

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 10/24/23

Meetings take place the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

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Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Jenna Roripaugh, Agri Service
- Doug Kobold, CPSC
- AVECITA Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Stephanie Ewalt, Ekolojik
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Yvonne Cordero, City of Imperial
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Heidi Sanborn, National Stewardship Action Council
- Valerie Lake, One Earth Recycling
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Abby Hunt, Republic Services
- Stephen Herring, Republic Services
- Roland Harpin, City of San Diego
- Jennifer Ott, City of San Diego
- Caitlin Barboza, County of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Samantha Byfield, City of San Marcos
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Cynthia Mallett, SCS Engineers
- Timothy Burroughs, Stop Waste
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Debbie Descans, Waste Management
- Rick Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego

2. Open Forum

- a. **Mallika Sen, Solana Center:** The Solana Center continues to conduct Tier 2 site visits and noted issues with organics sorting. Solana Center confirmed with CalRecycle that food recovery agencies can be enforced upon if they do not maintain recordkeeping requirements. A list of Solana's upcoming events is available on the Solana Center [website](#).
- b. **Valerie Lake, One Earth Recycling:** Interest in a grant for neighborhood drop off programs to promote beverage container recycling. One Earth is looking to transition to a new location in Ocean Beach due to the sale of their current property site.
- c. **Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego:** A list of upcoming events was shared including Halloween Costume Swap (10/28), Green Routines Webinar (11/1), Sustainable Saturday in Fallbrook (11/4), Swap Party at Pacific Beach Library (11/6), and Used Oil Filter Exchange Events (11/18). A full list of upcoming events is available on I Love a Clean San Diego's [website](#).

3. Regional education campaign

- a. **Rick Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego:** Interest in creating a regional program to spread awareness on zero waste, recycling, and organic waste recycling principles. Stop Waste was noted as an agency that implemented something

similar. Please contact Rick Anthony if you are interested in collaborating on a zero-waste commission.

- 4. Presentation: SB 54 Update – Heidi Sanborn & Timothy Burroughs, Alameda Stop Waste NSAC:** In June 2022, Governor Newsom signed SB 54 into law to address the impacts of single-use packaging and food service ware. This landmark law will require a 25% source reduction by weight and unit by 2032 and require all single-use packaging and plastic food ware in California be recyclable or compostable by 2032. The law also includes a requirement for the plastic industry to pay a \$5 billion mitigation fund in efforts to cut plastic pollution and support disadvantaged, low-income, and rural communities impacted by plastic waste. Interested attendees can get involved by attending CalRecycle workshops, working with partners, submitting comment letters, and following updates through CalRecycle’s SB 54 listserv. For more information, please contact Timothy Burroughs - tburroughs@stopwaste.org.

- 5. CalRecycle Update, Emily Schuetz:**
 - a. There were two SB 1383 chats in October with focuses on enforcement requirements and local education agencies. Recordings will be posted on CalRecycle’s YouTube page. The next SB 1383 chat will be in January 2024. Sign up for email updates on the Listserv.
 - b. There is a new CalRecycle Oversight and Enforcement [webpage](#).
 - c. I Recycle Smart campaign training resources for jurisdictions are available on CalRecycle’s [website](#).
 - d. An update on [grant/loan opportunities](#) was shared including SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program (applications due 11/15 – please read through the FAQ); Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant Program (notification of funds available coming soon); Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup & Abatement Grant Program (Applications due 1/9/24, 4/2/24); Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program (applications due 11/16/23), City County Payment Program (funding requests due 1/17/24); Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program (Applications due 12/6/23); Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous); Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous); Beverage Container Redemption Pilot Project Grant Program (continuous).
 - e. Upcoming workshops: BCRP Operational Guidelines for New Beverage Containers (10/24), AB 1201 Public Workshop (11/1), Statewide Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (11/1).
 - f. The next CalRecycle public meeting is scheduled for 11/21.

- 6. CPSC Legislative Update - Doug Kobold, California Product Stewardship Council:**
 - a. [AB 2](#), Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules. 2 Year bill.
 - b. [SB 560](#), Solid waste: gas cylinders: stewardship program. 2 Year bill.
 - c. [SB 707](#), Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2023. 2 Year bill.
 - d. [AB 246](#), Product safety: menstrual products: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Vetoed by Governor.

- e. [AB 592](#), Vehicles: commercial nonfranchise solid waste haulers: pilot program. Signed by Governor.
- f. [AB 727](#), Product safety: cleaning products and floor sealers or floor finishes: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Vetoed by Governor.
- g. [AB 1059](#), Product safety: consumer products: textile fiberglass and covered flame retardant chemicals. Signed by Governor.
- h. [AB 1238](#), Hazardous waste: solar panels. 2 Year bill.
- i. [AB 1489](#), Solid waste: compostable covered materials. Vetoed by Governor.
- j. [AB 1628](#), Microfiber filtration. Vetoed by Governor.
- k. [SB 244](#), Right to Repair Act. Signed by Governor.
- l. [SB 271](#), Powered wheelchairs: repair. Vetoed by Governor.
- m. [SB 303](#), Solid waste: Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. Vetoed by Governor.
- n. [SB 353](#), Beverage containers: recycling. Signed by Governor.

7. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable – No discussion.

8. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- a. **Edible Food** – The group discussed SB 1383 requirements as it relates to non-local entities and highlighted the San Diego Food System Alliance Annual Gathering. There is a call for paper to speak on food recovery at Waste Expo.
- b. **HHW** – No report.
- c. **Organics** – The group also discussed SB 1383 requirements related to non-local entities and procurement. Interest in compost and mulch giveaway events.

9. Roundtable – No discussion.

10. Adjournment – next meeting 11/28/2023