

**COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE/ CRRA San Diego Chapter and Zero Waste San Diego Public Meeting
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

WHEN: Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

WHERE: The meeting room will be 5510 Overland -4th Floor Conference Room

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Submit Agenda Items to Chair Rick Anthony and County Staff Steve Weihe 2 weeks prior to the next meeting: RicAnthony@aol.com and Steve.Weihe@sdcounty.ca.gov

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval, Minutes Oct 2019
3. Chair's Report
4. Staff Reports
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 - Haulers
 - Non Profits
 - LWV
5. Public Comments and Communication
6. Regional Planning Issues
7. Legislative Update
 - Current Bills
8. Roundtable
9. Adjournment

Minutes

WHEN: Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

WHERE: 5510 Overland Ave, 4th Floor Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions- Rick Anthony (Chair), Debbie Dodson (Carton Council), Gail Eyler (Citizen), Beryl Flom (League of Women Voters San Diego), Erin Mascarina (City of San Diego), Ken Prue (City of San Diego), Anais Putnam (City of San Diego), Ellyn Law (County of San Diego), Steve Weihe (County of San Diego)
2. Approval, Minutes September 2019- Approved; no changes
3. Chair's Report
 - The Chair highlighted the success of the Let's Do It World Cleanup Day, Sept. 21. Collection totals to follow.
 - The Chair attended the GAIA Conference which included discussions on zero waste, single-use plastics, and incineration.
 - The Seventh Annual Zero Waste Symposium will be held Tuesday, February 11, at the County Operations Center.
4. Staff Reports
 - Ken Prue, City of San Diego provided an update on the Zero Waste Plan:
 - The City is conducting a critical review of the Zero Waste Plan which was adopted in 2015 and set goals to achieve 75% diversion by 2020, 90% diversion by 2035, and zero waste by 2040. Since 2015, there have been several external factors that have occurred including fiscal, market and situational impacts that have affected recycling in San Diego.
 - The City's diversion rate for 2018 is 65%. With 1.6 million tons disposed annually in San Diego, 700,00 tons are collected by solid waste haulers and 325,000 tons are collected by the City through the People's Ordinance. With haulers collecting most of San Diego's waste, haulers are expected to achieve 332,000 tons of additional diversion with the City expected to achieve 100,000 tons of additional diversion in order to meet the goals set forth in the plan. However, with population, employment and economic activity increasing, disposal tonnages have also increased. Coupled with this increased tonnage, existing recycling infrastructure is becoming overwhelmed due to the implementation of China's National Sword Policy which severely restricted the amount of foreign recyclables accepted by the country. This market constriction has made it more difficult to recycle materials resulting in decreased revenue from recyclable material commodities.
 - Upon review, the City will be assessing progress towards meeting the goals, identifying programs to align with state mandates, and evaluating additional opportunities for diversion to develop an implementation strategy moving forward.
 - Additional opportunities for diversion include: working with franchised haulers and reviewing third party diversion, expanding organics and

recycling collection, increasing bin inspections, municipal code amendments and penalties for non-compliance, requesting stakeholder input on waste diversion technologies, increased partnerships to increase food rescue, and exploring options for financing among other things.

- The City anticipates providing an update on the critical review of the Zero Waste Plan and implementation strategy in December.
- City of San Diego
 - A list of upcoming sponsored events was shared, including: Green Routines Workshop at the Carmel Valley Recreation Center (10/12), All About Worm Composting at the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center (10/12), and Backyard Composting & Vermicomposting Basics Workshop at the North Clairemont Rec Center (10/15).
- County of San Diego
 - The County continues to negotiate proposed changes to the construction and demolition recycling ordinance and the non-exclusive franchise hauler agreements.
 - The County is developing social media content to promote regionwide messaging of how to recycle correctly and reduce contamination that will launch in November. Please contact Steve Weihe at Steve.Weihe@sdcounty.ca.gov or 858-694-2559 for more information or for any organizations interested in participating in the collaboration.
 - The National Recycling Coalition in partnership with the California Resource Recovery Association will be hosting the [Recycling Market Development Workshop](#) in Chula Vista (11/13).
- Haulers
 - EDCO began processing a portion of the City of San Diego's curbside recyclables materials on September 1st and completed its first waste characterization study of the collected material.
- League of Women Voters
 - The League of Women Voters and Zero Waste San Diego are continuing the effort to repeal the People's Ordinance through a lawsuit. Anticipated filing in November/December.
- Carton Council
 - The [Carton Council](#) is a national council composed of carton manufacturers that works to deliver long-term collaborative solutions to promote carton recycling.
 - Interest in collaborating for promotion of America Recycles Day activities.

5. Public Comments and Communication

- Gail Eyler introduced herself to CAC attendees as a citizen interested in consumer education to promote recycling and zero waste.

- CAC attendees discussed methods to increase consumer participation.
- Earth Day will reach its 50th Anniversary in April 2020.

6. Regional Planning Issues – None.

7. Legislative Update

- [**AB 187**](#): *Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act* – Signed by the Governor 10/9/19. This bill would revise and recast provisions of the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act.
- [**AB 729**](#): *Carpet recycling: carpet stewardship* – Approved by the Governor 10/9/19. This bill would, among other things, require a carpet stewardship organization to include in the carpet stewardship plan a contingency plan should the carpet stewardship plan expire without approval of a new carpet stewardship plan or should the carpet stewardship plan be revoked.
- [**AB 827**](#): *Solid waste: commercial and organic waste: recycling bins* – Approved by the Governor 10/2/19. This would require a business to provide customers access to a recycling bin or container that is visible, easily accessible, and clearly marked with educational signage.
- [**AB 1583**](#): *The California Recycling Market Development Act* – Approved by the Governor 10/9/19. This bill would delete the prescribed description of the triangle used on all rigid plastic bottles and containers that indicates the resin used to produce the bottle or container.
- [**SB 54 & AB 1080**](#): *Solid waste: packaging and products* – Failed deadline 9/15/19. These bills would enact the California Circular Economy and Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose a comprehensive regulatory scheme on producers, retailers, and wholesalers of single-use packaging and priority single-use products to be administered by CalRecycle.

8. Roundtable

- CAC attendees discussed impacts from rePlanet’s buyback center closures.

9. Adjournment

- Next meeting scheduled for November 14.