

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

WHEN: Thursday, March 14, 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 February 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, February 8, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Chair
 - i. Ric Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego
 - b. Guests
 - i. Laura Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego
 - ii. Steve Weihe, County of San Diego
 - iii. Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego
 - iv. Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill of San Diego
 - v. Helen and Ron Kagan, residents/UCSD
 - vi. Kelsey Corbran, I Love A Clean San Diego
 - vii. Bob Hill, EDCO Waste and Recycling
 - viii. Paul Marina, resident
 - ix. Chase Wiegand, City of San Diego
 - x. Ron Askeland, Sierra Club of San Diego
2. Approval, minutes from January 2024
 - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report
 - a. Both incinerators in Long Beach and Stanislaus will be closed
 - b. California is working on a state Zero Waste plan
 - c. [SB 54 rulemaking in process](#)
 - d. Zero Waste Symposium 2024
 - i. Tuesday, February 28 <https://zerowastesandiego.org/events-main/>
 - ii. County Operations Center Chambers-[5520 Overland Ave San Diego 92123](#)
 - iii. Looking for sponsorships
4. Staff reports
 - a. City of San Diego
 - i. Due to the recent flooding, Recycling Specialists are going door-to-door in an effort to assist with outreach and recovery coordination

- ii. An unknown number of trash/recycle/organic waste bins were washed away during the flood. City is working on replacements for residents.
 - iii. Green bins have serial numbers that correspond to a particular address and customer
- 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.
 2. CalRecycle
 - a. Visited commercial businesses/restaurants/school/mobile home park
 - b. Generally positive feedback from staff
 3. Flood/debris recovery
 - a. County was very active in flood debris removal including door-to-door for HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) collection since January 29th and have assisted over 130 affected households
 - ii. Waivers
 1. Reviews continue on both organic waste waiver exemptions and self-haul forms for recyclables
 2. C&D recycling rate refunds question forwarded to staff
- c. EDCO
- i. Markets
 1. Still shipping materials
 2. Materials need to be kept DRY as sorting lines at the MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) have to be slowed to accommodate wet materials
 - ii. Yard/organic waste
 1. CalRecycle [grants](#) for compost are available-\$40K, yearly, to help pay for transportation to the farm/school/etc
 2. Biomass power plant in Coachella Valley has stopped taking green waste; may be only temporary. Inland Pacific Resource Recovery in Lakeside sends a portion of their green waste to this plant.

3. Currently looking for additional outlets for C&D wood waste
- iii. New CRV program
 1. Now includes wine, spirits and wine cartons/pouches
 2. Until 7/1/25, no CRV labels are needed to redeem
 - a. Wines may be 3-5 years old; gives them time to recreate their labels to include CRV info
 3. One-ounce small liquor bottles are included
 4. Wine cartons/pouches
 - a. No end market currently
 5. CRV rates for curbside material will be higher with the addition of wine bottles under the CRV program
 6. Guests discussed glass wine bottle refilling vs. crushing and recycling
 - a. Conscious Container is [refilling wine bottles](#) for reuse
 - d. Non-profits
 - i. League of Women Voters-no report
 - ii. Produce Good-no report
 - iii. Carton Council-no report
 - iv. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
 1. Fix-It Clinic
 - a. Still actively scheduling; hosting around 2x/month
 - b. 2/10, Chula Vista <https://zerowastesandiego.org/event/chula-vista-february-10/>
 - c. 2/24, Rancho San Diego <https://zerowastesandiego.org/event/san-diego-fixit-clinic-at-rancho-san-diego-library/>
 - d. 3/9, Coronado <https://zerowastesandiego.org/event/san-diego-fixit-clinic-in-coronado/>
 - e. 3/23, Encinitas at Solana Center https://solanacenter.org/inspire_events/taking-on-textile-waste-event/
 2. Zero Waste Symposium
 - a. City Councilmember and State Senator will be attending

- b. Discounts are available for students and non-profits
 - c. Los Angeles County libraries are acting as lending tool libraries
 - v. Sierra Club
 - 1. Ron is looking for interesting article topics for the next edition of the [High Sierran](#)
 - 2. Landscapers can trade in their gas powered equipment for electric versions using [APCD \(Air Pollution Control District\) funding](#)
 - vi. I Love A Clean San Diego
 - 1. <https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/>
 - vii. Solana Center-no report
 - viii. Goodwill San Diego
 - 1. Will be at EDCO's paper shredding events collecting items for donation/reuse
 - 2. Offered a group tour of Goodwill's Otay Mesa Location
Mphoummavong@sdgoodwill.org
 - 3. Goodwill can assist with any electronic waste (e-waste) collection events
- 5. Public Comments and Communication
 - a. Attendees discussed
 - i. If additional facility tours were available
 - 1. Reach out to Bob Hill
 - ii. Could there be a potential collaboration on future Earth Day events?
 - iii. Ron Kagan-Planet Flip (app) has been working on writing mobile games
 - 1. <https://planetflip.net/recycleit/>
 - iv. How will SB 54 enforce on non-compliant products crossing the border from Mexico into the US?
 - v. Pyrolysis innovation-could this be useful in dealing with the surplus of yard waste?
 - vi. Biochar production through pyrolysis and difficulties with permitting (air quality)
 - vii. Could a biomass facility be converted to produce biochar? Unknown cost associated with pyrolysis/emissions
- 6. Regional Planning issues

- a. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
 - i. A draft proposal has been shared with both the League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club of San Diego for input
 - ii. Wasting Fee has been renamed the “Waste and Toxics Reduction Fee”
 - iii. Chair updated the proposed fee to \$1/ton charged to landfilled waste
 - 1. Would fund educational programs/grants/loans and discussed hiring a specialist to oversee education of residents within the San Diego region
 - iv. A portion of the collected fee could replicate Alameda County’s grants program
 - v. Proposal has not been shared with the Board of Supervisors yet
 - vi. Anticipated final draft ready by the end of the month
 - vii. Chair anticipates discussing the “Waste and Toxics Reduction Fee” proposal during the Zero Waste Symposium on 2/28 during the SB 54 panel

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/>

8. Roundtable-N/A

9. Adjournment