

**INTEGRATED WASTE
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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Integrated Waste Management Technical Advisory Committee may take action on any item appearing on the agenda contained herein.

Thursday, June 4, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held online only. Please use the link below to join us.

Meeting Link: <https://bluejeans.com/696302885>

Chair: County of San Diego

If any accommodations are needed, please contact Eric Wolff (contact info below). Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least 3 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 4, 2020 – Agenda

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| 1. QUORUM (at least 10 jurisdiction representatives must be present) | APPROVE |
| 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | INFORMATION |
| 3. REVIEW OF THE MAY 7, 2020 MEETING SUMMARY | INFORMATION |
| 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS | INFORMATION |
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| 5. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT | INFORMATION |
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| a. Learnings from The Recycling Partnership’s West Coast Contamination Initiative | |
| Asami Tanimoto, PE, LEED AP BD+C, ENV SP | INFORMATION |
| Community Program Manager - The Recycling Partnership | INFORMATION |
| 7. CALRECYCLE UPDATE | INFORMATION |
| 8. COVID-19 - GENERAL DISCUSSION | INFORMATION |
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| b. Organics | |
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| TAC Members may present items to the Committee regarding topics not covered in the agenda | INFORMATION |
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**INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 7, 2020 – Meeting Summary**

Attendance

Members:

Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
Dana McPherson, City of Coronado
Serena Pelka, City of Del Mar
Ashlee Stratakis, City of Encinitas
Laura Robinson, City of Escondido
Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach
Izzy Murguia, City of Poway
Tim Kawasaki, City of La Mesa
Carla Hutchinson, City of National City
Colleen Foster, City of Oceanside
Jennifer Hobbs, City of San Diego
Julie Magee, City of San Marcos
Heather Heckman, City of Santee
Rimba Viskanta, City of Solana Beach
Leslie Webb Blanco, City of Vista

Guests:

Haley Aumiller, CalRecycle
Roberta Goldenpenny, CalRecycle
Jill Larner, CalRecycle
Sam Scoten, CheckSammy
Joe Coppola, City of Chula Vista
Yvette Snyder, EDCO
Lisete Hurst, City of Escondido
Tyla Montgomery Soylu, Hidden Resources
Annika Andersen, City of Oceanside
Giovanna Castro, Republic Services
Geertje Grootenhuys, San Diego Food System Alliance
Sarah Feteih, San Diego Food System Alliance
Stephanie Ewalt, County of San Diego
Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
Melissa Porter, County of San Diego
Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
Stephen Mergener, Scalvage
Jessica Toth, Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
Daniel Butler, Waste Management

Staff: Eric Wolff, County of San Diego

Meeting Summary

1. QUORUM

The Chair determined that quorum was met and called the meeting to order.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jurisdictions representatives and guests introduced themselves.

3. REVIEW OF THE APRIL 2, 2020 MEETING SUMMARY

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Jessica Toth, Solana Center for Environmental Innovation: The Solana Center is transitioning their public education and outreach programming to virtual platforms. The Solana Center noted increased interest in composting, zero waste activities, and setting up worm bins.

Geertje Grootenhuys, San Diego Food System Alliance: The San Diego Food System Alliance has put together an [issue brief](#) summarizing the impacts of COVID-19 on the food system. An

update from [Wasted Food Prevention and Recovery Working Group](#) was also shared. The [May 2020 Save the Food, San Diego! Champions Toolkit](#) provides social media content related to food waste reduction. The group is also circulating a [COVID-19 Food Waste Survey](#) to gather information on how the current stay-at-home orders have changed food habits. For more information, please contact Geertje at Geertje@sdfs.org.

Colleen Foster, City of Oceanside: The California Resource Recovery Association is hosting a series of webinars related to COVID-19 impacts to the waste and recycling industry. To see a list of webinars or to view recordings visit CRRA's [website](#).

Giovanna Castro, Republic Services: Republic Services launched their \$20 million Committed to Serve Initiative to support frontline employees and the communities they serve. The initiative includes providing all frontline employees with weekly meals purchased from local small businesses, bi-weekly \$100 gift cards for a total of \$400 per employee, and \$3 million was donated to the Republic Charitable Foundation to fund their long-term nonprofit partners.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Eric Wolff, County of San Diego: The County instituted the new [Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance](#) on April 1, 2020. The County will also begin gradually reopening its offices on May 15. An upcoming webinar was also announced: University of California Cooperative Extension is holding the [2020 Climate Action & Agriculture Symposium Webinar: Soil Health](#) on May 21.

6. PRESENTATION

Sam Scoten, Check Sammy: CheckSammy utilizes the latest technology to provide next generation scalable, sustainability solutions for single-detached homes and multi-family communities to reduce the number of reusable items being sent to landfills. CheckSammy provides convenient, cost-effective curbside pickups for collection of reusable goods in CS Reuse Bags that are reusable and waterproof and made from HDPE recycled plastic. Accepted items include clothing, shoes, games, small electronics, kitchenware, and other reusable household items. For multi-family communities, CheckSammy provides SmartBINs that are 1.3 cubic yards for building occupants to place their reusable items when they are moving or decluttering. Each SmartBIN is equipped with fill-level sensors to provide real time monitoring of when each bin is reaching capacity. Once drivers collect the reuse bag or bin, the driver sorts the items and enters details of the contents with weights in the CS LocA app to provide reports with metrics that can be viewed monthly, quarterly and annually. The detailed analytics can be viewed in a dashboard that provide information on bin history, bin details of photos, weight, types of goods collected, and collection summaries. Once the reusable items are collected, they are transported to distribution centers designed to move goods efficiently. With approximately 1.1 million households in San Diego County, CheckSammy has the potential to collect and divert an average of 60 pounds per CS bag per single detached home and 800 pounds per month per multi-family community. For more information, please contact Sam Scoten at Sam@CheckSammy.com or 604-764-2994.

7. ORGANICS CAPACITY – JURISDICTION SURVEY

Stephanie Ewalt, County of San Diego and Tyla Montgomery Soylu, Hidden Resources:

The Organics Planning Survey was disseminated to jurisdiction representatives to gather data from each jurisdiction on the facilities that they are currently using and plan to use. This data will be used to conduct an updated analysis on the region's organic capacity. Responses are requested by the end of May. For assistance or for more information, please contact Tyla Montgomery Soylu at Tyla@CompostingConsultant.com or Stephanie Ewalt at Stephanie.Ewalt@sdcountry.ca.gov.

8. COVID-19 GENERAL DISCUSSION

IWMTAC Members: Members discussed the effects of COVID-19 on the waste and recycling industry:

- **Eric Wolff, County of San Diego:** Eric reported that recyclables are continuing to be collected and processed in the unincorporated areas.
- **Colleen Foster, City of Oceanside:** Waste Management is now taking Oceanside's recyclables to be processed at EDCO facilities. Previously, Waste Management had closed its southern California recycling facilities.
 - Interest in holding additional discussions on waste-related issues including reductions in solid waste services, overloading bins, increasing rates, etc.
- **Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista:** Manuel requested information from haulers on the impacts of MRF operations due to COVID.
 - **Yvette Snyder, EDCO:** EDCO is continuing to collect and process recyclables. Yvette will follow up with any additional information on impacts.
 - **Daniel Butler, Waste Management:** Waste Management had previously shut down MRF's in Azusa and Orange but is taking additional safety measures in order to reopen. In Oceanside, there has been a decrease in commercial tonnages and increase in residential tonnages. Overall, disposal tonnages have remained relatively the same, but there has been a shift in sector generation.
 - **Giovanna Castro, Republic Services:** There has been an increase in residential disposal tonnages in Chula Vista.
- **Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista:** Manuel brought up for discussion what the climate might be for increasing costs to ratepayers and businesses to implement new recycling programs given the potential economic impacts from COVID-19.
 - StopWaste and the League of California Cities among other orgs submitted a letter to CalEPA and CalRecycle requesting regulatory relief in response to the pandemic.
 - Member interest in submitting a similar regional letter with jurisdictions in San Diego County and Imperial County to provide a unified voice to CalRecycle addressing COVID-19 waste & recycling related concerns.
 - Manuel to draft the letter and disseminate to the group.
 - Members requested information on how the letter would be processed. It was noted that it would be up to each individual jurisdiction to route the letter through their respective chains for approval.
- **Annika Andersen, City of Oceanside:** Annika asked the group how COVID-19 has impacted budgets.
 - **Julie Magee, City of San Marcos:** Julie noted that economies of scale may be a useful tool as a region to assist with outreach efforts.

9. SB 1383 – ROLLOUT ROUNDTABLE

- CalRecycle will have tools available on CalRecycle’s SB 1383 webpage once regulations are finalized. Tools include model franchise agreement provision, model enforcement ordinance language, model edible food recovery agreement, and model procurement ordinance.

10. SUBCOMMITTEES’ REPORT

a. Household Hazardous Waste – A status update on open/closed HHW facilities was shared. The City of Chula Vista’s HHW facility, Vista’s HHW Facility, and Poway’s HHW facility will reopen on May 9th. Escondido HHW facility reopens May 16th. The City of San Diego’s facility remains closed.

b. Organics – The group reported that the last meeting included a presentation of the Compost and Mulch Market Study. Key findings include that there is a significant difference between permitted compost and mulch processing capacity and throughput at these facilities. End markets identified for use of this material include the agriculture, landscaping, rangeland, and stormwater management and erosion control sectors.

11. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Haley Aumiller, CalRecycle: Haley reported on the following;

- CalRecycle has a [COVID-19 Resources and Updates](#) webpage to provide guidance and information about the impacts of COVID-19 on the waste and recycling industry.
- CalRecycle disseminated the COVID-19 Recycling Related Guidance Letter for Jurisdictions on April 21 and Guidance Letter for Recycling Facilities on April 28th.
- An AB 1826 update was shared. The decision to lower the organic recycling requirements to cover businesses that generate 2 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week has been put on hold.
- The SB 1383 formal comment period has been extended through April 20, 2020 to May 20, 2020. A public notice was posted for the 30-day comment period.
- The SB 1383 workshop at CalEPA has been postponed.
- A list of open grant/loan cycles was announced: [Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program - construction projects](#) (due date extended to 7/7/2020), [Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program – small projects](#) (due date extended to 7/15/2020), [Local Enforcement Agency Grant Program](#) (5/12/2020), [Beverage Container Redemption Pilot Project Grant Program](#), [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program](#).
- The next CalRecycle monthly public meeting is scheduled for May 19.

Haley also provided follow-up information for requests from the April TAC meeting.

- What will be the process for recyclables that were disposed of?
 - No update at this time. CalRecycle is working with their counsel.
- It was mentioned at a previous TAC meeting that CalRecycle staff could give a presentation on the enforcement process of SB 1383.
 - Haley and Jill confirmed that they can work with jurisdictions to schedule presentations but to note that we are in an open SB 1383 comment period.
- Provide clarification for AB 827 implementation.

- AB 827 FAQ's and signage will be available prior to July 2020. The implementation date has not changed. Jill clarified that if in July, customers are not allowed onsite, then they will not need bins. Bins will be required otherwise.

12. LEGISLATION – No report.

13. ROUNDTABLE

Eric Wolff, County of San Diego: The County held a successful virtual Earth Day Fair which included a Ask A Recycling Specialist Facebook live event which garnered over 1,700 views and over 100 comments. Eric also reported that the County N&R Publication on recycling right and reducing contamination has been pushed back. However, when it has been developed, there will be an opportunity for jurisdictions to purchase printed copies.

Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista: The Recycling Partnership developed the West Coast Contamination Initiative Research Report. Manuel volunteered to reach out to the author to give a presentation on the study if there was member interest. Manuel is also running for another term for the CRRA's Sothern District board.

Colleen Foster, City of Oceanside: ReFED announced a grant opportunity related to food waste. The City of Oceanside's Green Oceanside Kitchen has been collecting excess food products from restaurants to provide meals to food insecure individuals. Colleen also noted that Produce Good's gleaning activities have increased.

Annika Andersen, City of Oceanside: The City of Oceanside held a success virtual earth fair event which included over 2,000 participants.

Jessica Toth, Solana Center for Environmental Innovation: Jessica shared that Produce Good received recognition from the US EPA.

14. ADJOURNMENT AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2020.