

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

WHEN: Thursday, July 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
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 June 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, June 13, 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. Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego*
 - iii. Ani Putnam, City of San Diego
 - iv. Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego*
 - v. Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill San Diego
 - vi. Kelsey Corbran, Goodwill San Diego
 - vii. Gurveer Bharara, Zero Waste San Diego
 - viii. Chanelle Carney, I Love A Clean San Diego
(*attended in-person)
2. Approval, minutes from May 2024
 - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report
 - a. CRRRA conference will be in Anaheim, CA August 18-21, 2024
<https://www.crra.com/conference>
 - b. National Zero Waste Conference will be virtual October 2-3, 2024
<https://zwconference.org/>
 - c. Zero Waste International Alliance [Welcome - Zero Waste International Alliance \(zwia.org\)](https://www.zwia.org/)
 - i. Chair was interviewed on removing organic waste from the landfill by videographer from Germany.
4. Staff reports
 - a. City of San Diego
 - i. Compost giveaway
 1. Ran out of compost in one hour (high demand from residents).
 2. Planning on holding more events next fiscal year.
 3. Looking at ways to address barriers making access to compost easier.
 - ii. CalRecycle grant application still in process.
 - iii. Webpage updates ongoing and should be live in Oct/Nov.
 - iv. Launching a newsletter in 2 months and can subscribe (link pending).
 - v. Working on I Love A Clean San Diego contract renewal (allow for more tours/presentations).
 - vi. Measure B
 1. Website is up for FAQs [Potential Future Fees for Waste Collection Service | City of San Diego Official Website](https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events)
 - vii. Events- <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events>

- viii. Single Use Plastic Reduction ordinance
 - <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/pf-ban>
 - 1. Two waiver options for feasibility and financial hardships.
 - 2. Educational materials were mailed out to businesses.
- ix. Debris Assistance Program (DAP)
 - 1. 110 bins have been deployed with 47 still active. Have been locking bins to deter illegal dumping.
 - 2. No end date (many residents still have construction/demo pending)
- x. Attendees asked
 - 1. Where compost giveaways took place?
 - a. Local libraries
 - b. Could a reservation system be utilized for pick up?
 - 2. Miramar Landfill fee increase?
 - a. City will circle back and report next month on new fee structure.
 - 3. Resource Recovery Park
 - a. The City is looking into the possibility of building a Resource Recovery Park at the Miramar Landfill.
 - 4. New City staff
 - a. ESD Director, Kirby Brady
 - b. ESD Deputy Director, Andrea De Leon
- 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. 50+ site visits conducted in May
 - 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. Working on a new RFP for education and outreach
 - 3. SB1383 Compliance Webinar hosted by Solana Center on 6/19 from 2-3pm https://solanacenter.org/inspire_events/sb-1383-compliance-commercial-food-waste-prevention-webinar-2/
 - 4. Oil Filter Exchange Event 6/1
 - a. 168 total oil filters were exchanged for recycling
 - iv. National Association of Counties Awards

1. San Diego County Library partnership with Fix-It Clinics
<https://www.naco.org/news/announcing-2024-naco-achievement-award-winners>
2. Seeds and Sustainability Project at County libraries
 - a. Promotes native plant usage, composting and recycling
- v. Community events
 1. Unincorporated San Diego Residential Clean Up Event
 - a. <https://tinyurl.com/3y66j9kc>
 - b. Free bulky item disposal
 - c. Free recycling options for e-waste, green waste, blue bin materials, mattress and box springs and metal (these materials all have every day recycling options too).
- vi. Self Haul
 1. Some businesses have decided to stop self-hauling recyclables (too much work) and have switched back to cart/dumpster service.
- vii. Oil Recycling Event
 1. Advertising on Padres radio worked well.
- c. EDCO
 - i. No report
- d. Non-profits
 - i. League of Women Voters (LWV)
 1. No report
 - ii. Carton Council
 1. No report
 - iii. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
 1. City of Los Angeles has started to hold FixIt Clinics (Long Beach, Glendale, Compton, Lomita)
 2. Sierra Club ZW sub committee
 - a. Main issues being discussed have been artificial turf and gas powered landscaping equipment and the push to switch to electric.
 3. Fix-It Clinics
 - a. Events <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
 - b. Branching out into composting, accepting different materials.
 - iv. Sierra Club
 1. No report
 - v. I Love A Clean San Diego
 1. <https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/>
 2. Kids Ocean event
 - a. 1000 students from title 1 schools attended
 3. July 5 morning after mess clean up, in conjunction Surfrider
 - vi. Solana Center

1. 40 year anniversary celebration was recently held.
- vii. Goodwill San Diego
 1. Events
 - a. In partnership with EDCO and will include paper shredding, e-waste and usable goods (6/15 at Emmanuel Faith Church in Escondido).
 - b. Poway on 6/22 at the City of Poway yard.
 2. Starting some pilot projects with collecting and recycling soft plastics with Trex.
 3. Hired another sustainability team member focused on community events.
5. Public Comments and Communication
 - a. Attendees discussed
 - i. City of Imperial Beach is now the most polluted beach in US.
 - ii. City of San Diego-
 1. Mattress and box spring recycling collection reached 10,000 units per year (Mattress Recycling Council trailer is being swapped 3x/week).
 2. Collecting data on three different streams (illegally dumped, recycled, landfilled).
 3. Between 9,000 to 19,000 mattress and box springs are still going to the landfill (fee booth is not turning around loads with mattress to recycle them).
 4. Updates on the Organic Processing Facility and insights into the possibility of a Resource Recovery Park will be shared at the next meeting.
 5. Measure B study is expected to be completed in 2025 with potential 2026 implementation.
 - iii. Ron Kagan
 1. CBS 8 featured Planet Flip mobile app. He is also teaching a course at UCSD in engineering while tying in recycling-related topics.
 - iv. Zero Waste International Alliance
 1. The Youth Convergence will likely be in San Diego within next 2 years (those under the age of 30). Could/would universities want to be involved?
6. Regional Planning issues
 - a. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
 - i. Has settled on a \$1 fee per ton of waste landfilled, which would generate \$3.5 million per year for recycling and toxic reduction education.
 - ii. Is currently looking for a Supervisor to back the proposal. May consider going directly to the Board of Supervisors and asking for support.
 - iii. A 4-page paper on the proposed "Waste and Toxic Reduction Disposal Fee" was shared with Supervisor Lawson-Remer's office as well as local non-profits.

iv. An article on fee proposal will be in the High Sierran in July/August.

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.

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.

Amended 6/10/24; in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

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](#)
(Amended and in Senate Ag. Committee as of 6/6/24)

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.”

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/>

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 the Senate on 5/21/24. Referred to Assembly Committee on Natural Resources.

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 the Senate on 5/21/24. Referred to Assembly Committee on Natural Resources.

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 the Senate on 5/21/24. Referred to Assembly Committee on Natural Resources.

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.

TBD hearing date in Appropriations Committee.

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.

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