

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 7/25/2023

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 Inc.
- Jill Firch, CalRecycle
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Nate Pelczar, CPSC
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Janin, City of Escondido
- Geoff Harmon, Greenleaf Power
- Mitchell Martin, Greenleaf Power
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach
- Terry Nicometo, Inland Pacific Resource Recovery
- Valerie Lake, One Earth Recycling
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Abby Hunt, Republic Services
- Sara Walsh, Republic Services
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego LEA
- Caitlin Barboza, County of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Samantha Byfield, City of San Marcos
- Craig Kolodge, San Pasqual Valley Soils
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Fernando Moreno, SCS Engineers
- Dan King, City of Solana Beach
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Debbie Descans, WM of San Diego
- Richard Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego & RAA

2. Open Forum

- a. Mallika Sen, Solana Center: A list of Solana Center's upcoming events is available on their [website](#).
- b. Craig Kolodge, San Pasqual Valley Soils: Craig will be presenting on vineyard soil health and compost at an upcoming workshop.
- c. Rick Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego: Zero Waste San Diego is hosting an upcoming FixIt Clinic on 8/5 in Alpine. The 47th Annual CRRA Conference will be held in Burlingame August 13-16th.
- d. Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad: The City offers free compost and mulch for Carlsbad residents. There is an upcoming Fixit Clinic on August 12 at Cole Library.

3. SB 1383 Biomass Procurement Opportunity

- a. Mitchell Martin, Greenleaf Power: [Greenleaf Power](#) operates cogeneration plants that generate green energy from renewable sources. This offers biomass electricity procurement options that can help jurisdictions satisfy SB 1383 requirements. For more information, please contact Geoff Harmon at Gharmon@greenleaf-power.com.

4. CalRecycle Update

- a. The next SB 1383 chat will be held in August. Recordings of previous chats are posted on CalRecycle's YouTube page.
- b. The Electronic Annual Report was released on June 15 and is due on August 1. Webinar Trainings were recorded and will be posted on CalRecycle's YouTube page.
- c. CalRecycle JACE staff continue to notify jurisdictions of their SB 1383 compliance evaluations. Every jurisdiction will be reviewed in the next four years.
- d. An update on [grant/loan opportunities](#) was shared including Tire Incentive Program (due 8/15); Household Hazardous Waste-Construction (due 8/15); Household Hazardous Waste-Small Projects (due 8/15); Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program (due 8/16); Rubberized Pavement Grant Program (due 9/13); Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (due 10/5/23, 1/9/24, 4/2/24); Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous); Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous); Redemption Pilot Project Program (continuous).
- e. CalRecycle held informal workshops July 24-25 for SB 54 to solicit feedback from stakeholders on rulemaking concepts.
- f. The next monthly public meeting is scheduled for August 15.

5. CPSC Legislative Update

- a. Nate Pelczar, CPSC: The legislature is on recess through August 13. An update on the following bills was shared-
 - i. [AB 2](#), Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules – Referred to Senate Com. on APPR.
 - ii. [SB 560](#), Solid waste: gas cylinders: stewardship program – in Appropriations Committee
 - iii. [SB 707](#), Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2023 – Pending reschedule
 - iv. [AB 496](#), Cosmetic Safety – On Senate Floor
 - v. [AB 660](#), Food labeling: quality dates, safety dates, and sell by dates – Hearing cancelled.
 - vi. [AB 863](#), Carpet recycling: carpet stewardship organizations: fines: succession: training – Re-referred to Senate Com. on APPR.
 - vii. [AB 1347](#), Solid waste: paper waste: proofs of purchase – Re-referred to Senate Com. on APPR.
 - viii. [AB 1423](#), Product Safety: PFAS: artificial turf or synthetic surfaces – Re-referred to Senate Com. on APPR.
 - ix. [AB 1628](#), Microfiber filtration- Re-referred to Senate Com. on APPR.
 - x. [SB 244](#), Right to Repair Act – Re-referred to Assembly Com. on APPR.
 - xi. [SB 353](#), Beverage containers: recycling – Re-referred to Assembly Com. on APPR.

6. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable

- a. Rick Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego: Rick noted the issues with collection bins at short term rentals.

- b. Mallika Sen, Solana Center: The Solana Center continues to work with jurisdictions on SB 1383 implementation and is focusing on right sizing service, especially for shopping malls with shared bins.
- c. Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista: Manuel brought up for discussion the SB 1383 de minimis waivers approved from CalRecycle.
- d. Eric Wolff, CalRecycle: Eric asked the group if any jurisdictions approved SB 1383 waivers for space constraints.
- e. Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad: The City continues route review inspections and noted the high contamination levels for commercial generators.
- f. Valerie Lake, One Earth Recycling: Valerie noted the barriers to opening recycling centers for beverage containers.

7. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- a. **Edible Food** – The group discussed differentiating tier 1 wholesalers, distributors, and farms. The next meeting is August 8.
- b. **HHW** – No report.
- c. **Organics** – The group reviewed guidance documents for compost and mulch application. The next meeting is August 3.

8. Roundtable

- a. Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado – Ofelia brought up for discussion food recovery requirements of commercial businesses on naval bases.

9. Adjournment – next meeting 8/22/2023