

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 11/19/24

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

- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Nic Esposito, Circular Philadelphia
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Alex Christie, City of Escondido
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Alma Ramirez, City of Escondido
- Colleen Foster, HF&H Consultants
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Roshan Christoph, MOE
- Ken Prue, City of Oceanside
- Janin Rodarte, City of Oceanside
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services San Diego
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Eric Wolff, County of San Diego
- Mayra Garcia, SD International Airport
- Fernando Moreno, SCS Engineers
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Debbie Descans, WM
- Jesus Aramburo, WM Oceanside
- Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego

2. Open Forum

- **Mallika Sen, Solana Center:** Solana Center held the Food Recovery Inspection Training for SB 1383 compliance on 11/3. The training was held over 3 half-days covering an overview of SB1383, capacity planning, and sector specific nuances. 57% of attendees had done an inspection before and 43% had not. Solana Center continues conducting SB 1383 inspections for jurisdictions. A list of upcoming events is available on Solana Center's website: solanacenter.org/events
- **Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego:** Ann Marie Sack is the new Director of Operations. A list of upcoming events was shared including: Zero Waste at Home webinar with the City of Poway (11/21); Clothing swap at Valencia Park (11/22); Compost giveaway (11/23); Care for your County Spring Valley County Park (12/7); SD County Used Oil Filter Exchange Event (12/14). Event details are available online at: cleansd.org/events.

3. Presentation

- **Nicolas Esposito, Circular Philadelphia:** [Circular Philadelphia](https://circularphiladelphia.org) works to drive growth of a thriving circular economy in the greater Philadelphia region through advocacy, education, infrastructure development, and collaboration. Circular Philadelphia works with and serves business and institutional operators, government and non-profits, investors, and consumers on the four core market sectors of food systems, built environment, textiles and vacant land. They promote smart policy, innovation, and facilitate action to shift to a circular economy in the region. For more information, please contact engagement@circularphiladelphia.org.

4. CalRecycle Update:

- **Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle:**
 - The next monthly SB 1383 chat is scheduled for 11/19 on Procurement.
 - Open grant and loan cycles include:
 - Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program (due 11/19)
 - Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Program (due 11/19)
 - Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program (due 12/5)
 - Increased Recycling of Empty Glass Beverage Containers Grant Program (due 12/10)
 - Reusable Beverage Containers Infrastructure Grant Program (due 12/19)
 - Recycled Glass Processing Incentive Grant Program (due 12/19)
 - Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (due 1/9/25)
 - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous)
 - Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous).
 - There is an upcoming Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee Public Meeting (12/4).
 - The next CalRecycle monthly public meeting is scheduled for 12/17.

5. CPSC Update

- **Joanne Brasch, CA Product Stewardship Council:** The current session is over, and advocates are preparing for next year. The Legislature will reconvene in January 2025. CPSC will be focusing on vape issues and solar stewardship.
- **SB 707** has a website and listserv: calrecycle.ca.gov/epr/textiles

6. NSAC Update

- **Heidi Sanborn, National Stewardship Action Council:** NSAC will be focusing on household hazardous waste and marine flares during the next legislative session.
- The SB 54 working group has received lots of questions on the polystyrene ban. It is encouraged to let restaurants know during site visits they likely cannot buy polystyrene products very soon.
- Attendees discussed Med-Project reimbursement notices to jurisdictions.

7. Wasting Fee Update- No update.

8. SB1383 Rollout Roundtable – No update.

9. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- **Edible Food – Ellyn Law, County of San Diego:** The group will meet this afternoon at 1pm. The County is working on the SB 1383 webpage and is gearing up for annual food recovery organization site visits.
- **HHW** – No report.
- **Organics** – No report.
- **Reuse and Repair Network** – No report.

10. Roundtable

- **Polina Osipova, City of San Diego:** The City of San Diego is partnering with Zero Waste San Diego to hold upcoming [Fixit Clinics](#). The City is hosting various outreach meetings

on Measure B through December 10. For more information and to join the conversation visit cleangreensd.org.

- **Eric Wolff, County of San Diego:** The County is deploying an organics outreach campaign to unincorporated area residents in November.

11. Adjournment – The December meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28.