

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 1/23/24

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

- Chelsea Callahan, CalRecycle
- Jill Lerner, CalRecycle
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Kaitlyn Elliot-Norgrove, City of Del Mar
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Alma Fernandez, City of Escondido
- Juan Magdaraog, City of Escondido
- Janin Rodarte, City of Escondido
- Annika Andersen, HF&H Consultants
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Yvonee Codero, City of Imperial
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Shannon Pritchett, ProduceGood
- Anthony Smith, Republic Services
- Sarah Walsh, Republic Services
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego
- Jennifer Ott, City of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego
- Eric Wolff, County of San Diego
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Debbie Descans, Waste Management
- Jenna Roripaugh, Waste Management

2. Open Forum

- a. **Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego:** [Upcoming events](#) include Green Business Solutions Webinar (1/24), RiverBlue Film Screening (1/25), El Cajon – Flinn Springs County Park Cleanup (1/27), and Step up your Sustainability Webinar (1/30).
- b. **Mallika Sen, Solana Center:** [Upcoming events](#) include SB 1383 compliance webinar (1/24), pulling back the lid on recycling webinar (1/31), and a second SB 1383 inspector training for the City of Escondido. Solana Center continues SB 1383 site inspections and noted kitchen caddie liners are increasing program participation. Solana Center completed the latest version of food service ware products for the City of Vista.
- c. **Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas:** Paul introduced himself to the group. Paul is the Program Administrator of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Program for the City of Encinitas.

3. Presentation: Organics Capacity Planning

- a. **Stephanie Ewalt, County of San Diego Consultant:** Stephanie provided an overview of edible food recovery and organic waste disposal capacity planning requirements for jurisdictions. Jurisdictions are required to plan for the 10-year period of January 2025-Dec 2034. The County has developed an edible food

recovery tool to assist with capacity planning. A training on how to use the tool is available [here](#). Capacity planning information from jurisdictions is due to the County on May 16. For more information, please contact Stephanie Ewalt at Stephanie.Ewalt1@sdcountry.ca.gov.

4. CalRecycle Update, Emily Schuetz:

- a. The next SB 1383 monthly chat with CalRecycle is scheduled for 2/29 with a focus on capacity planning.
- b. I Recycle Smart campaign training resources for jurisdictions are available on their [website](#).
- c. SB 1383 facility training requirements are available on the LEA Central Regulation Implementation [webpage](#).
- d. An update on [grant/loan opportunities](#) was shared including: Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant Program (due 1/23), Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Partial Grant Program (due 2/14), Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (due 4/2), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous), Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous), Beverage Container Redemption Pilot Project Grant Program (continuous).
- e. Upcoming workshops include Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54) Q&A Session (2/1), SB 343 Preliminary Findings Public Workshop (2/13), and Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (2/21).
- f. The next CalRecycle monthly public meeting is 2/20.

5. CPSC Legislative Update – Joanne Brasch, CPSC: California is in the second year of the 2-year legislative session. An update on the following bills was shared:

- a. **AB 2**, Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules. CPSC sponsored.
- b. **SB 560**, Solid waste: gas cylinders: stewardship program. Look for a reintroduction of a new bill.
- c. **SB 707**, Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2023. CPSC sponsored.
- d. **AB 863**, Carpet recycling: carpet stewardship organizations: fines: succession: training.
- e. **AB 1238**, Hazardous waste: solar panels.
- f. **AB 615**, Vehicle traction batteries.

6. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable – No report.

7. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- a. **Edible Food** – No report. CRRRA had a meeting discussing enforcement. Jurisdictions will have a compliance evaluation once every 4 years.
- b. **HHW** – No report.
- c. **Organics** – The County is working on securing a contract for compost and mulch. The group also shared the upcoming SB 54 webinar and CREF Webinar – an introduction to composting human remains.

8. Roundtable

- a. **Serena Lee, City of La Mesa:** The City is working with Office Solutions to recycle toner cartridges.
- b. **Jennifer Off, City of San Diego:** CalRecycle selected the producer responsibility organization for the implementation of SB 54.

9. Adjournment – the next meeting will be 2/27/24.