



FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRESS REPORT

September 2025

**Breathe California Sacramento Region
Food Waste Recycling Progress Report
(September 2025)**

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Monthly Progress Report

Project Details

Project name	Food Scraps Recycling Program
Reporting period	September 2025
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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	July: SacBreathe created an MOU template for schools receiving a full program launch. Aug: SacBreathe received a signed MOU from Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School on August 12, 2025. Sept: SacBreathe received a signed MOU for Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD) on September 3, 2025.
Outputs created	July: MOU Template, see supporting document. Aug: Signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), see supporting document. Sept: Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document
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	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. Aug: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Pioneer Elementary School on September 8. Sept: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD) on October 27.
Outputs created	July: Launch Schedule, see progress report. Aug: Launch Schedule, see progress report. Sept: Launch Schedule, see progress report.

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	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. 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.
Outputs created	Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document. Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.
Task	Provide incentives and educational materials to students, admin, and staff to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i>
Progress	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. 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.
Outputs created	Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document. Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.
Task	Provide five (5) days of lunch monitoring to guide students through the waste sorting process.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i>
Progress	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. 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.
Outputs created	Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document. Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.
Task	Provide additional lunchtime support at the request of each school launched within the August 2025 to December 2025 timeframe.
Task dates	<i>Planned: January 2026– April 2026</i> <i>Actual:</i>
Progress	
Outputs created	

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</i> <i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i>
Progress	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. 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.
Outputs created	Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i> Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i>
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	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i>
Progress	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. 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.
Outputs created	Aug: Key Staff Training. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i> Sept: Key Staff Training. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i>
Task	Provide administration with links to the Food Scraps Toolkit resources and an interactive lesson plan to distribute to teachers.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i>
Progress	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. 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.
Outputs created	Aug: Food Scraps Toolkit . Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Food Scraps Toolkit . Communications Log, see supporting document.

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	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. 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.
Outputs created	Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Communications Log, see supporting document.
Task	Assist schools to get in contact with a food recovery organization in their area.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i>
Progress	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. Sept: On September 2 and September 15, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Paturel at Pioneer Elementary with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.
Outputs created	Aug: El Dorado County Resource Links . Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: El Dorado County Resource Links . Communications Log, see supporting document.

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	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	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). 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. 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.
Outputs created	July: Program Kit Tracker, see progress report. MOU Template, see supporting documents. Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Program Kit Tracker, see progress report. Communications Log, see supporting documents.
Task	Provide school administration with links to an upgraded toolkit training.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	July: SacBreathe is in the process of creating an upgraded toolkit training for students and staff. Aug: The upgraded toolkit training is in the final reviewing process and will be completed in September 2025. Sept: The upgraded toolkit training is in the final reviewing process.
Outputs created	

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	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i>
Progress	Aug: SacBreathe created an updated Waste Station Diagram and Waste Station Layout to incorporate a share chart. Sept: SacBreathe created and ordered poster sized (24" x 18") signage for schools to display on campus.
Outputs created	Aug: Educational Collateral: Updated Waste Sorting Diagrams (English and Spanish), see supporting document. Sept: Educational Collateral: Poster Sized Signage (24" x 18"), see supporting document.
Task	Create and update grade-level appropriate lesson plans to reinforce the importance of reducing food waste, food recovery, and composting.
Task dates	<i>Planned: September 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: September 2025-Present</i>
Progress	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.
Outputs created	Sept: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 7 and 8, see supporting document.

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	Planned: July 2025– April 2026 Actual: July 2025 - Present
Progress	July: The August newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to school districts and administrators on August 15. Aug: The August newsletter was distributed to school districts and administrators on August 15. Sept: The October newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to school districts and administrators on October 15.
Outputs created	Aug: Quarterly Recycling and Organics Recycling Updates Newsletter: August , see supporting document.

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	Planned: July 2025– April 2026 Actual: July 2025 - Present
Progress	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. Aug: SacBreathe reached out to Teri Gotro at El Dorado Hills Community Services District to inquire about upcoming opportunities for community engagement. Sept: SacBreathe reached out to Amy Jensen at Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) to inquire about upcoming opportunities for community engagement.
Outputs created	July: Communication Log, see supporting document. Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Communications Log, see supporting document.

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	Planned: July 2025– April 2026 Actual: July 2025 - Present
Progress	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. 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. 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.
Outputs created	July: Communication Log, see supporting document. Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Communications Log, see supporting document.
Task	Assist with outreach for 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	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. Aug: SacBreathe provided Feeding the Foothills with links to our online Toolkit and inquired about the need for additional resources. Sept: SacBreathe is scheduled to meet with Feeding the Foothills on October 3 to discuss edible food recovery in El Dorado County.
Outputs created	July: Communication Log, see supporting document. Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Communications Log, see supporting document.

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	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. 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. 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.
Outputs created	July: Communication Log, see supporting document. Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Communications Log, see supporting document.

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</i> <i>Actual:</i>

Progress	
Outputs created	
Task	Provide a key staff survey at each fully launched school.
Task dates	Planned: April 2026 Actual:
Progress	
Outputs created	

Meetings Held

Date	Partner / Stakeholder	Purpose
09/11/25 & 09/25/25	County of El Dorado Environmental Management Department - Julie Abbatelli, Solid Waste Division Sustainability Coordinator - Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager - Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern	The purpose of these meetings is to maintain a regular check-in schedule with the county. The meeting covered contract updates and the strategies for program implementation for the 2025-26 school year.
09/29/25	Placerville Union School District (PUSD) - Eric Bonniksen, Superintendent - Kristina Noble, El Dorado Disposal - Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager	SacBreathe discussed the Food Scraps & Recycling Program with district administrators.

Meetings Scheduled

Date	Partner / Stakeholder	Purpose
10/03/25	Feeding the Foothills - Mike Duvall, Warehouse Manager - Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager - Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern	SacBreathe will discuss the Food Scraps & Recycling Program in El Dorado County and the edible food recovery requirements for schools.
10/06/25	Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD) - Kim Little, Superintendent - Tara Clark, Chief Business Officer - Gabe Lundquist, Maintenance & Operations - Kristina Noble, El Dorado Disposal	SacBreathe will provide an overview of the Food Scraps & Recycling Program for district administrators.

	• Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern	
10/16/25	County of El Dorado Environmental Management Department • Julie Abbatelli, Solid Waste Division Sustainability Coordinator • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern	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) • 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	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. Complete
09/08/25-09/12/25	Pioneer Elementary School / Pioneer Union School District (PUSD) • 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 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. Complete
10/27/25-10/31/25	Mountain Creek Middle School / Pioneer Union School District (PUSD) • 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 will launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Mountain Creek Middle School on October 27 with in class educational presentations. SacBreathe will be onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from October 27 to October 31.

Program Kit Tracker

Date	Partner / Stakeholder	Purpose
07/28/25	Otter Creek School / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) 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
07/28/25	American River Charter / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) 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) 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) - 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) - 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) - 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) - 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

Challenges & Lessons Learned

No challenges currently.

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a. Supporting Document

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

Communication Log- El Dorado
September 2025

County Partners	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
County of El Dorado, Environmental Management Department	Julie Abbatelli, Sustainability Coordinator, Solid Waste Division	Sept 3: SacBreathe reached out to inquire about renting a car for traveling to schools.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 4: SacBreathe shared the signed MOU for Mountain Creek Middle School.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 10: SacBreathe shared the meeting agenda for the check-in meeting on September 11.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 11: SacBreathe met with Julie via Zoom to discuss program and contract updates and discuss recruitment for the 2025-26 school year.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 12: SacBreathe shared a list of program launches from April 2025 to September 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 15: SacBreathe shared the progress report for August 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 24: SacBreathe shared the meeting agenda for the check-in meeting on September 25.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 25: SacBreathe met with Julie via Zoom to discuss program and contract updates and discuss recruitment for the 2025-26 school year.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 29: SacBreathe shared the invoices for July 2025 and August 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
			Totals <i>Electronic: 9</i>
	Timothy Engle, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, Solid Waste Division	Sept 15: SacBreathe shared the progress report for August 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 29: SacBreathe shared the invoices for July 2025 and August 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
			Totals <i>Electronic: 2</i>
	Jackie Scaggs, Administrative Analyst	Sept 15: SacBreathe shared the progress report for August 2025. Jackie inquired about the invoice for August.	<i>Electronic</i>

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		Sept 29: SacBreathe shared the invoices for July 2025 and August 2025.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 2</i>
El Dorado Disposal	Kristina Noble, Education and Outreach Coordinator	Sept 2: Kristina informed SacBreathe that Pioneer Elementary School administrators had not begun organic service. SacBreathe offered to reach out to the school.	<i>Electronic (2)</i>
		Sept 3: Kristina informed SacBreathe that the program at Pioneer Elementary School will be started without an outdoor waste receptacle.	<i>Electronic (2)</i>
		Sept 4: SacBreathe shared the fully signed MOU for Mountain Creek Middle School.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 15: SacBreathe informed Kristina of the communications with Latrobe School District.	<i>Electronic (2)</i>
		Sept 22: Kristina reached out to confirm the launch date at Mountain Creek Middle School. SacBreathe shared that a launch had not yet been scheduled.	<i>Electronic (2)</i>
		Sept 26: SacBreathe shared information about the meeting at Pollock Pines Elementary School District on October 6.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Sept 29: SacBreathe confirmed the program launch at Mountain Creek Middle School on October 27. SacBreathe met with Kristina and Placerville Union School District to discuss the Food Scraps & Recycling Program and waste hauling logistics.	<i>Electronic (2)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 12</i>
CalRecycle	Akemi Myers, CalRecycle	Sept 4: CalRecycle requested additional information regarding SacBreathe's request to rent a car for program related travel. SacBreathe provided additional information.	<i>Electronic (2)</i>
		Sept 15: Akemi confirmed that a rental car is permissible under the grant requirements.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 3</i>
City of Placerville, Development Services Department	Deana Watkins-Howey, Development Technician	Sept 16: SacBreathe followed up with Deana to request assistance with getting in contact with schools within the City of Placerville.	<i>Electronic</i>

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		Sept 18: Deana reached out to inform SacBreathe that the city will be reaching out to El Dorado Disposal to discuss lowering the cost of waste hauling.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 2</i>
Outreach Opportunities	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
El Dorado Hills Community Service District (EDHCSD)	Teri Gotro, Director of Administration and Finance	Sept 10: Teri Gotro shared outreach opportunities for 2026 summer. SacBreathe discussed the contract end date and requested assistance with the recruitment of schools within the EDHCSD.	<i>Electronic (2)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 2</i>
Feeding the Foothills	Mike Duvall, Warehouse Manger	Sept 25: Mike Duvall reached out to discuss edible food recovery in El Dorado County. SacBreathe shared available meeting dates and times. Sept 30: A meeting was scheduled for October 3.	<i>Electronic (2)</i> <i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 3</i>
School Districts / Schools	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
Pioneer Union School District (PUSD)	Patrick Paturel, Superintendent & Principal	Sept 2: SacBreathe reached out to Pioneer administration via email and phone call regarding the delivery of their outdoor waste disposal receptacle.	<i>Electronic (3)</i>
	Kelly Howard, Chief Business Officer Christopher Garrett, Plant Manager	Sept 3: Kelly Howard provided the signed MOU for Mountain Creek Middle School.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 4</i>
Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD)	Patrick Paturel, Superintendent & Principal Christopher Garrett, Plant Manager	Sept 2: SacBreathe provided a program launch reminder to school administration. SacBreathe shared links to the online toolkit and staff trainings. Sept 5: Pioneer administration informed SacBreathe that a projector or smart board would not be available for the program launch presentation.	<i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic (2)</i> <i>Direct Contact (5)</i>

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		Sept 8: SacBreathe was on-site at Pioneer Elementary providing school-wide presentations on food scraps recycling, recycling, and composting. While onsite, SacBreathe spoke with cafeteria and nutrition staff on proper waste disposal and food sharing guidelines. Following the presentations, the Food Scraps & Recycling team was on-site from September 8 to September 12 providing hands-on waste sorting support during lunchtime. Sept 23: SacBreathe shared the shipping information for additional program supplies requested by Christopher Garrett.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 4</i> <i>Direct Contact: 5</i>
Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD)	Patrick Paturel, Superintendent & Principal Christopher Garrett, Plant Manager	Sept 15: SacBreathe reached out to schedule a program launch at Mountain Creek Middle School. Sept 22: SacBreathe followed up to schedule a program launch at Mountain Creek Middle School. Superintendent Paturel expressed concern about a school-wide assembly. Sept 23: SacBreathe offered alternatives to a school-wide assembly. Sept 29: SacBreathe followed up to schedule a program launch at Mountain Creek Middle School. A program launch was scheduled for October 27.	<i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic (2)</i> <i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic (3)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 7</i>
Camino Union Elementary School District (CUESD)	Matthew Barnes, Superintendent Tina Constancio, Chief Financial Officer Jackie Rushing, Lead Food Services Worker Spencer Moen, Maintenance & Operations	Sept 3: SacBreathe visited the district office to provide recruitment materials and resources. While on site, SacBreathe requested to meet with the superintendent. Sept 15: SacBreathe reached out to district administrators to share information about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe informed administration that the program will only be available until March 2026 and space and funding are limited. Sept 23: SacBreathe called the district office to speak with administration about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe left a voicemail for the superintendent.	<i>Print, Direct Contact</i> <i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Print: 1</i> <i>Electronic: 1</i> <i>Direct Contact: 1</i>

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Buckeye Union School District (BUSD)	David Roth, Superintendent Jackie McHaney, Assistant Superintendent Imelda Schwab, Food Service Director Jim Bergenholtz, Maintenance & Operations Brian McCahon, Maintenance & Operations	Sept 3: SacBreathe visited the district office to provide recruitment materials and resources. While on site, SacBreathe requested to meet with the superintendent. Sept 15: SacBreathe reached out to district administrators to share information about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe informed administration that the program will only be available until March 2026 and space and funding are limited. Sept 23: SacBreathe called the district office to speak with administration about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe left a voicemail for the superintendent.	<i>Print, Direct Contact</i> <i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Print: 1</i> <i>Electronic: 2</i> <i>Direct Contact: 1</i>
Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD)	Kim Little, Superintendent Tara Clark, Chief Business Officer Gabe Lundquist, Maintenance & Operations	Sept 3: SacBreathe visited the district office to provide recruitment materials and resources. While on site, SacBreathe requested to meet with the superintendent. Sept 23: SacBreathe called the district office to speak with administration about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe left a voicemail for the superintendent. Sept 25: Superintendent Little reached out to request a meeting to discuss the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. Sept 26: A meeting was scheduled for October 6.	<i>Print, Direct Contact</i> <i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic (2)</i> Totals <i>Print: 1</i> <i>Electronic: 4</i> <i>Direct Contact: 1</i>
Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD)	Amy Jensen, Student Nutrition Coordinator Principal, Ron Morris Kelli Myers, Custodian	Sept 8: SacBreathe reached out to Kelli Myers to confirm the delivery of additional program supplies. Sept 16: SacBreathe followed up with Kelli Myers to confirm the delivery of additional program supplies.	<i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic</i>

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		Sept 17: Kelli Myers confirmed the delivery.	Electronic Totals Electronic: 3
Gold Trail Union School District (GTUSD)	Robin Smay, Superintendent	Sept 15: SacBreathe reached out to district administrators to share information about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe informed administration that the program will only be available until March 2026 and space and funding are limited.	Electronic
	Aidan Hart, Chief Business Officer Rachael Ryen, Lead Food Services Worker	Sept 23: SacBreathe called the district office to speak with administration about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe left a voicemail for the superintendent.	Electronic Totals Electronic: 2
Mother Lode Union School District (MLUSD)	Larry Mahoney, Superintendent	Sept 15: SacBreathe reached out to district administrators to share information about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe informed administration that the program will only be available until March 2026 and space and funding are limited.	Electronic
	Marti Zizek, Chief Business Officer William La Fromboise, Maintenance & Operations	Sept 23: SacBreathe called the district office to speak with administration about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe spoke with Larry Mahoney, who expressed interest in the launching the program in MLUSD. Following the phone call, SacBreathe shared additional information via email.	Electronic (2) Totals Electronic: 2
Placerville Union School District (PUSD)	Eric Bonniksen, Superintendent	Sept 15: SacBreathe reached out to district administrators to share information about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe informed administration that the program will only be available until March 2026 and space and funding are limited.	Electronic
	Jennifer Fusano, Chief Business Official		
	Karen Whittington, Nutrition Services Director	Sept 23: SacBreathe called the district office to speak with administration about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program. SacBreathe scheduled a meeting with the superintendent for September 29.	Electronic (2)
	Jeremy Coleman, Maintenance & Operations	Sept 29: SacBreathe met with Eric Bonniksen via Zoom to discuss the Food Scraps & Recycling Program and waste hauling logistics. The superintendent expressed interest in beginning the program at Louisiana Schnell School once outdoor bin placement has been determined by El Dorado Disposal.	Electronic Totals Electronic: 4

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Rescue Union School District (RUSD)	Jim Shoemake, Superintendent	Sept 15: SacBreathe followed up with district administrators to determine how the district would like to proceed with program implementation. Lisa Donaldson shared that the district will not be moving forward until the status of their waiver is confirmed.	<i>Electronic</i>
	Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent		
	Laura Knight, Director of Nutrition Services		
	Jeremiah Patterson, Director of Facilities		
	Gina Johnston, Garden Coordinator		
Latrobe School District (LSD)	Dave Scroggins, Superintendent	Sept 16: SacBreathe contacted district administrators to check-in on the progress of the Food Scraps & Recycling Program and offer assistance with program implementation. Superintendent Scroggins expressed frustration with the cost of waste hauling fees.	<i>Electronic</i>
	Joy Worth, School Secretary		
		Sept 17: SacBreathe offered guidance and connected district administrators with Kristina Noble at El Dorado Disposal to discuss the logistics of waste hauling.	<i>Electronic</i>
El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD)	Robert Whittenberg, Superintendent	Sept 17: SacBreathe contacted district administrators to offer organics recycling supplies and assistance to Pacific Crest Academy.	<i>Electronic</i>
	Tim White, Nutrition Services Director		
Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD)	Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services	Sept 23: SacBreathe requested information on upcoming community events.	<i>Electronic</i>
			Totals
			<i>Electronic: 1</i>
			Totals
			<i>Electronic: 2</i>
			Totals
			<i>Electronic: 1</i>

Partner Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	30	0

Outreach Opportunities Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	5	0

School & District Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
3	38	8

Combined Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
3	73	8

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b. Supporting Document

Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):
Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD)

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Breathe California Sacramento Region (SacBreathe) and Mountain Creek Middle School (Pioneer USD)

Name of school

I. BACKGROUND

In the 2024-2025 school year, SacBreathe assisted with implementing a Food Scraps & Recycling program in nine schools in the El Dorado County region, five schools in Sacramento City region, four schools in the City of West Sacramento, and five schools in Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD). Building upon SacBreathe's work, the above name school is looking to launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program in the 2025-26 school year.

II. Acknowledgement of Parties & Role

Named school will provide the following services commencing the effective date of this MOU or on another date upon written agreement of all parties to the MOU:

- A. Named school will provide support for SacBreathe staff, including the following:
 - a. Procuring/ acquiring landfill containers (gray).
 - b. School administration assistance in scheduling dates for student presentation training and program launch with lunch monitoring support.

AGREEMENT

SacBreathe will provide the following services commencing the effective date of this MOU or on another date upon written agreement of all parties to the MOU:

- A. SacBreathe will launch its Food Scraps & Recycling Program at above named school between August 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026. The program launch will include the following:
 - a. Education to students in the form of a presentation or tabling activities.
 - b. Facilitation of program design and launch of the program in the cafeteria.
 - c. Procuring and distributing 32-gallon organics bins (up to four), BPI certified green liners (start-up supply), and signage.
 - d. Providing support at the named school for up to 5 days after the program launches.
- B. SacBreathe staff will monitor the waste stations and guide students through the waste sorting process to ensure waste is sorted properly.
 - i. Educate key staff in the cafeteria.
 - ii. Provide re-education (additional support) for up to three days on-site at the request of the school or district prior to April 1, 2026.
 - iii. Share updated state laws as they become available.
- C. SacBreathe will provide educational collateral, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - c. Educational presentations to help students understand how to sort smart and recycle right. These presentations can be used in the classroom or for school-wide assemblies.
 - d. Full access to the SacBreathe Food Scraps Toolkit.
 - e. Grade appropriate lesson plans on recycling, food scraps recycling, and composting.

Date: 9/3/2025

Date: 9/2/2025

Name: Jennifer Finton

Name: Kelly Howard

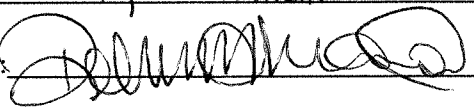
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Title: Chief Business Officer

Breathe California Sacramento Region

School: PUSD / Mountain Creek Middle

Signature: 

Signature: 

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c. Supporting Document

Program Launch & Lunch Support: Pioneer
Elementary School (PUSD)

Program Launch & Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD)



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d. Supporting Document

Educational Collateral:

Poster Sized Signage (24" x 18")



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e. Supporting Document

Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan:

Grades 7 and 8

Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 7 and 8



Summary

Date	
Subject	Sort Smart & Recycle Right
Year Group or Grade Level	Grade 7 Grade 8
Main Topic or Unit	Compare & Contrast Decomposition
Subtopics or Key Concepts	Compost lab

Materials Needed

- ☐ Clean jar or compost bin (2 per group)
- ☐ Bagged carrots/fruit from lunch, unbagged carrot/fruit, leaves, plastic bags, etc.
- ☐ Observation journal
- ☐ Spray bottles
- ☐ Soil from outside

Learning Objectives

Explore decomposition and composting Learn what materials work best for composting Explore how easy it can be to setup home compost kit.

Notes: Discuss aerobic vs anaerobic decomposition, link compost to healthy soil and food systems. For a bonus try growing a control vegetable with no compost, and one with compost made in class!



Questions or Concerns?

Please reach out to SacBreathe's Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager, Paige Arnett at PaigeArnett@sacbreathe.org

This lesson plan was created through a partnership with the County of El Dorado and funded by a grant from CalRecycle.



Duration	Guide	Remarks
Week 1 (10 min)	Present the Sort Smart & Recycle Right Presentation to your students. Encourage student participation! Introduce composting	Introduce SB 1383, food waste issues, and the purpose of an audit to see what types of waste are generated.
20 minutes	Each group creates two separate compost jars. Fill both jars (while leaving three inches to the top) with soil from outside. If there are small bugs, all the better as they will help decomposition. Then fill one with inorganic materials such as plastics, straws, and a bag of carrots still wrapped in the plastic packaging. Then fill the other one with only organic materials, such as leaves, paper, and the unbagged carrots. Fill them to the top and close the jars, leaving them near a window so the progress can be monitored.	Visit Kids Compost Jar Experiment - Helping Ninjas for more information on making these jars! Use variety of food scraps. Things like bones and citrus items will likely fail to make good compost for a small setup like this but would be good to see some students use these materials so they can learn later.
Week 2/3 (10 min each)	Weekly check-ins on jar	Ask students which jars they believe will decompose quicker and why. What are limiting factors? How can we test these hypotheses? Have students note things like color, smells, visuals etc.
15 minutes	Group discussions on what they are seeing.	Ask students the types of food scraps are succeeding in developing good looking compost, and which ones are struggling to develop. Why might these be factors?