

# Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 4/23/24

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

- Joane Brasch, CPSC
- Tracie Bills, California Resource Recovery Association
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Alma Martinez, City of Escondido
- Kelsey Corbran, Goodwill
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Ricardo Rodriguez, City of National City
- Ken Prue, City of Oceanside
- Valerie Lake, One Earth Recycling
- Annabelle Burruss, Port of San Diego
- Jennifer Steffen, City of Poway
- Anthony Smith, Republic Services, San Diego
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego
- Rick Gloria, City of San Diego LEA
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Eric Wolff, County of San Diego
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Mayra Garcia, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
- Craig Kolodge, San Pasqual Valley Soils
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Fernando Moreno, SCS Engineers
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Daniel Butler, Waste Management
- Cynthia Mallett, Waste Management
- Jenna Roripaugh, Waste Management

## 2. Open Forum

- a. **Mallika Sen, Solana Center:** Solana Center is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the [Waste to Wonder](#) event on May 11. Other [upcoming events](#) include Water Wise Gardening Workshop on April 27 and Verimcomposting Basics webinar on May 8. Solana Center continues to work with school districts that have bulk food to donate but haven't identified partners. Solana Center is reaching out to a number of jurisdictions regarding a compliance template and noted that they heard from CalRecycle that e-bikes would not be an approved expenditure with SB 1383 grant funds.
- b. **Valerie Lake, One Earth Recycling:** One Earth Recycling submitted two applications for the recycling innovation grant. The grant application included a proposal to open eight new full-service redemption centers including bulk reverse vending machines, bag drop locations and mobile apps. Grant awards are anticipated to be announced in August.

- c. **Serena Lee, City of La Mesa:** The City of La Mesa is partnering with I Love a Clean San Diego to host a cleanup event on May 11 and a clothing swap event. The City is also interested in managing surplus items.
- d. **Rick Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego:** The [2024 CRRA Conference](#) will be held August 18-21 in Anaheim.
- e. **Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad:** Carlsbad businesses can request free compost and recycling bins by submitting an online [application](#).

### 3. Presentations – None.

### 4. CalRecycle Update, Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle:

- a. There was a SB 1383 chat on April 17 discussing Edible Food Recovery. The next chat will be on May 15 covering jurisdiction enforcement. Recordings of past chats are available on CalRecycle’s YouTube channel.
- b. CalRecycle [open grant and loan cycles](#) include Local Enforcement Agency Grant Program (due 5/9), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous), Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous).
- c. Upcoming stakeholder workshops include SB 54 May Non-Regulatory Workshop (5/1), Recycling and Disposal Reporting System Webinar (5/23), 2024 California Tire Conference (6/19-20).
- d. The SB 54 regulations were submitted to the Office of Administrative Law. The public comment period started on March 8 and ends on April 23.
- e. The next monthly public meeting is scheduled for May 21.

### 5. Legislative Update

- a. **Joanne Brasch, CPSC:** An update on the following bills was shared:
  - i. [AB 2](#): Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules. Received technical assistance from DTSC and CalRecycle.
  - ii. [AB 1238](#): Hazardous waste: solar panels.
  - iii. [SB 1280](#): Waste Management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable.
  - iv. [Marine Flare Switch Campaign](#). There will be upcoming events in the San Diego region in the fall.
  - v. [AB 2445](#): Prescriptions: personal use pharmaceutical disposal system.
  - vi. [SB 1426](#): Waste reduction: undiverted materials.
- b. **Jordan Wells, NSAC:** An update on the following bills was shared:
  - i. [SB 1066](#): Hazardous waste: marine flares: producer responsibility. [Webinar](#) on May 6<sup>th</sup>. [Support letter](#).
  - ii. [SB 1143](#): Household hazardous waste: producer responsibility. [Support letter](#).
  - iii. [AB 863](#): Carpet recycling: carpet stewardship organizations: fines: succession: training.

### 6. Wasting Fee Update

- a. **Rick Anthony:** Rick proposed a \$2 wasting fee to be collected on each ton of trash disposed of at the landfill. Rick has presented this concept to the Citizen’s Advisory Committee and Sierra Club and has not received any negative

comments. Attendees are encouraged to share their thoughts on the fee and let their decision makers know about it.

- i. **Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad:** Avecita asked if there would be a presentation on this topic, how the funding would be assigned, and how jurisdictions would collaborate on this.
  - ii. **Heather Heckman, City of Santee:** Heather requested additional information on the proposal.
  - iii. **Serena Lee, City of La Mesa:** Serena asked how the fee was calculated and if there would be any residential/commercial customer cost savings or other co-benefits such as greenhouse gas emissions reductions.
- b. Rick shared that the fee is conceptual at this time to gauge interest. Possible uses could be funding for jurisdiction programs, education campaigns and grants/loan programs.

#### **7. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable**

- a. **Eric Wolff, County of San Diego:** Jurisdiction capacity planning information is due to the County on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Resources to complete this exercise are available on the County's [website](#).

#### **8. Other Regional Working Group Reports**

- a. **Edible Food** – No report.
- b. **HHW** – No report.
- c. **Organics** – The County shared that they have a contract to purchase SB 1383 compliant compost and mulch. The County of San Diego, San Pasqual Valley Soils, and CalTrans District 5 will be presenting to the CASQA board on SB 1383 implementation related to recovered organics procurement and best management practices.
- d. **Reuse and Repair Network** – No report.

#### **9. Roundtable** – No report.

#### **10. Adjournment** – the next meeting will be 5/28/24.