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### **Initiate Contact**

Salinas Valley Recycles typically initiates contact with the school principal and sets up a time to meet for the Primary Site meeting. In other school districts, SVR works with the Food Services Coordinator to schedule these meeting.

### **Primary Site Meetings (approx. 1 hour)**

During this meeting, the principal meets with the schools SVR staff partner, their Hauler staff partner(s) and possibly their food services director to discuss the intricacies of who, what, when, where, why & how. You can see the information that is covered in this meeting on the Primary Site Meeting Agenda. The main focus of this meeting is discussion around the admin building their SEST (School Environmental Sustainability Team) which is crucial for the next step. Prior to leaving this meeting, each principal in attendance will have selected a date and a time for their Build Your Program Meeting.

### **Build Your Program Meeting (approx. 1 hour)**

It is critical that each school have a program that is tailored to their school and its individual needs. Like so many other school programs the outcomes are firmly defined and established but there are so many different roads and creative roads to get there. A cookie cutter program will not work for all schools. Prior to the Build Your Program Meeting, all of the members of the SEST team should have watched their online workshops to help them understand their role in the process. During the Build Your Program meeting, your SEST team, along with the SVR and Hauler partners, will use the "Build Your Program Workbook" to put the schools programs together based on input from the team from the site specific school. At the end of this meeting, the school will have an individualized implementation action plan. Prior to leaving this meeting, each principal in attendance will have selected a date and a time for their Implementation Day.

### **Implementation Day**

On Implementation Day, the schools SEST, the newly formed Green Team (students) will implement their their action plan typically starting during the lunch service. Your SVR and hauler staff partner will be there to support the teams and provide guidance where needed.

### **Compliance Review**

A few months after the program has been implemented, your SVR staff partner and/or your hauler staff partner will return to campus to check on continued compliance. If compliance is being met to an acceptable level, all compliance documentation will be uploaded into the Recyclist database, sent to the school district and the school administration.

### **Continued Compliance**

The schools continued compliance will be monitored by the waste hauler through route reviews, lid flips, video monitoring and yearly SVR and/or hauler site visits. At SVR we are always here to help. If something isn't working tomorrow, six months from now or 2 years from now, we will be here to help with troubleshooting or to lend a hand with best practices.

### **Building Relationships Beyond Compliance**

At Salinas Valley Recycles, we strive to build strong, respectful, trustworthy relationships with our schools that go far beyond compliance. We have many programs that can benefit your schools and students for years to come. We want to be the first team you think of when you think about environmental curriculum or sustainability. Please see our Teacher Resource and Information Guide for many of the FREE services we offer.