

# Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 12/21/23

Meetings take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

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Minutes

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Jenna Roripuagh, Agri Service
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Valerie Lake, One Earth Recycling
- Jenna Dotson, Republic Services
- Anthony Smith, Republic Services
- Roland Harpin, City of San Diego
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego Office of Sustainability & Environmental Justice
- Alexander Edwards, County of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Eric Wolff, County of San Diego
- Craig Kolodge, San Pasqual Valley Soils
- Leia Berube, Solana Center
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle

## 2. Open Forum

- a. **Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego:** A list of upcoming [events](#) was shared including Invasive Species Removal at Harmony Grove (1/13), Sustainability at Home Workshop (1/20), Swap Party at Skyline Hills Library (1/22), Green Business Solutions Webinar (1/24), and RiverBlue Film Screening (1/25).
- b. **Leia Berube, Solana Center:** The Solana Center continues to work with multiple cities to conduct site inspections and assisting with capacity planning. There will be an upcoming inspector training for the City of Escondido. Discounted [rain barrels](#) are available through Solana Center.

## 3. Regional education campaign – No report.

## 4. Presentation: Copia: Technology Driven Food Recovery Service Creating Efficient Processes and Compliance

- a. **Kimberly Smith, Copia:** [Copia](#) is a food recovery service enabled by technology that connects participating donors with recipients. Donors are businesses that have surplus food items that may include restaurants, hotels, hospitals, universities, events nonprofit organizations, municipalities and more. Participating donors sign up through the Copia app and once registered, are matched with local nonprofit organizations wanting to receive surplus donations. For more information, please contact [success@gocopia.com](mailto:success@gocopia.com).

## 5. CalRecycle Update, Emily Schuetz:

- a. SB 1383 chats will be back in January. These will be recorded and posted on CalRecycle's YouTube channel.
- b. There is new guidance for landfills under SB 1383 - the Landfill Guidance: Organic Disposal Reduction Status Impact Report (SIR) Overview. Landfill operators must submit their SIR to CalRecycle by January 1.
- c. There will be an upcoming recorded training and live Q&A session posted on the LEA [webpage](#). This training will provide an overview of measurement requirements, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements for facilities. A notification will be sent out once it's available.
- d. An update on [grant/loan opportunities](#) was shared including Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (due 1/9, 4/2), Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant Program (due 1/23), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous), Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous), Redemption Pilot Project Program (continuous).
- e. CalRecycle hosted four webinars to support local recycling education. The training recordings and presentations are available on the [Jurisdiction Toolkit webpage](#).
- f. The Overview of the 2022 California Waste Tire Market Report Workshop is on January 19.
- g. The next CalRecycle public meeting is on January 16.

**6. CPSC Legislative Update – No report.**

**7. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable**

- a. **Eric Wolff, County of San Diego:** The County will be collecting capacity planning information for edible food recovery and organics from each jurisdiction in 2024. There will be a tentative presentation on this topic at the January meeting.
- b. **Serena Lee, City of La Mesa:** Interest in information or resources on notices of violation and/or procedures.

**8. Other Regional Working Group Reports**

- a. **Edible Food** – The December meeting included a presentation from Copia. The group will meet the third Tuesday of every month from 10am-12pm.
- b. **HHW – No report**
- c. **Organics** – The group discussed the EPA's new waste food scale that replaced the food recovery hierarchy. The [Regional Recycling Group](#), based in Sacramento, develops social media campaigns that can be used by participating jurisdictions. The City of Coronado has used their resources and found great success. Interested jurisdictions that want to see their graphics, scope, pricing, etc. can contact Ofelia Andrade at [oandrade@coronado.ca.us](mailto:oandrade@coronado.ca.us). San Pasqual Valley Soils is the distributor for Filtrex Compost Socks. The County is working on a contract to procure compost and mulch products. *Biocycle* posted a link to the Institute of Self Reliance, partnering with the EPA for community composting activities.

**9. Roundtable**

- a. **Serena Lee, City of La Mesa:** Serena asked the group if any jurisdictions used software or other services to identify and distribute surplus items. City of La Mesa developed a social media post on reusable wrapping if any jurisdictions are interested in reposting.
- b. **Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado:** Ofelia asked if CalRecycle had information on the resources that will be posted on CalRecycle's enforcement webpage.
  - i. CalRecycle will look into this.

**10. Adjournment** – the next meeting will be 1/23/24.