

# Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 3/26/24

Meetings take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

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Minutes

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Joanne Brasch, California Product Stewardship Council
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Ofelia Andrade, City of El Cajon
- Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove, City of Del Mar
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Darlene Cossio, Goodwill San Diego
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Colleen Foster, HF&H Consultants
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Yvonne Cordero, City of Imperial
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach
- Heidi Sanborn, NSAC
- Annabelle Burruss, Port of San Diego
- Melissa Perez, Republic Services San Diego
- Anthony Smith, Republic Services San Diego
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Sonia Diaz, County of San Diego
- 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
- Fernando Moreno, SCS Engineers
- Larissa Amaral, Solana Center
- Jessica Toth, Solana Center
- Leslie Webb Blanco, City of Vista
- Debbie Descans, Waste Management
- Lori Mendez, Zero Waste San Diego
- Jesus Aramburo
- Neha Bharti
- Roland Harpin Jr.
- Alexis Heredia
- Quincy Smith
- James Wood

## 2. Open Forum

- a. **Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego:** Upcoming events include sustainable travel webinar, Green Routines workshop (4/15), and Creek to Bay Cleanup (4/22).
- b. **Joanne Brasch, California Product Stewardship Council:** There is an upcoming textile recycling workshop. Registration is open online at <https://www.calpsc.org/sb-textileworkshop>
- c. **Darlene Cossio, Goodwill:** Goodwill opened a new outlet center in downtown San Diego.
- d. **Larissa Amaral, Solana Center:** Solana Center hosted a textile waste event that included 100 attendees. SB 1383 education and outreach continues. Solana Center noted an increased demand for lunch waste assistance programs at schools.

- e. **Colleen Foster, HF&H Consultants:** The SWANA [Western Regional Symposium](#) will be held May 20-23 in Palm Springs.

### 3. Presentations:

- a. **Colleen Foster, HF&H Consultants:** SB 54, the Plastic Pollution and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act is the most comprehensive extended producer responsibility legislation in the nation for single-use packaging and foodware. This act aims to reduce the volume of plastic and packaging, increase recycling, shifts packaging pollution responsibility to producers, shifts costs from local jurisdictions/ratepayers, provides clarity and consistency for consumers, stimulates investment in reuse and refill systems, and fund cleanups efforts in disadvantaged communities. By 2032, 100% of single-use packaging and plastic single-use food ware must be recyclable or compostable, 65% of single-use plastic packaging and foodware must be recycled and there is a required 25% source reduction of single-use plastic packaging and foodware by weight and unit. For more information, please contact Colleen Foster at [CFoster@HFH-consultants.com](mailto:CFoster@HFH-consultants.com)

### 4. CalRecycle Update, Eric Wolff on behalf of CalRecycle:

- a. The next monthly SB 1383 chat will be on April 17 on Edible Food Recovery. Recordings of past chats are available on CalRecycle's YouTube channel.
- b. I Recycle Smart training resources are available for jurisdiction use. Tools and resources include videos, audio, social media and print assets.
- c. The SB 1383 facility training requirements are available on the LEA Central Regulation Implementation webpage.
- d. CalRecycle open grant and loan cycles include Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Program (due 4/2), Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grant Program (due 4/9), Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (due 4/16), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous), Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous).
- e. Upcoming stakeholder workshops include Battery Stewardship Informal Regulatory Concept Workshop (4/3), Covered Electronic Waste Workshop: Recovery and Recycling Payment Rates Considerations (4/8), 2024 California Tire Conference (6/19-20).
- f. SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act regulations were submitted to OAL. The public comment period is open and ends on April 23.
- g. The next CalRecycle public meeting is on 4/26.

### 5. CPSC Legislative Update –

- a. **Heidi Sanborn, National Stewardship Action Council:** SB 1143-Household Hazardous Waste Extended Producer Responsibility and SB 1066-Marine Flare are moving forward. Letters of support are requested.

- b. **Joanne Brasch, CPSC:** An update on the following bills was shared:
    - i. [AB 2](#): Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules
    - ii. [SB 1280](#): Waste Management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable.
- 6. **SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable** – No report.
- 7. **Other Regional Working Group Reports**
  - a. **Edible Food** – No report.
  - b. **HHW** – No report.
  - c. **Organics** – The group discussed compost and mulch distribution equipment.
- 8. **Roundtable** – No report.
- 9. **Adjournment** – the next meeting will be 4/23/24.