

**COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE/ CRRA San Diego Chapter and Zero Waste San Diego Public Meeting  
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm

**This meeting will be in-person with the option for virtual attendance**

**County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
5510 Overland Ave  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room #241  
San Diego, CA 92123**

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**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval, Minutes March 2024
3. Chair's Report
4. Staff Reports
  - a. Cities
  - b. County
  - c. Haulers
  - d. Non-Profits
5. Public Comments and Communication
6. Regional Planning Issues
  - a. Wasting Fee
7. Legislative Update
8. Roundtable
9. Adjournment

## Minutes

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 14, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Chair
    - i. Ric Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego\*
  - b. Guests
    - i. Steve Weihe, County of San Diego\*
    - ii. Derek Lam, City of San Diego
    - iii. Roland Harpin Jr., City of San Diego
    - iv. Helen Kagan, resident/UCSD
    - v. Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego\*
    - vi. Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill San Diego
    - vii. Kelsey Corban, Goodwill San Diego
    - viii. Chanelle Carney, I Love A Clean San Diego
    - ix. Beryl Flom, League of Women Voters  
(\*attended in-person)
2. Approval, minutes from February 2024
  - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report
  - a. Zero Waste Symposium was well attended, including by two high schools
    - i. California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) and Californians Against Waste (CAW) discussed pending Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bills
  - b. Saw an increase in smaller groups attending the Symposium this year
  - c. [National Recycling Congress](#)
    - i. 3/4/24-3/5/24
    - ii. Glass Pack Institute was advocating for national bottle bill
  - d. Zero Waste Forum-San Francisco
    - i. April 2-6, 2024 <https://zerowasteforum.org/>
  - e. International Day of Zero Waste
    - i. March 30, 2024- <https://unhabitat.org/international-day-of-zero-waste>
  - f. Federal recycling bills
    - i. Passed out of the Senate and are headed to the House
    - ii. SB 1189 The Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act-  
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1189>
    - iii. SB 1194 The Recycling and Composting Accountability Act-  
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1194>
4. Staff reports
  - a. City of San Diego
    - i. Large staff response to storms flood debris
      1. Offering free curbside container replacement as well as public roll off dumpster for flood-related debris

- a. Emergency budget approved from Council to help fund
      - b. Code Enforcement is performing daily inspections to ensure roll off containers are for flood debris only
    - 2. Performing door to door outreach for City residents affected
  - ii. [Single-Use Plastic Reduction Ordinance](#)-previous exemptions end 3/31/24
  - iii. Received CalRecycle SB 1383 grant funds totaling \$3.3 million
    - 1. Will be used for city-wide marketing campaign around organic waste and door to door outreach
  - iv. Outreach events through I Love A Clean San Diego
    - 1. <https://cleansd.org/events/>
  - v. Attendees asked
    - 1. Could additional signage at supermarkets help sell food that is nearing expiration?
      - a. Derek will review and report back at a later meeting
    - 2. How is the City connecting with residents that cannot be at home?
      - a. City is leaving flyers and talking with neighbors
    - 3. How are abandoned green carts being handled?
      - a. Easiest way to address is reporting through Get It Done app
    - 4. Attendees have noticed an increase in pests (rats/mice), possibly due to increased rain, housing development
- b. County of San Diego
  - i. Site Visits
    - 1. Actively visiting C&D sites, Tier I/II business (under SB 1383), commercial as well as multi-family residences to assist with recycling and organic waste educational outreach.
      - a. Over 150 site visits completed in 2024
  - ii. Waivers
    - 1. Reviews continue on both organic waste waiver exemptions and self-haul forms for recyclables
    - 2. Attendees asked about the percentage of C&D deposits that get refunded
      - a. Currently, 35-40% of C&D deposits are not refunded as they did not submit in time, did not recycle or did not meet the 65% diversion threshold (partial refund for under 65% recycling rate)
- c. EDCO
  - i. No report
- d. Non-profits
  - i. League of Women Voters (LWV)
  - ii. Ric spoke to their Policy Committee regarding the Toxics Reduction Fee
    - 1. No vote occurred; may be brought to a vote at their next meeting (would be a vote to support the Fee concept)
  - iii. Produce Good-no report

- iv. Carton Council-no report
  - v. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
    - 1. Fix-It Clinic
      - a. Averaging 40-50 attendees per event
      - b. 3/23-in Encinitas at the Solana Center-  
[https://solanacenter.org/inspire\\_events/taking-on-textile-waste-event/](https://solanacenter.org/inspire_events/taking-on-textile-waste-event/)
      - c. 4 events will be held in April-  
<https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
  - vi. Sierra Club-no report
  - vii. I Love A Clean San Diego
    - 1. <https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/>
    - 2. [3/16 Tijuana River Watershed clean up](#)
    - 3. [3/16 Food Recovery Workshop](#)
  - viii. Solana Center-no report
  - ix. Goodwill San Diego-no report
5. Public Comments and Communication
- a. Attendees discussed
    - i. Any additional info on proposed Otay/border landfill?
      - 1. County Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) may have additional info [Solid Waste Program \(sdsolidwaste.org\)](#)
    - ii. Discussed pyrolysis using crab shells in Malaysia
      - 1. May be a company using pyrolysis in Sorrento Valley to recover metals
    - iii. Chair would like to ensure that caps are connected to bottles, under SB 54
6. Regional Planning issues
- a. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
    - i. No funding exists for regionwide education and outreach
    - ii. Current fee is \$0.02/ton of waste disposed
    - iii. Need to increase this for a regionwide educational effort
    - iv. Proposes a \$1/ton fee on landfilled waste, which would generate \$3.5 million per year
    - v. Would pay for staffing (approximately \$500K) with \$3 million for grant programs and education and outreach
      - 1. Chair suggested “Public Works” should manage and operate the fund
    - vi. Per resident impact would be less than \$1/year at current disposal rates
    - vii. The League of Women Voters have been informed of the plan
    - viii. The Sierra Club Zero Waste subcommittee has universally endorsed the Fee plan
      - 1. Headed to the Sierra Club Executive Committee for final endorsement
    - ix. Chair mentioned having a meeting with Rebecca Smith from Supervisor Lawson Reemer’s office
      - 1. The Supervisor has not taken a stance yet
    - x. Chair anticipates bringing to CAC for a vote next month

## 7. Legislative update

### a. [AB 2 – Ward – Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules](#)

Solar panel EPR. On or before October 1, 2026, and on or before October 1 each year thereafter, CalRecycle to establish a covered solar PV recycling fee based on the reasonable regulatory costs to administer covered electronic waste recycling.

Now a 2-Year bill. Sitting in Senate Appropriations Committee as of 09/01/23.

### b. [SB 560 – Laird – Solid waste: gas cylinders: stewardship program](#)

Gas cylinder EPR. This bill would establish a stewardship program for gas cylinder products and would authorize producers of those products to establish one more producer stewardship organization for that purpose.

Now a 2-Year bill. Sitting in Senate Appropriations Committee as of 05/18/23.

### c. [SB 707 - Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2023](#)

Textiles EPR. This bill would enact the Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2023, which would require producers, as defined, either individually or through the creation of one or more stewardship organizations, to establish a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of covered textiles.

Now a 2-Year bill. Sitting in the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources as of 07/10/23.

### d. [AB 234 – Bauer-Kahan – Microparticles](#)

### e. [AB 347 – Ting - Household product safety: toxic substances](#)

### f. [AB 660 – Irwin – Food labeling: quality dates, safety dates, and sell by dates](#)

### g. [AB 1290 – Luz Rivas – Product safety: plastic packaging: substances](#)

Banning colored PETE (#1) bottles.

### h. [AB 1347 – Ting – Solid waste: paper waste: proofs of purchase](#)

“Skip the Slip.”

Now a 2-Year bill. Sitting in Senate Appropriations Committee as of 09/01/23.

### i. [AB 1659 – Gabriel – Sale of small electronic devices: charging devices](#)

Universal small electronics receptacle.

Now a 2-Year bill. Sitting in Senate Appropriations Committee as of 09/01/23

j. SB 54 regulations have been released- <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr/> and public comment period is open from 3/8/24 to 4/23/24  
<https://calrecycle.commentinput.com/?id=PFAQtV4pU>

8. Roundtable-N/A

1. Costa Rica supports to adopt the peer reviewed definition on zero waste

9. Adjournment