

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

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 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 December 2023
3. Chair's Report
4. Staff Reports
  - a. Cities
  - b. County
  - c. Haulers
  - d. Non-Profits
5. Public Comments and Communication
  - a. 1:00 Eric Wolff: Brown Act
6. Regional Planning Issues
7. Legislative Update
8. Roundtable
9. Adjournment

## Minutes

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

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Chair
    - i. Ric Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego (attending virtually)
  - b. Guests
    - i. Helen and Ron Kagan (UCSD/residents of San Diego)
    - ii. Kelsey Corban, I Love A Clean San Diego
    - iii. Steve Weihe, County of San Diego
    - iv. Chase Wiegand, City of San Diego
    - v. Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego (in-person)
    - vi. Beryl Flom, League of Women Voters
    - vii. Lotte Phoummavong
2. Approval, Minutes November 2023
  - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report
  - a. Asked if the CAC notes could be shared with the Regional Recycling Working group
    - i. Link was emailed to the Chair with contact info for attendees
4. Staff Reports
  - a. City of San Diego
    - i. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Christmas Tree recycling program
      1. Same drop-off locations as last year- <https://wastefreesd.org/resources/christmas-tree-recycling-program-2023/>
    - ii. School Landfill Tours at the Miramar Landfill continue
      1. <https://cleansd.org/landfill/>
    - iii. Slow Down Swap Party on 12/18 at Mission Hills Library from 5-7 PM
      1. <https://cleansd.org/event/slow-down-swap-party-at-mission-hills-library/>
    - iv. Celebrate Sustainability webinar on 12/20 at 6 PM
      1. <https://cleansd.org/event/celebrate-sustainably-zero-waste-holidays-parties-and-events-webinar/>
    - v. Looking to expand outreach efforts in 2024 with additional green bin education
    - vi. Actively reviewing and processing organic waste waiver requests
      1. Attendee feedback
        - a. Have noticed low set out rates for green bins
        - b. Blue bins are overflowing-when would/could recycling collection move to weekly?
          - B. Potentially after Measure B is fully implemented, per City
        - c. Ron Kagan
          - B. Has a new app that assists with recycling education
  - b. County of San Diego
    - i. Site Visits
      1. Tier I and II businesses, commercial and multi-family locations.
      2. Evaluating organic waste waivers and assisting with recycling programs.
      3. Staff are conducting C&D visits and inspections

- ii. Waivers
  - 1. Have slowed down
  - 2. Still reviewing and processing both organic waste waiver exemptions and self-haul forms for recyclables.
- c. EDCO
  - i. No report
- d. Non-Profits
  - i. League of Women Voters San Diego
    - 1. No report
  - ii. Carton Council
    - 1. No report
  - iii. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
    - 1. Fix It Clinics
      - a. Still actively scheduling
      - b. 1/20/23 Fix It Clinic in Spring Valley
        - i. <https://sdfixitclinic.org/event/san-diego-fixit-clinic-at-mt-miguel-covenant-living-community-in-spring-valley/>
    - 2. 2024 Zero Waste Symposium is February 28, 2024- <https://tinyurl.com/ywkr7j6s>
      - a. Looking for sponsorships
      - b. Speakers will include Renee Robertson, Director of Environmental Services for the City of San Diego, and Michael Wonsidler, Program Manager for Solid Waste Planning and Recycling at the County of San Diego
  - iv. Sierra Club
    - 1. No report
  - v. I Love A Clean San Diego
    - 1. Amy Unruh will be presenting at Zero Waste Symposium
    - 2. Julian Cleanup 12/16
      - a. <https://cleansd.org/event/watershed-warriors-julian-community-cleanup-12-16-23/>
    - 3. Oceanside Cleanup 12/16
      - a. <https://cleansd.org/event/stay-classy-oside-libby-lake-community-cleanup-12-16-23/>
    - 4. Additional Cleanups scheduled for January 2024
      - a. <https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/>
    - 5. Green Business Solutions webinar with Wells Fargo on 1/24 at 4 PM
      - a. <https://cleansd.org/event/green-business-solutions-webinar-01-24/>
  - vi. Solana Center
    - 1. No report
  - vii. Goodwill San Diego
    - 1. Lotte shared that they are preparing for end of the year donations
      - a. There is a large increase around the holidays

## 5. Public Comments and Communication

- a. Attendees discussed
  - i. What is the current participation rate for green bin set out (within the City)?
    - 1. City is analyzing the collection data and plans to perform bin checks in the future
    - 2. Green bin tonnage is increasing

- ii. Is there a process for updating the “What Goes Where” document?
  - 1. City and County review internally on an annual or semi-annual basis
  - 2. Updates are made as materials are added or subtracted from the waste streams. Public input on what should be listed is welcome.
- iii. Restaurants are switching to paper take out containers
  - 1. Food-soiled paper is already listed on many jurisdictions’ outreach materials
- iv. Could QR codes be added to waste and recycling bins through stickers?
  - 1. Ric will review what other jurisdictions are doing and report back
  - 2. County will also discuss with local waste haulers and see if this is a possibility

## 6. Regional Planning Issues

### a. Wasting fee discussion (from Chair)

- i. County currently has a \$0.02/ton fee for all landfilled waste
  - 1. Chair suggests increasing this to \$2/ton
  - 2. Collected funds would be used on a regionwide education campaign covering Recycle Right, organic waste, Household Hazardous Waste, among other programs.
- ii. Chair discussed having the Board of Supervisors set up a commission to allocate and spend the collected monies from the fee
- iii. Chair estimates an increase of \$1/year to residents’ waste hauling bills due to the fee
- iv. Chair asked CAC attendees to come up with suggested programs that could be funded with the proposed fee
- v. Chair plans to take a group to a future Board of Supervisors meeting and during public comment, discuss and propose the fee
- vi. Chair plans on presenting the official proposal at the Zero Waste Symposium on 2/28
- vii. Chair plans on the final proposal going before the Board in April of 2024
- viii. Chair mentioned he will start reaching out to Board offices in the coming weeks/early 2024

- b. Guests discussed if various neighborhood groups could be involved in the Wasting Fee discussion

## 7. Legislative Update

- a. Legislators return 1/3/24

## 8. Roundtable

N/A

## 9. Adjournment