

Biography

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Debbie has been an environmental professional with the City of San Jose since 2001. With the City of San Jose's Residential solid waste section, she has managed organics collection contracts for 140,000 residents and co-managed the home composting program in partnership with the County of Santa Clara for 6 years. She was active in the electronics take-back movement, and designed and managed San Jose's Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) collection and recycling program for 200,000 residential customers, and later implemented the California Electronics Recycling Act of 2003. She has been involved in formulating the City of San Jose's Zero Waste Resolution and the Integrated Waste Management Zero Waste Plan, while concurrently managing a large residential solid waste contract.

Debbie has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from San Jose State University in Natural Science with a Chemistry minor, and a Bachelor of Arts in Park Management from West Valley College. She has previously worked in materials testing laboratories for over 15 years, with some hazardous materials management experience.

Debbie has been an active member in the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) since 2006, as a voting member of the Steering Committee. She has been the Chair of the Policy and Education Advisory Committee for CPSC for one year. Debbie has been an active member of the California Resource Recovery Association and, within that organization, served on the California Organics Recycling Council for several years. She's also a member of the Solid Waste Association of North America.