

## COUNTYWIDE GOAL OF ZERO WASTE BY 2030

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### **BACKGROUND**

- Many scientists acknowledge the unsustainable pace at which we are consuming our natural resources, and the environmental impacts associated with the ongoing pollution of our water, air and land.
- Landfills are a significant source of methane, a Greenhouse Gas (GHG).
- It is extremely important that organic waste including food waste be diverted from landfill disposal.
- The Sonoma County Central landfill has a remaining capacity of approximately 26 years.

#### BACKGROUND

- AB 939 Local Task Force (LTF), a County-created advisory group to the Board of Supervisors and Zero Waste Sonoma has created a model Zero Waste Resolution
- The LTF recommends member agencies adopt the proposed Resolution to create a Zero Waste framework throughout Sonoma County
- The LTF's Zero Waste Task Force has developed several suggestions to further implement Zero Waste initiatives

#### RESOLUTION ANALYSIS

- Establish a goal of Zero Waste by 2030
- Adopt Zero Waste International Alliance's definition of Zero Waste:
  - "The conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse, and recovery of products, packaging, and materials without burning and with no discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.
- Assume a leadership role in promoting and educating zero waste principles
- Santa Rosa maintains zero waste consistency and demonstrates zero waste commitment throughout Sonoma County

# QUESTIONS?