

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 5/28/24

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

- Jenna Roripaugh- WM
- Amy Unruh – I Love a Clean San Diego
- Anthony Smith - Republic Services San Diego
- Manuel Medrano – City of Chula Vista
- Jennafer Steffen – City of Poway
- Michael Wonsidler – County of San Diego
- Mallika Sen – Solana Center
- Debbie Descans – WM of San Diego
- Edward Baskin – City of San Diego
- Sophia Martinez – County of San Diego
- Ofelia Andrade – City of Coronado
- Darlene Cossio – Goodwill
- Quincy Smith – Fellow with City of SD
- Danielle McIntosh - City of Poway
- Neha Bharti – City of San Diego
- Alma Ramirez – City of Escondido
- Jesus Aramburo – WM of Oceanside
- Joanne Brasch – CA Product Stewardship Council
- Edward Baskin
- Danielle McIntosh
- Frank Pacheco
- Heather Heckman
- Alexis Heredia
- Jonathan Lisicki
- Jordan
- Kelsey Corbran
- Natalia King – County of San Diego
- Leslie Webb Blanco
- Lori Mendez
- Sonia Diaz
- Caitlin Barboza
- Heather Buonomo
- Ellyn Law
- Vanessa Mello
- Jennifer Winfrey
- Steve Weihe – County of San Diego

2. Open Forum

- **Amy Unruh, I love a Clean San Diego:** Swap and oil filter exchange events coming up. This Saturday sustainable fashion and this weekend a landfill tour will be held. More information of upcoming events: <https://www.cleansd.org/events/>
- **Mallika Sen, Solana Center:** Statistics from Solana Center - Worked with 11 schools and interacted with over 1400 students, attended 9 community events including 2 workshops, one being the Fallbrook Avocado festival.
 - o In June they will be providing watershed protection information, worm composting, composting management; a SB 1383 June 19 webinar from the County, and a Climate change meeting with local voices June 6th 2 pm. More information on events: <https://solanacenter.org/events/>

3. Presentation

- **Amy Unruh, ILACSD: Building a Comprehensive School Recycling Program**
 1. School recycling programs- The main goal is to get schools compliant with AB 343 and SB 1383. Works with 24 districts, delivered over 7000 materials, implemented programs in 45 schools and are working with 125 schools. They work throughout the County of San Diego and have contracts with County of SD and City of La Mesa.
 2. Overview of program: 1. Assess 2. Educate 3. Equip 4. Implement 5. Check-In
 - a. Other resources: School Recycling Program Handbook, Lunchtime Sorting Recommended Set up, Pictures of Lunchtime Sorting
 - b. Key Lessons: Build relationships with schools, Eliciting feedback since schools know their schools and students best, Student helpers are very important – Green teams or group of students, Clear roles for all stakeholders at beginning and throughout, Green team to develop culture of environmentalism
 - c. Goal for future: GT curriculum for all grade levels, move beyond recycling and encouraging reuse, dishwasher grants, scratch cooking, farm to school initiatives

4. CalRecycle Update: Eric summarizing on behalf of CalRecycle

1. Monthly SB 1383 Chat on Tuesday June 25 to check on record keeping.
2. SB 1383 Compliance Eval- They will continue evaluation and will ask for implementation records. Make sure those are ready to go prior to 10-day notice.
3. Recycle Smart video and resources for outreach, social media, etc.
4. 4 Training webinars
5. Guidance for Landfills & open grant and loan programs
6. June 18, 20204 Next public meeting

5. Legislative Update

- Bills had to get out by last week.

- [AB 2](#) : Language and working with assembly member, final language public in next few weeks
- [SB 707](#): Textile EPR in second house, in the next round of amendments clean up on reporting, and ensuring textiles are not getting dumped on secondhand markets. 105 endorsements for this bill, diverse stakeholders including large brands (Roxy, Ikea, etc). 800+ jobs created in CA
- [SB 1280](#): Reuseable Propane bill: Started EPR but transitioned whole industry to reusable
- [AB 347](#) Guidance for PFAs – Died, there are some similar restructures SB 903 but did not go through
- [AB 1628v](#) Microfiber bills moved forward; AB 2316 moved forward bag ban
- [SB 615](#): Electric Vehicle battery, not sure it will go through
- [SB 1066](#) Marine Flare EPR – Good support and unanymouos votes going through, Lobbying and going to governor’s office with potential to be vetod, Marine Flare events <https://www.calpsc.org/marineflareswitchcampaign>
<https://forms.gle/2ZyZtPhNdvqjSKo98>
- [SB 1143](#): HHW EPR – Not as supported and major opponents, got through but a lot of republicans are voting no, seen as party line
- [AB 863](#): – Improves carpet company Care, 3rd and final cleanup bill

6. Wasting Fee Update - Disposal proposal will be ready to launch tomorrow. Actions coming next week.

7. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable

- Upcoming EAR due reminder

8. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- **Edible Food** – Malika Sen - Too good to go presentation, App for selling food at low price, Live Facts and picked up from 2 buffets, CalRecycle feedback Cities should give feedback through complaint if school is not complying, COSD showed two videos
- **HHW** – NA
- **Organics** – Mike COSD - generally talking about SB 1383, Compost awareness week, County 6 location give aways with great turn out, upcoming workshop event on June 6 in Irvine
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sb1383-workshop-demo-day-tickets-876258983207>
- **Reuse and Repair Network** – NA

9. Roundtable – NA

10. Adjournment – the next meeting will be 6/25/24