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

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 9, 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 April 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, April 11, 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. Eric Wolff, County of San Diego
    - iii. Roland Harpin City of San Diego
    - iv. Derek Lam, City of San Diego
    - v. Beryl Flom, League of Women Voters
    - vi. Ron Askeland, Sierra Club
    - vii. Kelsey Corbran, Goodwill of San Diego
    - viii. Chanel Carney, I Love A Clean San Diego
    - ix. Bob Hill, EDCO
    - x. Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill San Diego
    - xi. Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
    - xii. Helen Kagan, resident/UCSD (\*attended in-person)
- 2. Approval, minutes from March 2024
  - a. Approved
- 3. Chair's Report
  - a. Zero Waste Forum
    - i. Was held in San Francisco; 100 attendees
    - ii. Focused on reuse and facilitated an international dialogue on zero waste
    - iii. March 30<sup>th</sup> was suggested as the International Zero Waste Day by a representative from Turkey
    - iv. United Nations is considering accepting the peer reviewed definition of zero waste
    - v. Separation of materials and getting organic waste out of landfills top are priorities
    - vi. Many attendees were visiting from countries outside of the US
  - b. Ric is now the Chair of National Recycling Coalition
  - c. Federal recycling bills
    - i. SB 1189 The Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act
    - ii. SB 1194 The Recycling and Composting Accountability Act
- 4. Staff reports
  - a. City of San Diego
    - i. Ongoing storm support with roll-off containers (Debris Assistance Program)
      - 1. 49 roll off dumpsters currently in affected areas (mostly C&D materials)

- 2. City is utilizing Code Officers to assist with illegal dumping issues (ongoing effort)
- 3. SANCO/EDCO can accept C&D materials from roll offs
  - a. Carpeting must be source separated from C&D debris
  - b. Republic is providing the roll off containers and has C&D facility in Otay
- ii. <u>Single-Use Plastic Reduction Ordinance</u>-previous exemptions ended 3/31/24
  - 1. Currently setting up intake process
  - 2. Extensions are being offered to businesses in the affected flood zones
- iii. Earth month events
  - 1. Working with different organizations, including I Love A Clean San Diego
  - 2. World Beat Multicultural Earth Day Fair
- iv. Outreach events through I Love A Clean San Diego
  - 1. <a href="https://cleansd.org/events/">https://cleansd.org/events/</a>
- v. Attendees asked
  - 1. What is being done with HHW from affected flood areas?
    - a. City has a separate pick up for these materials
  - 2. It was suggested that Code Officers could be utilized to determine if rolloffs could go to a C&D recycling facility
- b. County of San Diego
  - i. Site Visits
    - 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. 49 site visits conducted in March
      - 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
    - 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)
  - iii. Outreach
    - Using SB 1383 funds for an outreach/education campaign using City of Sand Diego assets that were shared
    - Attendees asked about the City of El Cajon and if they are reviewing multifamily complexes for green bins/organics compliance
      - a. EDCO is actively reaching out to all businesses
- c. EDCO

- Discussed their active manure collection route and potential to utilize this material for carbon farming
  - 1. Is interested in creating more routes, specifically in the north county
  - 2. County is currently reviewing updates to zoning ordinance and where manure may fall
  - 3. EDCO is Currently hauling 40 tons of manure/week
  - 4. They are offering price discounts for customers with manure-only service
- ii. Amazon plastic mailers are still causing ssues at the MRF
- iii. Noticed a drop in the percentage of cardboard in the recycling stream
- iv. Shredding and mulch giveaway events are underway
- 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. Fix-It Clinic
      - a. 60% fix rate
      - b. Events in April-https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/
  - iv. Sierra Club
    - 1. Most recent article in the High Sierran is available
    - 2. Sierra Club Executive Committee approved the wasting fee plan
    - 3. Helping with the transition from gas to electric leaf blowers
      - a. Worked with the City of La Mesa to transition to electric landscape equipment
    - 4. Working on artificial turf research
- e. I Love A Clean San Diego
  - i. <a href="https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/">https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/</a>
  - ii. Additional City of San Diego landfill tours will open in June
  - iii. Annual Creek to Bay cleanup Event is on April 20
    - 1. 100 locations largest clean up in SD during earth week
- f. Solana Center
  - i. No report
- g. Goodwill San Diego
  - i. Goodwill will be on site at all EDCO shred/mulch giveaway events
- 5. Public Comments and Communication
  - a. Attendees discussed
    - i. East Otay landfill needed?
      - 1. Need more recycling not more landfills
    - ii. Ron Kagan

- UCSD students are working on games and quizzes for mobile apps on recycling.
- iii. Helen Kagan
  - 1. Attended Solana Center's textile recycling event
    - a. Showcased algae-based shoes
- 6. Regional Planning issues
  - a. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
    - i. Sierra Club Executive Committee has endorsed the Chair's fee plan
    - ii. The League of Women Voters is considering the plan and will likely vote to approve/deny soon
    - iii. Zero Waste San Diego is in support of the fee plan
    - iv. Chair has been in touch with Supervisor Lawson-Reemer's office
      - 1. Supervisor has not taken a position on the fee plan yet
    - v. Chair is still considering a strategy on how he will introduce the fee plan to the Board of Supervisors
      - 1. He is considering asking a Board office to put the topic on an upcoming agenda for discussion

## 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. Referred to Committee on Environmental Quality to be heard on 04/03/24.

## 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.

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. <u>AB 1290 Luz Rivas Product safety: plastic packaging: substances</u> 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- <a href="https://calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-per/">https://calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-per/</a> and public comment period is open from 3/8/24 to 4/23/24 <a href="https://calrecycle.commentinput.com/?id=PFAQtV4pU">https://calrecycle.commentinput.com/?id=PFAQtV4pU</a>

## 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.

Referred to Committee on Environmental Quality to be heard on 04/17/24.

### 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.

Referred to Committee on Environmental Quality to be heard on 04/03/24.

### 8. Roundtable-N/A

- 1. EPA Zero Waste Update
- 2. <u>ERI Partners with Staples to Broaden Nationwide Store-Based Recycling Services to Now Include Consumer Batteries (waste360.com)</u>

Federal Senate has approved a Recycling and a separate composting bill 9. Adjournment