

# CDPHE Organics Updates

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# Topics

- Compost Regulation Revision
- SB23-191
- SB23-253
- CDA Coordination
- Waste Diversion Grants

# Compost Regulation Revision

# Proposed Changes

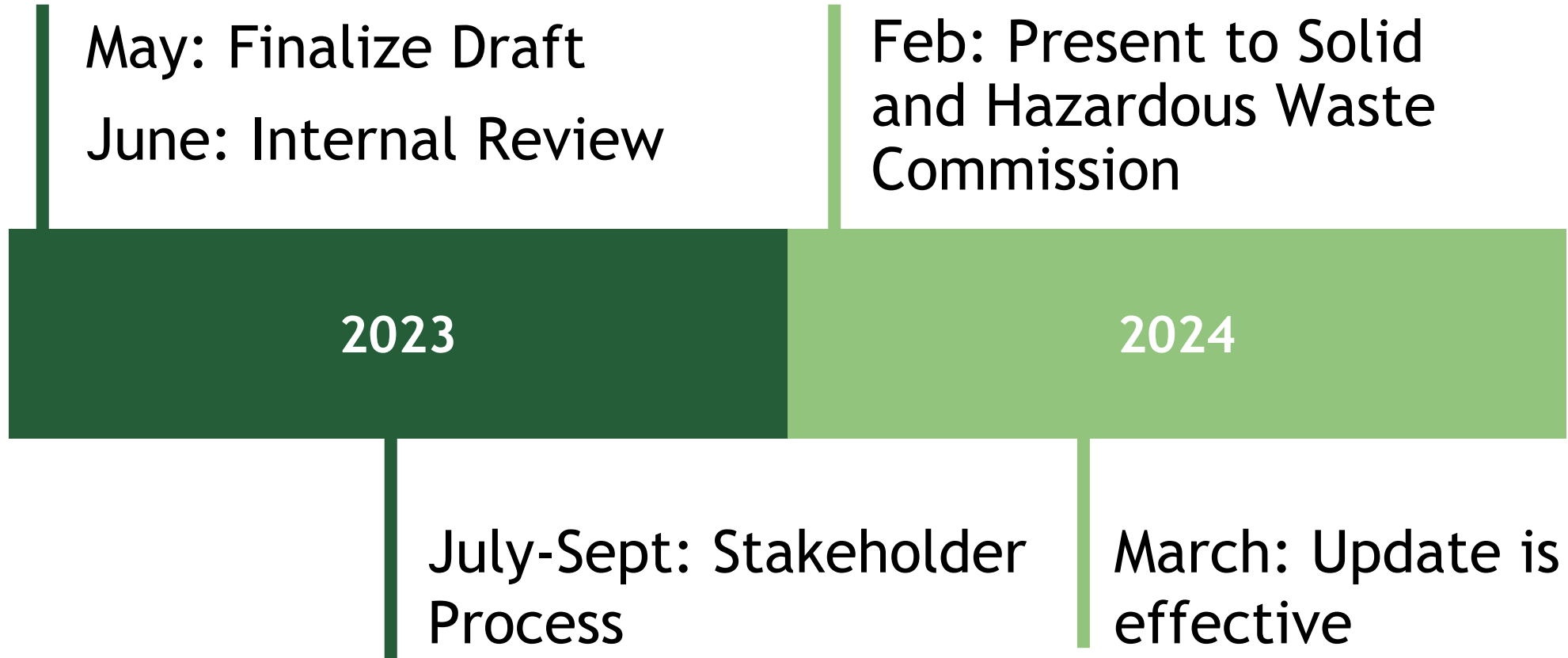
## CESQ

- Increase onsite and in-process volume of Type 2 feedstocks (manure, animal materials, source separated organics) from 5/10 cy to 20 cy

## Class I

- Add facility that can accept up to 5,000 cy of Type 1 feedstock and food residuals/food processing vegetative waste.
- Allow for on-farm composting of materials generated onsite along with Type 1 feedstock and food residuals/food processing vegetative waste - up to 5,000 cy and under 2 acres.

# Timeline



# SB23-191: Organics Diversion Study

# Key elements

- Build on the data gathered in the Statewide Organics Management Plan
- Benefits of landfill diversion
- Organics diversion infrastructure needs/toolkit
  - Funding and timeline
  - Collection methods
  - Transportation
- Evaluate/recommend diversion policies
- Educational resources
- End market development
- Colorado specific diversion impacts

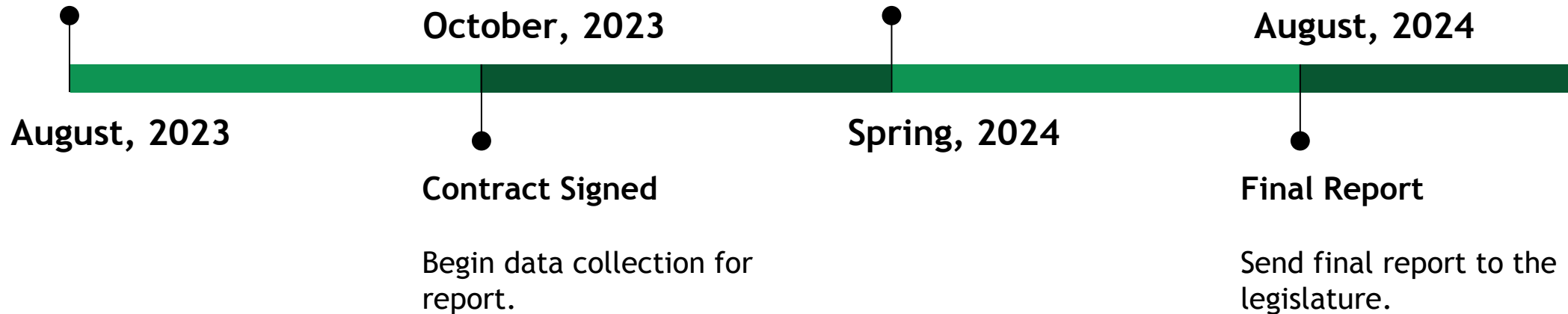
# Estimated timeline

## Open RFP

Issue a Request for Proposals shortly after SB23-191 goes into effect.

## Stakeholder Process

Hold stakeholder meetings to discuss findings and develop policy recommendations.





# SB23-253: Compostable products labeling standards

# Key elements

- Creates standards for producers of products sold or distributed in Colorado that are represented as compostable
  - Certified compostable
  - Says compostable
  - Green labeling or other easily identifiable markings
- Prohibits non-compostables from misleading labeling
  - Enforced through complains to CDPHE, which will be verified and referred to AG's office appropriate
- Public outreach campaign

# Estimated timeline

## January 1, 2024

- Misleading labeling rules active
- Proof of compliance
- Forum for complaints will open (complaint hotline)
- Public outreach will begin

## July 1, 2024

- Compostable products requirements begin
  - ASTM certification, labeling, etc.

# CDA Coordination

# STAR+ Program Compost Incentivized Use

**This request is still in development**

STAR/STAR+ (Saving Tomorrow's Agricultural Resources) is a program utilizing grant funding to encourage the adoption of soil health practices

Asking FRWD/RREO for funding over 3 years (\$50k/\$75k/\$100k)

Would incentivize compost use on STAR/STAR+ farms located in front range conservation districts

Funds would be routed through conservation districts, under CSA's Soil Health Program

# CDPHE Waste Diversion Grants



# RREO

## Grants

- Over \$2,000,000 available annually
- Infrastructure grant is open in the fall/winter for projects over \$30K
- Mini grant is open in the spring for projects \$10k-\$30k

## NextCycle Colorado

- Business incubator to help get waste prevention and diversion projects off the ground

# FRWD

## Grants

- 3-4 grant cycles per year, many of which allow or are directly aimed at organics
- \$15,000,000+ per year when fully funded
- Looking for large projects (greater than 1,000 tons/yr)

## Technical Assistance Service Provider (TASP)

- Provides direct support to front range communities to help with increasing diversion
- Workshops, consulting, policy development, planning, and more are available at no cost





# Thank you



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More questions?

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