



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**October 15, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Zohir Chowdhury Jesse Conner Cliff Hanna Scott Snyder Toby Roy Mike Vizzier LaRosa Watson Jared Wilson	Quinnton Austin Laurie Walsh	Ana Becker, DEHQ Joseph Chan, DEHQ JoAnn Cruz, DEHQ Jessica Geiszler, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Saran Grewal, DEHQ Ryan Johnson, DEHQ Joann Lee, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Larry Valenzuela, DEHQ Hauhna Hicks, DEHQ	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m., with eight active EHQAB members present.

II. STATEMENT (JUST CAUSE) AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY (EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES) BY A BOARD MEMBER (POSSIBLE ACTION, IF APPLICABLE)

III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE September 17, 2025, MINUTES – Board member Hanna, 2nd Board member, Watson.

ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

V. RECYCLING AND HHW PROGRAMS PRESENTATION – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Michael Wonsidler, Program Manager, Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Planning & Recycling Provided an overview of Waste Planning and Recycling programs, to ensure compliance with State rules for implementing recycling programs.

Board members discussed the County’s progress toward the 75% waste diversion goal, seeking clarification on 2023 landfill disposal figures, construction and demolition recycling processes, and diversion requirements for new home construction. They asked about business exemptions for organic waste recycling, whether cooked food waste from restaurants can be composted, and where recyclables are processed—locally or abroad. Comparisons were made with recycling performance in other major cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco. Additional questions addressed public education on proper recycling practices, the reliability of reported recycling data, costs and fees for bins and services, how take-back programs operate, and the number of household hazardous waste (HHW) events held each year.

VI. VICE CHAIR ELECTION FOR REMAINDER OF 2025 – ACTION ITEM

The Board took action to appoint LaRosa Watson as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2025. Board member Wilson, 2nd Board member Roy.

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

VII. UPDATES FROM THE DEHQ EXECUTIVE OFFICE – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

John-Ross Glueck, Acting DEHQ Director and Deborah Mosley, Deputy Director

- **2025 EHQAB Annual Report**

The County of San Diego Administrative Code, Section 249.8, Article XV-A requires this report be submitted to the Board of Supervisors annually. Summary of what the board is doing throughout the year, captures highlights of what we talked about and what the board is interested in. A draft report will be emailed for review and discussion at the November 12, 2025, meeting. A draft will be sent for your consideration a week prior to the November meeting. Please review and bring your comments/edits to discuss for the November meeting.

- **Upcoming Board Letters**

- TJRV – Local Emergency Review. State law requires that the Board of Supervisors consider a continuation of a state of emergency every 60 days.
- Larger board letters to come, in the Spring and Summer

- **Legislative Highlights/Program Updates (DEHQ Chiefs/Program Coordinator)**

The bills below were discussed.

- Food Water and Housing Division Programs, Ryan Johnson
 - AB 1288: Registered Environmental Health Specialists
 - AB 592: Business: Retail Food
 - AB 671: Accelerated Restaurant Building Plan Approval: California Retail Food Code: Tenant Improvements
 - SB 635: Food Vendors and Facilities: Enforcement Activities
 - AB 253: California Residential Private Permitting Review Act: Residential Building Permits
- Food Water and Housing Division Programs and updates, Joann Lee
 - AB 628: Hiring of Real Property Dwellings: Untenantability
 - SB 655: Dwelling Units: Indoor Temperature
 - SB 279: Solid Waste: Compostable Materials
 - Tijuana River Flow: Opened for the first time since December 2021; however, the flow was short-lived and reclosed the following day.
- Hazardous Materials Division Updates, Sharon Preece
 - Preparing for the upcoming triannual evaluation by CalEPA
 - Preparing for the State's new version of the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS).
- Community Health Division updates, Saran Grewal
 - Vector Control won the "Excellence in Environmental Health Award" at the annual conference for the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH). This creative approach to business has been shared with other vector agencies in California and beyond, positioning the team as leaders for 3D printing use in the field of vector control.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:48 A.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Board member Hanna, 2nd Board member Snyder.

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.