Feb 25: SacBreathe spoke with Bobbi Lujan at Indian Creek Elementary to discuss proper food sharing guidelines and food recovery requirements.</p>	<p><i>Direct Contact</i></p> <p>Totals <i>Direct Contact: 1</i></p>

	Brian McCahon, Maintenance & Operations		Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i>
Placerville Union School District (PUSD)	Eric Bonnicksen, Superintendent Jennifer Fusano, Chief Business Official Karen Whittington, Nutrition Services Director Jeremy Coleman, Maintenance & Operations	Feb 11: SacBreathe notified district administrators of their final opportunity for free infrastructure and supplies for organics recycling provided by SacBreathe.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i>
Pioneer Union School District (Pioneer USD)	Patrick Paturel, Superintendent Christopher Garrett, Custodian	Feb 11: SacBreathe reached out to district administrators to schedule the annual waste audit. An audit was scheduled for February 20. Feb 19: SacBreathe reached out to reschedule the annual waste audit due to poor weather. The audit was rescheduled to February 25. Feb 25: SacBreathe conducted a waste audit and collected key staff surveys at Pioneer Union School and Mountain Creek Middle School. SacBreathe delivered one case of additional BPI liners at this time.	<i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic</i> <i>Direct Contact (2)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i> <i>Direct Contact: 2</i>
Golden Sierra High School (BOMUSD)	Amy Jensen, Food Services Director Rob Morris, Principal Kelli Myers, Custodian	Feb 17: SacBreathe reached out to district administrators to schedule the annual waste audit. An audit was scheduled for February 18. Amy Jensen reached out to share that the school may be closed due to poor weather. Feb 18: SacBreathe shared that the waste audit will be rescheduled when weather permits.	<i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i>

Partner Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	17	0

Outreach Opportunities Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	0	1

School & District Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	34	10

Combined Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	51	11

b. Supporting Document

Program Launch & Lunch Support: Indian Creek
Elementary School (MLUSD)



c. Supporting Document

Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan:

Grades 9 and 10



Summary	
Date	
Subject	Sort Smart & Recycle Right
Year Group or Grade Level	Grade 9 - Grade 10
Main Topic or Unit	Carbon Footprint of Food Waste
Subtopics or Key Concepts	Investigate greenhouse gas impact of school food waste

- Materials Needed**
- High School Lunch Menu
 - Food waste calculator
 - Google Slides, Canva, some type of PowerPoint app.
 - Internet Access

Learning Objectives

Learn how to evaluate school food waste Conduct statistical analysis based on school size. Learn how to use complex food calculators to see greenhouse gas emissions.



Summary	
Date	
Subject	Sort Smart & Recycle Right
Year Group or Grade Level	Grade 9 - Grade 10
Main Topic or Unit	Design a Zero-Waste Cafeteria
Subtopics or Key Concepts	Practice design thinking to propose a sustainable cafeteria system.

- Materials Needed**
- Draw out current cafeteria layout
 - Internet for researching solutions
 - Whiteboards/large poster paper for drawing out ideas.
 - Markers, digital tools for design

Learning Objectives

Teach creative thinking skills for identifying & solving problems Learn about zero-waste models for cafeterias. Practice design skills.

Lesson Plan Outlines

Lesson Outline: 1-2 Classes

Duration	Guide	Remarks
10 Minutes	Introduction to methane, landfill emissions, and the climate impacts associated with them. Use MIT's Sort Smart presentation as a template, and customize based on local	Helps introduce the concepts of food waste, and the impacts they have on the environment.
15 minutes	Calculate impacts of food waste. Take student's family size and multiply by 30% USDA average food waste per person. Use waste calculator to estimate how many tons of CO2 are generated from food waste from the student's home (using best estimates).	Visit https://www.epa.gov/foodwaste , https://www.epa.gov/foodwaste , https://www.epa.gov/foodwaste for calculator. Enter food waste as food waste not sent to landfill to find tons of methane and CO2eq (equivalent) avoided.
20 minutes	Students create short presentation that show what these emissions are equivalent to (golfing? driving? etc.)	Mention how this is avoidable with proper waste sorting.
Day 2 (30) Minutes	Have students evaluate lunchtime waste in the cafeteria (maybe bring in trash bin from lunch time). Extrapolate the waste to the entire school population and repeat first day's math.	Use the EPA calculator from above, and calculate tons of methane and CO2eq generated by the school over various timescales.

Notes: Provide California food waste statistics to expand calculations. Highlight how student choices can help reduce emissions.

Questions or Concerns?
Please reach out to SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager, Paige Arnett at PaigeArnett@sacbreathre.org



Lesson Outline: 2 Classes

Duration	Guide	Remarks
Day 1 (15 min)	Evaluate current cafeteria waste problems.	Look into what food items are wasted most. Are single use drinks common? Are there areas of eating occurring during lunch because of missing trash cans?
20 minutes	In groups, assess the problems, and look into zero-waste models to cafeterias.	Evaluate what your cafeteria is missing. What is needed that is present? What do you already have that you can work with?
10 minutes	Evaluate solutions to waste issues that the students have come up with.	Have the class write solutions on a whiteboard and vote on how implementable these solutions might be (from 1-5 (most implementable to least)).
Day 2 (30 min)	Look at votes from previous class, and in teams redesign cafeteria for waste reduction and execute it.	Have some groups work on most practical redesign, and others most ideal.
15 minutes	Have class vote on favorite redesign, present solutions and take peer feedback.	

Notes: Frame it as a real-world proposal to share with school staff. Teaches presentation skills and encourages creative but still grounded thinking.

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d. Supporting Document

Quarterly Recycling and Organics Recycling
Updates Newsletter: February



Does your school have a Food Scraps & Recycling Program? Do you need help with staff and student education? We are here to help!

SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program is offered in partnership with the County of El Dorado to help K-12 schools comply with Senate Bill 1383. This program is completely FREE for schools throughout El Dorado County. Since 2019, SacBreathe has launched this program in more than 80 schools through partnerships with the County of Sacramento, the City of Sacramento, the City of West Sacramento, and Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD).

Our program includes:

- Virtual and in-person training and assemblies for students and staff
- Waste station infrastructure, including signage and bins
- On-site technical assistance throughout the school year
- Educational materials on how to successfully implement food scraps recycling at school
- Incentives to motivate students to sort their waste, foster lasting habits, and reduce recycling and compost contamination.
- We also collaborate with leadership and environmental clubs for a more student-led experience.

Whether you are looking to set up a new recycling program or enhance an existing one, please contact our Program Manager, Paige Arnett at paarnett@sacbreathes.org

Final call! This county-funded resource is only available through April 1st, 2026.

[Click here for more info on SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program](#)



SacBreathe offers FREE downloadable resources to help bring sustainability to your school! From engaging lesson plans to waste station signage, presentations and more, we've got you covered. Click the link below to explore and start making an impact today.

In addition, check out our recently uploaded Implementation Guide featuring a Super Sorter Guide along with detailed instructions, templates, and resources for launching an organics recycling program at your school!

[SacBreathe's Online Toolkit](#)

[SacBreathe's Implementation Guide](#)



SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program launched at Sutter's Mill School!

We were so excited to be invited by Sutter's Mill School to provide lunch support and launch our Food Scraps & Recycling program. Students took part in an assembly, as well as classroom presentation learn why we recycle organic materials.

Do you think our program is a good fit to help your school become SB 1383 compliant? Click the link below to learn more.

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SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program



SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program launched at Gold Trail School!

Our Food Scraps & Recycling team was so excited to work with the students at Gold Trail School on proper waste sorting and recycling!

By providing age-appropriate in-class presentations, we showed students how to sort waste and how they can help keep our air healthy and communities happy by sorting organics during lunchtime!

With five days of lunch time support, the students at Gold Trail are going to be super sorters all year long!

[Click here for more info on SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program](#)



SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program launched at Pioneer Elementary School!

We were so excited to join Pioneer Elementary School and launch our Food Scraps & Recycling assembly with them!

With five days of lunch support, the students were able to learn important skills for sorting their organic waste. We know they'll be super sorters in no time!

Click the links below to see if our program would be a good fit to help your school become SB 1383 compliant!

[Click here for more info on SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program](#)



Want to find small ways that we as Californians can help keep our environment clean and our communities healthy? Check out CalRecycle's new campaign: Recycling Reimagined! Here, they have helpful resources and information on how taking small steps in sorting right can have a BIG impact for our environment.

Visit the website with the link below to learn how doing our part helps our communities thrive.

[Recycling Reimagined](#)

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Free Compost is available!

The City of Placerville offers free compost to all residents through the Department of Public Works. Please note: this is available to all residents. It is not available to businesses, schools, or other organizations. What is compost? Compost is a natural, nutrient-rich soil amendment that can be used to improve soil health and reduce the need for synthetic fertilizers. The soil produced is clean, usable, and beneficial for your garden. What are the benefits of compost? Compost can help reduce the need for synthetic fertilizers, improve soil health, and reduce the need for synthetic pesticides. Compost is also a natural, renewable resource. Location: 11 E. Lincoln Highway, Placerville, CA 95367. Quantity: 1/2 to 1 yard, 100 lbs per truck full per resident.



The City of Placerville Offers Free Compost!

Need a little compost to help your garden? Look no further than the City of Placerville! They've teamed up with El Dorado Disposal to provide free compost to the community since 2023.

Compost is available on a first-come first-served basis, Tuesday to Saturday from 9:00-3:00PM. Check the link below for more details.

[City of Placerville Free Compost](#)



El Dorado County Master Gardeners

Program Sponsor: General Services, El Dorado County, Website: www.el-dorado.org, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/edcmastergardeners>, Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/edcmastergardeners>

Looking for some gardening tips? Join the El Dorado County Master Gardeners at one of its regularly scheduled classes!

Find a class that fits your needs as they host a variety of events that are sure to have something for everyone.

Click the link below for more information.

[EDC Master Gardener Class Schedule](#)



SacBreathe is in the news

SacBreathe was honored for achievements in our Food Scraps & Recycling program over the past seven years. Team members accepted the award from the Sacramento Environmental Commission. We were proud to stand alongside this year's award winners.

Check out the link below to learn more about our Food Scraps & Recycling Program.

[SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program](#)



[Visit Our Website](#)

SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling team is dedicated to supporting all schools in El Dorado County, Sacramento City, and the City of West Sacramento.

Our team of experts can help you with any of your recycling or organics recycling needs. If you would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you!

Thank you for reading! If you have any questions or need assistance starting or maintaining recycling and food scraps recycling programs, please reach out to Paige Arnett at paarnett@sacbreathes.org or Elizabeth Swain at eswain@sacbreathes.org

SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program is El Dorado County's official compost partner with the County of El Dorado and funded by a grant from CalRecycle.



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e. Supporting Document

Community Outreach: Black Oak Mine Unified
School District, Community Night Out

