

LAUREN ROMANAZZI

Education

Master of Public Administration (MPA) – Sustainable Management,
Presidio Graduate School, San Francisco, 2016
BS – Environmental Science, Santa Clara University, 2011



Professional Experience

Ms. Romanazzi is an environmental leader with experience in government and integrated waste management. She is skilled in sustainable program development, contract management, policy implementation, stakeholder engagement, and customer service. A strong communicator and organizer of complex projects, she has experience with organic waste disposal, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction, regulatory compliance, and policy/program development. Experience includes analyzing data related to illegal dumping programs, managing disposal-related budgets, tracking and reporting municipal diversion rates, and implementing composting and recycling programs at various locales.

Before joining SCS, her work included:

City of San José, Environmental Services Specialist (Assistant, Associate, and Supervisor). As a Supervisor, Ms. Romanazzi advised the Regulations and Program Performance Support team (eight staff members) that influences and implements policies and supports waste diversion programs for residents and businesses. She led the overall City implementation of significant Senate Bill (SB) 1383 efforts to reduce organic waste disposal and GHG emissions, and coordinated compliance with seven other departments. Additionally, she oversaw tenants at the City's Environmental Innovation Center (LEED Platinum building), and approved the budget for maintaining and upgrading the building's sustainability features.

While working as an Environmental Services Specialist, she oversaw the creation of the Zero Waste Element that will reduce waste emissions from City-managed programs and help to achieve the aspirational goal of community carbon neutrality by 2030. She developed a division-wide dashboard to increase accessibility to key diversion and program metrics, and led an outreach team and projects to comply with SB 1383 outreach requirements. A subject matter expert on single-use plastics and preferred alternatives, Ms. Romanazzi presented policy and program recommendations to the Deputy Director around reusable pilots and plastics reduction in the waste stream. Furthermore, she tracked state legislation and wrote support letters for bills that aligned with department policy priorities, and supervised Climate Action Corps Fellows for 3 months.

She also managed the CommUniverCity agreement and was the City's lead for the downtown Public Litter Can study. She analyzed illegal dumping program data using GIS and Salesforce for data-based decision-making, and managed budget, outreach, and hauler invoices, and weekly collection services for over 50 City facilities. She also acted as a CalRecycle liaison and lead for tracking and reporting citywide diversion in the annual report to the State, and supervised an undergraduate intern for 1.5 years who was later hired as a full-time employee.

Ms. Romanazzi progressed within the City as an Assistant and Residential Contract Manager who monitored the budget for a \$4 million contract, tracked residue and diversion, collaborated on residential outreach, and efficiently solved customer complaints. She created and managed the

Beautification Day program for 10 City Council districts to prevent illegal dumping, and managed the budget, tracked diversion, and conducted trainings for event managers. She was also chosen to present the City's large-item collection program at the SWANA regional conference in April 2016.

Starting with the City as a Graduate Student Intern, Ms. Romanazzi recruited exhibitors and created outreach for the first-time event, CompostCon, on compost education. She also created content for the Compostable Plastic Toolkit for the U.S. Compost Council's website, and presented it to the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN).

Cascadia Consulting Group, Project Assistant. Ms. Romanazzi performed visual audits and provided technical assistance to approximately 1,000 San José businesses. She served as a storm water sorting crew member for two Bay Area storm drainage studies, and assisted with 400 survey responses for the Republic Services and City of Milpitas recycling survey.

County of Santa Clara, Sustainability Intern. Ms. Romanazzi implemented compost and recycling programs at all County facilities. She led trainings and collaborated with facility managers, custodial staff, consultants, and waste haulers.