

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 9/26/2023

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

Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Jenna Roripaugh, Agri Service
- Nate Pelczar, California Product Stewardship Council
- Jill Lerner CalRecycle
- Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Michael Luna, City of Del Mar
- Stephanie Ewalt, Ekolojik
- Tyla Soyly, Ekolojik
- Lori Calvert, City of Escondido
- Colleen Foster, HF&H Consultants
- Yvonne Cordero, City of Imperial
- Ariel Flores, City of Imperial
- David Ramirez, City of Imperial
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Ricardo Rodriguez, City of National City
- Danielle McIntosh, City of Poway
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Eric Wolff, County of San Diego
- Samantha Byfield, City of San Marcos
- Cynthia Mallett, SCS Engineers
- Fernando Moreno, SCS Engineers
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Debbie Descans, WM of San Diego

2. Open Forum

- a. Mallika Sen, Solana Center: Solana Center is conducting tier 2 inspections for several cities. Takeaways from completed inspections include restaurants have done a lot with food waste prevention, school districts seem to be open to implementing programs but do not have funding to buy packaging equipment as bulk items are hard to donate. A list of Solana's upcoming events is available on the Solana Center [website](#).
- b. Colleen Foster, HF&H Consultants: HF&H is available for SB 1383 grant assistance. Please reach out to Colleen for any information.
- c. Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista: Manuel highlighted the County's newsletter, [Recycling Works...but Needs You!](#)
- d. Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad: The City is doing site visits to grocery stores to remind them of the single-use plastics ban.

3. Presentation: SB 1383 and Grocery Stores – This presentation will be rescheduled for a later date.

4. CalRecycle Update

- a. The next monthly SB 1383 chat is scheduled for October 18 and will focus on edible food recovery implementation with school districts.

- b. CalRecycle Jurisdiction and Agency Compliance and Enforcement Branch continue to notify jurisdictions of the commencement of their compliance evaluations. Each jurisdiction will have a compliance evaluation at least once every four years.
- c. There is a new [CalRecycle Oversight and Enforcement webpage](#) available.
- d. I Recycle Smart campaign training resources for jurisdictions are available on CalRecycle's [website](#).
- e. An update on [grant/loan opportunities](#) was shared including SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program (application due 11/15), Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant Program (eligibility criteria and evaluation process posted on 9/13), Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (application due 10/5/23, 1/9/24, 4/2/24), Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program (application due 12/6), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous), Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous), Beverage Container Redemption Pilot Project Grant Program (continuous).
- f. Upcoming events include SB 54 Workshop (9/17), Statewide Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (11/1).
- g. The next CalRecycling monthly public meeting is on 10/17.

5. CPSC Legislative Update

- a. Nate Pelczar, California Product Stewardship Council: The last day for the Governor to sign bills is October 14. The Legislature reconvenes on January 3. A legislative update on the following bills was shared:
 - i. [AB 2](#), Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules
 - ii. [SB 560](#), Solid waste: gas cylinders: stewardship program
 - iii. [SB 707](#), Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2023

6. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable

- a. Eric Wolff, County of San Diego: There is an upcoming mulch blower demonstration on 10/5. A flyer will be sent out with the minutes.
- b. Polina Osipova, City of San Diego: The City of San Diego has a collection site for mattresses and box springs at the entrance of Miramar Landfill. [Plastic Free Restaurants](#) has a subsidy program for restaurants that are currently using single-use plastic to switch to reusable food ware.

7. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- a. **Edible Food** – The group had a presentation from the County's Department of Environmental Health & Quality regarding their role in inspections. Attendees also discussed third party brokers and edible food guides.
- b. **HHW** – No report.
- c. **Organics** – The group discussed jurisdiction procurement and compost and mulch giveaway events. Interest in single day events and permanent sites. Upcoming events include ReScape Compost and Mulch Best Practices Training (9/26), Stormwater Awareness Week (9/25-9/29).

8. Roundtable

9. Adjournment – next meeting 10/24/2023