

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 6/25/24

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

- Joanne Brasch, CA Product Stewardship Council
- Tracie Bills, CRRRA
- AVECITA Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Jamie Wood, City of Carlsbad
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Stephanie Ewalt, EcoTech Consulting
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Alma Ramirez, City of Escondido
- Kelsey Corbran, Goodwill San Diego County
- Colleen Foster, HF&H Consultants
- Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego
- Yvonne Cordero, City of Imperial
- Annabelle Burruss, Port of San Diego
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Neha Bharti, City of San Diego
- Megan Kendall, City of San Diego
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Sonia Diaz, County of San Diego
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Eric Wolff, County of San Diego
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Amanda Boudreault, City of San Marcos
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Fernando Moreno, SCS Engineers
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Debbie Descans, WM of San Diego
- Cynthia Mallett, WM
- Jenna Roripaugh, WM
- Jesus Aramburo

2. Open Forum

- **Mallika Sen, Solana Center:** Solana Center in partnership with the City of San Diego is hosting a food waste prevention workshop and webinar in early July. A list of upcoming events is available on their [website](#). Solana Center is partnering with CRRRA to provide the inspector training course. Solana Center is excited to announce they have received a grant award to conduct textile recycling events. SB 1383 inspections are being scheduled in July. Additionally, Solana has written articles featured in various publications related to food circularity including [BioCycle](#) and [The Coast News Group](#).
- **Tracie Bills, CRRRA:** The CRRRA Conference will be held August 18-21 in Anaheim. The CRRRA Board is reviewing the agreement to approve Solana Center's project work for the inspector training course.
- **Amy Unruh, I Love a Clean San Diego:** I Love a Clean San Diego held the Sustainable Solutions Fair at the EUSD Farm Lab on June 22. The Clean Beach Coalition program held a cleanup following the Memorial Day holiday and

collected thousands of pounds of trash. Upcoming events include a DIY workshop in Rancho Santa Fe to practice fabric dying with onion skins, Clean Beach Coalition – morning after mess cleanup on July 5, and the La Mesa community cleanup event on July 13. Event details are available on their [website](#).

3. Presentation

- **Stephanie Ewalt, EcoTech Consulting:** Stephanie presented the results of the County of San Diego Capacity Planning exercise. On August 1, 2024, Counties are required to report on the planning period of January 1, 2025-December 31, 2034, for edible food capacity and organics disposal capacity. For edible food capacity, jurisdictions provided their figures for edible food disposal and edible food rescue capacity to the County. Aggregating these results, the region had disposal of 12,743 tons and capacity of 17,183 tons showing a surplus of 4,440 tons. For organic materials capacity, each jurisdiction reported verifiable capacity and provided organics disposal for 2034 and current organics diversion. Aggregating these results, the region had sufficient capacity with 1,296,924 tons of organic disposal and diversion and 1,316,196 tons of organics capacity, resulting in a surplus of 19,272 tons. No implementation plans will be required by jurisdictions for this planning period. The next planning requirement will be due in 5 years, in August 2029.

4. CalRecycle Update: Eric Wolff, County of San Diego summarizing on behalf of CalRecycle

- Countywide capacity planning for organic waste recycling and edible food recovery are due to CalRecycle on August 1 covering January 1, 2025-December 31, 2034.
- 2023 Jurisdiction Electronic Annual Reports are due to CalRecycle on August 1. The EAR was released online on June 15.
- The next CalRecycle SB 1383 chat is scheduled for June 25 from 1-3pm discussing the Implementation Record. Recordings of previous chats are available on CalRecycle's YouTube channel.
- CalRecycle JACE branch continues to notify jurisdictions of the commencement of their compliance evaluations. Each jurisdiction will have a compliance evaluation once every four years.
- CalRecycle has I Recycle Smart campaign trainings and resources available for jurisdictions.
- Open grant and loan cycles include Used Oil Payment Program (due 6/26), Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (due 7/9), Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program (due 8/15), Tire Incentive Program (8/21), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program (continuous), Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program (continuous).
- There is an upcoming Battery Stewardship Informal Regulatory Concept Workshop (7/11).

- The next CalRecycle monthly public meeting is scheduled for 7/16.

5. Legislative Update

Joanne Brasch, California Product Stewardship Council:

- [AB 2](#), Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules. CPSC sponsored. Bill will not be moving forward at this time.
- [SB 707](#), Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024. CPSC sponsored. Will be heard in committee on July 1. [Sign on](#) to support this bill.
- [SB 1280](#), Waste management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable. CPSC sponsored. Hearing to be determined.
- [AB 347](#), Household product safety: toxic substances: testing and enforcement. Anticipating movement.
- [AB 660](#), Food and beverage products: labeling: quality dates, safety dates, and sell-by dates.
- There are two companion bills in the senate regarding plastic bags.
- [SB 615](#), Vehicle traction batteries. EPR proposal for EV batteries.
- [SB 1384](#), Powered wheelchairs: repair. Moving forward.

Jordan Wells, National Stewardship Action Council:

- [SB 1066](#), Hazardous waste: marine flares: producer responsibility. [Sign on](#) to support.
- [SB 1143](#), Household hazardous waste: producer responsibility. EPR proposal for hhw. [Sign on](#) to support.
- [AB 863](#), Carpet and flooring recycling: producer responsibility organizations: fines: succession: training. EPR program that would include carpet padding. [Sign on](#) to support.

6. Wasting Fee Update

- **Rick Antony:** Rick submitted the proposal for the wasting fee to Supervisor Lawson-Remer's office and noted they are at capacity. Sierra Club endorses the fee. Considering a phased in fee. Attendees are encouraged to engage their Board of Supervisor representative or City Councilmember to get this off the ground. Notes this would be great to provide regional education.

7. SB 1383 & AB 1826 Rollout Roundtable

- **Stephanie Ewalt, EcoTech Consulting:** A regional webpage is coming soon. DEHQ will house the webpage and will include educational resources for SB 1383, organics, and edible food recovery.

8. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- **Edible Food** – The group reviewed the capacity planning results and discussed enforcement.
- **HHW** – No report.

- **Organics** – The group highlighted activities from Compost Awareness Week. There will not be a July meeting. The next meeting will be held in August.
- **Reuse and Repair Network** – No report.

9. Roundtable

- **Polina Osipova, City of San Diego:** Polina asked the group if there were any cities that had and could share their direct service provider for organics procurement. Interest in funding options for edible food recovery programs.
- **Colleen Foster, HF&H:** HF&H is hosting the Emerging Issues Summit. Registration is open [online](#).

10. Adjournment – the next meeting will be 7/23/24.