

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

WHEN: Thursday, September 12, 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
2nd Floor, Conference Room #241
San Diego, CA 92123**

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Submit Agenda Items to Chair Rick Anthony and County Staff Steve Weihe 2 weeks prior to the next meeting: RicAnthony@aol.com and Steve.Weihe@sdcounty.ca.gov

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval, Minutes July 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, July 11, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Chair
 - i. Ric Anthony*
 - b. Guests
 - i. Steve Weihe, County of San Diego*
 - ii. Debbie Dodson, Carton Council
 - iii. Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego*
 - iv. Ani Putnam, City of San Diego
 - v. Kelsey Corbran, Goodwill San Diego
 - vi. Chanelle Carney, I Love A Clean San Diego
 - vii. Carina Ruscitti, intern City of San Diego
 - viii. Alex Ritcher, California Volunteers Fund
 - ix. Helen Kagan, resident
 - x. Beryl Flom, League of Women Voters
(*attended in-person)
2. Approval, minutes from June 2024
 - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report
 - a. CRRRA conference will be in Anaheim, CA August 18-21, 2024
<https://www.crra.com/conference>
 - i. 650 attendees registered already.
 - b. National Zero Waste Conference will be virtual October 2-3, 2024
<https://zwconference.org/>
4. Staff reports
 - a. City of San Diego
 - i. Miramar Landfill disposal fees increased by \$16 beginning 7/1/24
 1. Updated fee schedule <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/miramar/fees>
 - ii. Organics Processing Facility-pending additional information from City staff.
 - iii. Resource Recovery Facility
 1. Financial analysis is currently underway.
 2. Luis Campos is contact lcampos@sandiego.gov
 3. CAC attendees asked if they can get a copy of the RFP, once available.
 - a. City staff will provide once ready.
 - iv. Looking into additional compost giveaway events, which may include trucking to farms/other locations.
 - v. Ordering outreach materials for booth event giveaways.
 - vi. Plans to begin providing FixIt Clinics soon.
 - vii. Measure B

1. Website is up for FAQs [Potential Future Fees for Waste Collection Service | City of San Diego Official Website](#)
 2. Open house meetings scheduled for Aug/Sept (dates are pending).
 3. HDR is the contractor for Measure B.
 4. Asst. Director is in charge of Measure B (Jeremy Bauer).
- viii. Events- <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events>
- ix. Single Use Plastic Reduction ordinance
<https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/pf-ban>
1. All businesses are required to comply as of 4/1/24.
 2. Mailers were sent to all businesses (multi-lingual)
- 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. 26 site visits conducted in June
 - b. 2024 visits include focus on Tier 2 edible food generators
 - ii. Waivers
 1. Reviews continue on both organic waste waiver exemptions and self-haul forms for recyclables.
 - iii. Outreach
 1. Using SB 1383 funds for an outreach/education campaign using City of Sand Diego assets that were shared.
 2. RFP for education and outreach is live on BuyNet 7/31/24
 3. Staples
 - a. Includes backpacks, binders, pens and other hard to recycle materials <https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling#rec>
 - iv. Organics Capacity
 1. Adequate capacity exists across the county for both organics recycling and edible food. Next exercise will be in five years.
 2. Presentation was shared with Regional Recycling Working Group members
 - v. Next CAC meeting
 1. Is postponed to September 12th
 - vi. Self Haul
 1. Some businesses have decided to stop self-hauling recyclables (too much work) and have switched back to cart/dumpster service.
- c. EDCO
- i. No report
- d. Non-profits
- i. League of Women Voters (LWV)
 1. Working on Community Power issue

2. Unknown if there will be a future vote on Wasting Fee topic.
 - ii. Carton Council
 1. New end market for cartons will be located on the West Coast.
 - a. Actual location is still pending but should be announced in the coming months.
 - b. All components of the carton will be shredded and pressed to create ceiling or wall boards.
 - c. Can be recycled again if source-separated.
 - iii. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
 1. Fix-It Clinics
 - a. Events <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
 - b. Currently looking for volunteers.
 - c. Exploring the option to begin setting up tool libraries in San Diego.
 - iv. Sierra Club
 1. The San Diego chapter of the Sierra Club supports the Wasting Fee plan.
 2. Currently looking into artificial turf due to negative health impacts.
 3. SDGE has a tool library.
 - v. I Love A Clean San Diego
 1. <https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/>
 2. Multiple clean up events happening in July
 3. Coastal Cleanup Event scheduled for September 21st 9am-12pm
<https://www.cleansd.org/events/40th-annual-coastal-cleanup-day-2/>
 - a. Attendee comments
 - B. Let's Do It (Estonia) is collecting data on litter worldwide including brands/materials
<https://www.worldcleanupday.org/>
 - vi. Solana Center
 1. No report
 - vii. Goodwill San Diego
 1. Events
 - a. District 9 (City of San Diego) cleanup on August 9th, Saturday (near SDSU).
 2. Partnering with Dell Reconnect to recycle hard plastic.
 3. Looking into any glass recycling options for leaded glass, crystal, drinkware, etc. Very hard to recycle.
 - a. Attendee comments
 - B. Buy Nothing group was mentioned for free pick up of materials.
5. Public Comments and Communication
 - a. Attendees discussed
 - i. Webinar from NERC <https://www.nerc.org/>

1. Protein Evolution makes new materials from breaking down polyester.
 - ii. County visited EDCOs digester in Escondido.
 - iii. CoolNow.org (composting conversations from experts in the field)
<https://coolnow.org/>
6. Regional Planning issues
 - a. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
 - i. Supervisor Lawson Reemer's office is interested in the topic but doesn't have the capacity to work on at this time.
 - ii. High Sierran article on Wasting Fee topic is out [July August Sept 24-web.pdf \(sandiegosierraclub.org\)](#)
 - iii. Chair is considering taking the Wasting Fee discussion straight to the Board of Supervisors.
 - iv. Chair is asking attendees to write to the Board of Supervisors in support of the Wasting Fee pplan.
7. Legislative update (<https://www.calpsc.org/legislation>)
 - 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.
Dead bill as of 1/18/24.
 - 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.
Passed out of the Assembly Com. on NAT. RES. with a 9-3 vote on 07/01/24.
 - d. [AB 234 – Bauer-Kahan – Microparticles](#) (dead bill as of 1/31/24)
 - e. [AB 347 – Ting - Household product safety: toxic substances](#) (ordered to inactive file, 9/11/23)

f. [AB 660 – Irwin – Food labeling: quality dates, safety dates, and sell by dates](#)
Passed out of the Senate Com. on AGRI. with a 5-0 vote on 06/18/24. Re-referred to the Senate Com. on APPR., in suspense file.

g. [AB 1290 – Luz Rivas – Product safety: plastic packaging: substances](#)
Banning colored PETE (#1) bottles. (Dead bill as of 2/1/24)

h. [AB 1347 – Ting – Solid waste: paper waste: proofs of purchase](#)
“Skip the Slip.”

Passed out of the Assembly Floor with 49-17 vote on 05/30/23. Passed out of the Senate Com. on JUD. with a 9-0 vote on 06/27/23. Last amended on 07/12/23. Passed out of the Senate Com. on E.Q. with a 4-2 vote on 07/12/23. Amended on 07/13/23. Sitting in Senate Com. on APPR. as of 08/21/23.

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/>

h. [SB 1053 -- Solid waste: reusable grocery bags: standards: plastic film prohibition](#)

This bill would revise the single-use carryout bag exception to include a bag used solely to contain or wrap specified uncooked foods and other specified items to avoid contamination, prevent damage from moisture, or for sanitary, public health, or environmental protection purposes. The bill would revise the definition of “recycled paper bag” to require it be made from 100 percent postconsumer recycled materials, without exception.

Passed out the Senate Floor with a 31-7-2 vote on 05/21/24. Passed out of the Assembly Com. on NAT. RES. with a 9-3 vote on 07/01/24. Last amended on 07/03/24. Re-referred to the Assembly Com. on APPR. to be heard TBD.

i. [SB 1143 -- Household hazardous waste: producer responsibility](#)

This bill would create a producer responsibility program for products containing household hazardous waste and require a producer responsibility organization (PRO) to provide a free and convenient collection and management system for covered products.

- Passed out the Senate Floor with a 30-7-3 vote on 05/21/24. Last amended on 06/10/24. Passed out of the Assembly Com. on E.S. & T.M. with a 5-2 vote on 06/25/24. Passed out of the Assembly Com. on NAT. RES. with a 9-2 vote on 07/01/24. Re-referred to the Assembly Com. on APPR. to be heard TBD.

j. [SB 1280 -- Waste management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable](#)

This bill would, on and after an unspecified date, prohibit the sale or offer for sale of propane cylinders other than those propane cylinders that are reusable or refillable, by 1/1/28.

Passed out of the Assembly Com. on NAT. RES. with a 7-1 vote on 06/17/24. Re-referred to the Assembly Com. on APPR. to be heard TBD.

k. [AB 2762 -- Plastic waste: California Reusable Beverage Container Act](#)

This bill would require, for certain beverage manufacturers, by January 1, 2031, that no less than 5% of the volume of beverages that a beverage manufacturer sells in beverage containers in California be sold in reusable beverage containers, and that by January 1, 2032, no less than 60% of that 5% be in reusable beverage containers that were returned for reuse.

Dead bill as of 5/17/24.

l. [AB 2761 – Reducing Toxics in Packaging Act](#)

This bill would enact the Reducing Toxics in Packaging Act, which would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2026, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing in the state plastic packaging that contains certain chemicals.

Passed Assembly on 5/22/24. Referred to Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to be heard 6/19/24.

m. [AB-863, Carpet and flooring recycling: producer responsibility organizations: fines: succession: training.](#)

This bill would establish a flooring producer responsibility program that would require producers of covered products to form and join a single product responsibility organization (PRO) for the collection and recycling of a covered product. This bill would define a “covered product” to include carpet, artificial turf, and resilient flooring.

Passed out of the Assembly Floor with 63-8 vote on 05/30/23. Passed out of the Senate Com. on E.Q. with a 5-2 vote on 06/19/24. Last amended on 06/20/24. Passed out of the Senate Com. on JUD. with a 9-2 vote on 07/02/24.

8. Roundtable

a. Federal Senate has approved a Recycling and a separate composting bill

i. [S. 1194 Recycling and Composting Accountability Act](#) Passed Senate on 3/12/24.

ii. [S. 1189 Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act of 2024](#) Passed Senate on 3/12/24.

9. Adjournment