

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 8/27/24

Meetings take place the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

Host: Eric.Wolff@sdcounty.ca.gov

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Tracie Bills, CRRRA and HDR
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Alma Ramirez, City of Escondido
- Maddie LaScola, Goodwill Industries of San Diego County
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Janin Rodarte, City of Oceanside
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Phoebe Schenker, Reuse Alliance
- Anthony Smith, Republic Services SD
- Rick Gloria City of San Diego LEA
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego OSEJ
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Eric Wolff, County of San Diego
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Leia Berube, Solana Center
- Leslie Webb-Blanco, City of Vista
- Daniel Butler, WM
- Debbie Descans, WM
- Cynthia Mallett, WM
- Jenna Roripaugh, WM

2. Open Forum

- **Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego:** Join I Love a Clean San Diego at Mission Bay Fiesta Island Cleanup (9/3) and 40th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day (9/21). Visit the [events page](#) for details. Check out I Love a Clean San Diego's [program portfolio](#) to learn more about the various programs and education and outreach services they offer. If you'd like to be a site captain for Coastal Cleanup Day or for more information on the portfolio, please contact Amy Unruh at AUnruh@cleansd.org.
- **Leia Berube, Solana Center:** Solana Center continues to conduct SB 1383 site visits. Observations from visits include sites having difficulty furnishing food recovery agreements and recordkeeping at individual stores as they are largely being kept at the corporate level and completing maximum donation of edible food. Solana Center in partnership with the City of San Diego is offering the Master Composter course in September.
- **Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants:** HF&H is hosting the [Southern California Emerging Issues Summit](#) on September 25. Please limit to 3 participants per agency.

3. Presentation

- **Phoebe Schenker, Reuse Alliance:** The [Reuse Alliance](#) works to prevent resources from becoming waste by advocating for, collaborating with, and supporting reuse enterprises that recirculate materials in our communities. This work includes connecting the reuse elements of resale, repair, repurpose, and refill in a Reuse Hub, conducting public education and outreach, and working on policies that support and fund reuse. For more information, please contact Phoebe Schenker at Phoebe@reusealliance.org.

4. CalRecycle Update:

- **Eric Wolff, County of San Diego on behalf of CalRecycle:**
 - The 2023 Electronic Annual Report was due on August 1.
 - The next SB 1383 monthly chat with CalRecycle is scheduled for Aug 28 with a focus on edible food recovery program implementation.
 - CalRecycle JACE branch continues to notify jurisdictions of the commencement of their compliance evaluations.
 - Open loan/grant cycles include Rubberized Pavement Grant Program (due 9/12), Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program (due 9/24), Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (due 10/8), Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program (due 11/19), Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program (due 12/5), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous), and Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous).
 - Upcoming stakeholder workshops include Meeting Compost Market Demands for CalTrans (9/10) and Public meeting notice: Battery-Embedded Products Virtual Informal Rulemaking Workshop (9/18).
 - The next CalRecycle monthly public meeting is 9/17.

5. CPSC Update

- **Joane Brasch, CPSC:** We are in the final few days of legislation.
 - **SB 1280**, Waste management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable. No amendments or changes planned.
 - **SB 707**, Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024. Will likely be heard today.

6. NSAC Update

- **Jordan Wells, NSAC:**
 - **SB 1066:** Hazardous waste: marine flares: manufacturer responsibility.
 - **AB 863:** Carpet recycling: producer responsibility organizations fines: succession: training.

7. Wasting Fee Update – No update.

8. SB1383 Rollout Roundtable – No discussion.

9. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- **Edible Food** – The August meeting was cancelled due to CRRA.
- **HHW** – No update.
- **Organics** – The group discussed the opportunity to hold trainings for compost and mulch use.
- **Reuse and Repair Network** – No report.

10. Roundtable

- **Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas:** Paul highlighted the CRRA session on SB 1383 implementation and the compliance review process.

11. Adjournment – the next meeting will be 9/24/24.