Site Visit to San Francisco



Introduction to SF Environment

- Created by the Commission on the Environment in 1993
- In 2000, the Department had eight employees
- Grown to nearly 100





Participants



Recognition



• Director Deborah Raphael



Learning Firsthand from SF Environment





Education and Implementation







Recycling system as a job creator

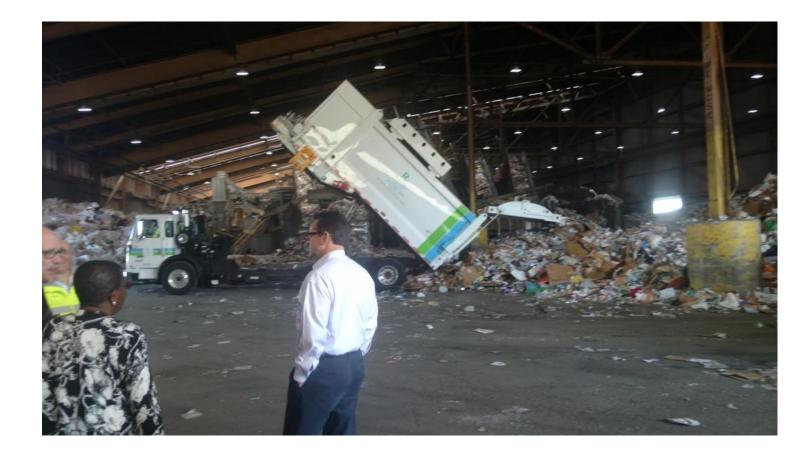


- Environment NOW: Green Careers
- Recology employs 1,050 people





Touring recycling facilities



- 80% of all trash is diverted from landfills in San Francisco
- Over 1.59 Million Tons



Sorting Operation



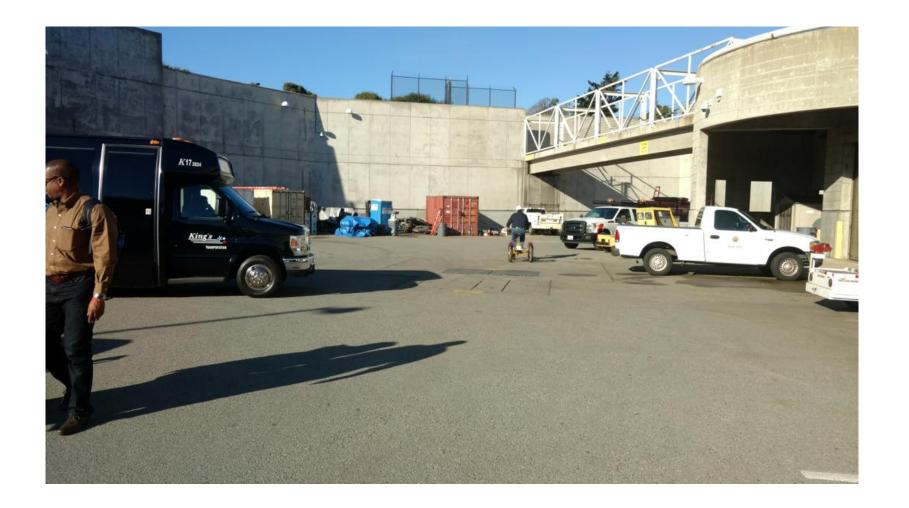


Scope of the Recology Program





Touring the SF Water Department





Facing many of the same issues as Detroit



- Combined sewer and storm water system
- Mature systems



Results so far

- Department of Public Works contracts with Zero Waste and Green Living Science approved
- Fee for recycling bins waved for residents who attend class by DPW
- PSA developed to encourage city wide recycling with Council President Brenda Jones
- Zero Waste Subcommittee created in the Green Task Force by Zero Waste Detroit



Green = Greenback\$ and it's fun





