

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 11/28/23

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

Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

Host: Eric.Wolff@sdcounty.ca.gov

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Jill Lerner, CalRecycle
- AVECITA Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Emily Torres, City of Del Mar
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Stephanie Ewalt, Ekolojik
- Alma Fernandez, City of Escondido
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Cynthia Mallett, City of Encinitas
- Alma Fernandez, City of Escondido
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Valerie Lake, One Earth Recycling
- Annabelle Burruss, Port of San Diego
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Clare Cornelius, ProduceGood
- Jenna Dotson, Republic Services
- Roland Harpin, City of San Diego
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Julia Gallaway, County of San Diego
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Shannon Lee, County of San Diego
- Jesse Oda, County of San Diego
- Lakisha McZeal, San Diego Food System Alliance
- Rachel Oporto, San Diego Food System Alliance
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center

2. Open Forum

- a. **Mallika Sen, Solana Center:** The Solana Center continues to conduct SB 1383 site visits. The Solana Center will provide technical assistance for the upcoming healthy soils program. There is an upcoming Rain Barrel & Water Harvesting Workshop in partnership with the City of San Diego (12/9). A full list of upcoming events is available on the Solana Center [website](#).
- b. **Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego:** I Love a Clean San Diego is hosting Miramar Landfill Bus Tours, with the next scheduled tour on 12/6. For a full list of upcoming events please visit the I Love a Clean San Diego [website](#).

3. Regional education campaign

- a. **Eric Wolff, County of San Diego:** Interest in collaborating in a regional education campaign.
 - i. The Group discussed establishing a separate working group to collaborate on this project. Member interest in a purchase agreement that jurisdictions could use to facilitate media buys.

4. Presentation: Funding Strategies for local Food Recovery Organizations to Expand Edible Food Recovery

- a. **Avecita Jones & Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad:** In order to expand edible food recovery in the City of Carlsbad, the City first met with several food recovery organizations and tier 1 edible food generators to understand the food recovery landscape in the city. This provided insight into what businesses were currently participating in edible food recovery activities and to understand where the food was going. The City worked with Richard Anthony Associates to identify tier 1 and tier 2 generators and then worked with the San Diego Food System Alliance to analyze what would be needed to further develop a food recovery program. Findings from the analysis included that expanding the program would be resource intensive and would require investment in additional resources for existing and new organizations. To support food recovery organizations, the City of Carlsbad was able to utilize SB 1383 local assistance grant funds to develop and administer a funding program to support food recovery organizations. The City developed funding opportunities for operations and equipment. Applications were reviewed on a rolling basis. Once awarded, entities provide quarterly progress reports. Through this program, the City was able to provide funding for four additional recurring pickups and replace a warehouse floor. For more information please contact Avecita Jones at Avecita.Jones@carlsbadca.gov or Molly Reeves at Molly.Reeves@carlsbadca.gov.

5. CalRecycle Update, Jill Larnar:

- a. SB 1383 monthly chats will be back in January. These will be recorded and posted on CalRecycle's YouTube channel.
- b. An update on [grant/loan opportunities](#) was shared including SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program (due 11/15), Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program (due 12/6), Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (due 1/9/24, 4/2/24), Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program (due 1/17/24), Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant Program (due 1/23/24), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous), Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous), Redemption Pilot Project Program (continuous).
- c. Upcoming workshops include CalRecycle State Mattress Recycling Baseline and Goals Workshop (12/5), Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54) Public Workshop (12/14), Webinar for Beverage Dealers – Inclusion of Wine and Distilled Spirits and other recent changes to the Beverage Container Recycling Program (12/14), CalRecycle Zone Works Training Workshop (12/13-14), Overview of the 2022 California Waste Tire Market Report Workshop (1/19/24).
- d. The next monthly public meeting is scheduled for 12/19.

6. CPSC Legislative Update – No report.

7. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable

- a. **Eric Wolff, County of San Diego:** Jurisdictions are encouraged to start thinking about capacity planning for edible food recovery and organics. The County will send out the formal request for information in the new year.
- b. **Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista:** City staff are being trained on code enforcement procedures.
- c. **Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad:** The City is wrapping up tier 2 site visits. Considering feedback from businesses, the City developed a food donation guide that has helped tremendously.

8. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- a. **Edible Food** – Stephanie Ewalt will send out the update meeting invite. The group is discussing CRRRA edible food technical council resources.
- b. **HHW** – No report.
- c. **Organics** – No report.

9. Roundtable

- a. **Eric Wolff, County of San Diego:** Caitlin Barboza has left county service.
- b. **Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista:** The City will be soliciting another multi-year contract for hhw services in 2024.
- c. **Polina Osipova, City of San Diego:** The City has received questions from businesses regarding setting up front of house food scrap collection bins and asked if other jurisdictions had similar experiences.
- d. **Jessica Toth, Solana Center:** Solana Center's universal waste agreement has ended and asked the group about universal waste service providers.

10. Adjournment – the next meeting will be rescheduled for Thursday, December 21.