

**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, 2024 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm

This meeting will be in-person with the option for virtual attendance

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County of San Diego, Department of Public Works

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San Diego, CA 92123

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval, Minutes October 2024
3. Chair's Report
4. Staff Reports
 - a. Cities
 - b. County
 - c. Haulers
 - d. Non-Profits
5. Public Comments and Communication
6. Regional Planning Issues
 - a. Wasting Fee
7. Legislative Update
8. Roundtable
9. Adjournment

Minutes

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

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Chair
 - i. Ric Anthony*
 - b. Guests
 - i. Steve Weihe, County of San Diego*
 - ii. Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego*
 - iii. Ani Putnam, City of San Diego
 - iv. Julia Glorioso, I Love A Clean San Diego
 - v. Helen and Ron Kagan, residents/Planet Flip
 - vi. Beryl Flom, League of Women Voters
 - vii. Ron Askeland, Sierra Club San Diego
 - viii. Laura Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego*
 - ix. Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego*
 - x. Madeline Lascola-Hutcherson, Goodwill of San Diego
 - xi. Debbie Dodson, Carton Council(*attended in-person)
2. Approval, minutes from August 2024
 - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report
 - a. Zero Waste USA conference was held 10/2-10/3/24
 - i. Main discussion topic-organic waste and working globally to divert from landfills.
 - ii. A representative from Cox Communications presented at the conference on zero waste practices.
 - b. National Recycling Congress 2024
 - i. 11/19-11/21/24 in Cooperstown, NY
 - ii. <https://nrcrecycles.org/congress/2024overview/>
 - c. New York State Recycling Conference
 - i. 11/19-11/21/24 in Cooperstown, NY
 - ii. <https://www.nysar3.org/>
4. Staff reports
 - a. City of San Diego
 - i. Debris Assistance Program
 1. 30 dumpsters are still active in affected communities.
 2. City is working with volunteer organizations to help with debris clean up.
 3. <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/debris-assistance-program-english.pdf>

- ii. Measure B
 - 1. FAQ website is live [Potential Future Fees for Waste Collection Service | City of San Diego Official Website](#)
 - 2. Attendees asked how many residents showed up to previous Open Houses.
 - a. Unknown, City will report back.
 - 3. Additional Open Houses will occur in November and December (dates/time TBD).
 - a. City will share data gathered from residents that attended previous Open Houses at the November and December events.
 - iii. Events
 - 1. <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events>
 - 2. Master Composter course is wrapping up this weekend.
 - 3. City will be holding compost and mulch giveaway events in 2025 (dates/locations TBD).
 - iv. Single Use Plastic Reduction ordinance
<https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/pf-ban>
- b. County of San Diego
 - i. Site Visits
 - 1. Actively visiting C&D sites, Tier I/II business (under SB 1383), commercial as well as multi-family residences to assist with recycling and organic waste educational outreach.
 - a. 36 site visits conducted in September.
 - ii. Compost and Mulch giveaway event
 - 1. Was a success! Over 200 cubic yards of compost and mulch given away to residents. 250 residents showed interest through Facebook.
 - iii. Waivers
 - 1. Reviews continue on both organic waste waiver exemptions and self-haul forms for recyclables.
 - iv. Outreach
 - 1. Using SB 1383 funds for an outreach/education campaign using City of San Diego assets that were shared.
 - 2. Starting to give out kitchen pails to multifamily residents to help with the convenience of storage/transport.
 - 3. Borrego Springs Clean Up Event Saturday, 10/26
 - a. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/SOLID_WASTE_PLANNING_and_RECYCLING/recycling_events/Borrego%20Springs%20Community%20Cleanup%20Flyer.pdf
 - 4. Warner Springs HHW Collection Event Saturday, 11/9
 - a. [Temp HHW Event Flyer - Warner Springs \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#)
 - v. Self Haul

1. Some businesses have decided to stop self-hauling recyclables (too much work) and have switched back to cart/dumpster service.
- vi. Organic waste campaign
 1. Will run 11/15/24-1/15/25
- c. EDCO
 - i. No report
- d. Non-profits
 - i. League of Women Voters (LWV)
 1. No report
 - ii. Carton Council
 1. New West Coast market for carton recycling is coming in Q2 2025.
<https://www.upcycling.group/#about>
 - a. Located in Northern California (Auburn)
 - b. 100% recycling solution (caps included)
 - c. Can act as a substitute for drywall
 - iii. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
 1. Fix-It Clinics
 - a. Events <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
 - b. Location and venue for the annual Zero Waste Symposium is pending (tentative date of 2/26/25).
 - c. ZWSD was honored with an award from EPA for their Fix It Clinics program
 - B. Has diverted 30K lbs. from the landfill due to repair over the program's 8 year history.
 - d. Was awarded a grant awarded to collect electronic waste at Fix-It Clinic events,
 - iv. Sierra Club
 1. Waste and Toxics Reduction Fee
 - a. Sierra Club will be focusing more time on this topic.
 - b. Suggested reaching out to other organizations to sign on a support letter and/or a campaign to get the public involved to help push this topic forward.
 - v. I Love A Clean San Diego
 1. <https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/>
 - vi. Solana Center
 1. No report
 - vii. Goodwill San Diego
 1. Madeline Lascola-Hutcherson was introduced to the CAC group as a new sustainability team member (mlascola@sdgoodwill.org).
5. Public Comments and Communication
 - a. Attendees discussed
 - i. Ron asked if campaign signs are recyclable.

1. The signs themselves are not currently recyclable.
 2. Metal stakes can be recycled but must go to a scrap metal recycler.
 - ii. Helen
 1. Shared some info about optical sorters and 3d printing while on her trip to Germany.
 2. Also noted Switzerland requires citizens purchase special waste bags for trash as they pay per bag, separate all recyclables and are levying fines for non-compliance.
 - iii. Waste wizard app is available.
 1. <https://planetflip.net/wastewizard/> (Ron Kagan)
 - a. Leverages games to help encourage recycling behaviors.
 - b. The app gives zip code-specific data to provide correct recycling info.
 - c. Chair suggested sending info about the app through the zero waste listserv.
 2. Attendees asked
 - a. Ron Askeland suggested he could mention the app in upcoming Sierra Club newsletter.
6. Regional Planning issues
 - a. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
 - i. Chair asked all CAC attendees start writing to their Board of Supervisors offices regarding this topic.
 - ii. Attendees discussed creating a template or sign-on letter to share with others.
7. Legislative update (<https://www.calpsc.org/legislation>)

a. [AB 2 – Ward – Recycling: solar photovoltaic modules](#)

Solar panel EPR. On or before October 1, 2026, and on or before October 1 each year thereafter, CalRecycle to establish a covered solar PV recycling fee based on the reasonable regulatory costs to administer covered electronic waste recycling.

Now a 2-Year bill. Sitting in Senate Appropriations Committee as of 09/01/23.

b. [SB 560 – Laird – Solid waste: gas cylinders: stewardship program](#)

Gas cylinder EPR. This bill would establish a stewardship program for gas cylinder products and would authorize producers of those products to establish one more producer stewardship organization for that purpose.

Dead bill as of 1/18/24.

c. [SB 707 - Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2023](#)

Textiles EPR. This bill would enact the Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2023, which would require producers, as defined, either individually or through the creation

of one or more stewardship organizations, to establish a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of covered textiles.

Signed into law.

d. [AB 234 – Bauer-Kahan – Microparticles](#) (dead bill as of 1/31/24)

e. [AB 347 – Ting - Household product safety: toxic substances](#)

Signed into law.

f. [AB 660 – Irwin – Food labeling: quality dates, safety dates, and sell by dates](#)

Signed into law.

g. [AB 1290 – Luz Rivas – Product safety: plastic packaging: substances](#)

Banning colored PETE (#1) bottles. (Dead bill as of 2/1/24)

h. [AB 1347 – Ting – Solid waste: paper waste: proofs of purchase](#)

“Skip the Slip.”

Amended on 07/13/23. Sitting in Senate Com. on APPR. as of 08/21/23.

i. [AB 1659 – Gabriel – Sale of small electronic devices: charging devices](#)

Universal small electronics receptacle.

Now a 2-Year bill. Sitting in Senate Appropriations Committee as of 08/15/24.

j. SB 54 regulations have been released- <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr/>

h. [SB 1053 -- Solid waste: reusable grocery bags: standards: plastic film prohibition](#)

This bill would revise the single-use carryout bag exception to include a bag used solely to contain or wrap specified uncooked foods and other specified items to avoid contamination, prevent damage from moisture, or for sanitary, public health, or environmental protection purposes. The bill would revise the definition of “recycled paper bag” to require it be made from 100 percent postconsumer recycled materials, without exception.

Signed into law.

i. [SB 1143 -- Household hazardous waste: producer responsibility](#)

Amended from HHW EPR bill to Paint Stewardship bill.

The bill would expand the scope of the stewardship program from architectural paint to paint products, and thereby subject paint products to the requirements of the program. The bill would define “paint product” to mean architectural coatings, aerosol coating products, nonindustrial coatings, and coating-related products, as provided.

The bill would exempt aerosol coating products, coating-related products, and

nonindustrial coatings added to the stewardship program by the bill from the requirements of the program until January 1, 2028, or the approved stewardship plan's implementation date for those products, whichever occurs sooner, as specified.

Signed into law.

j. [SB 1280 -- Waste management: propane cylinders: reusable or refillable](#)

This bill would, on and after an unspecified date, prohibit the sale or offer for sale of propane cylinders other than those propane cylinders that are reusable or refillable, by 1/1/28.

Signed into law.

k. [AB 2762 -- Plastic waste: California Reusable Beverage Container Act](#)

This bill would require, for certain beverage manufacturers, by January 1, 2031, that no less than 5% of the volume of beverages that a beverage manufacturer sells in beverage containers in California be sold in reusable beverage containers, and that by January 1, 2032, no less than 60% of that 5% be in reusable beverage containers that were returned for reuse.

Dead bill as of 5/17/24.

l. [AB 2761 -- Reducing Toxics in Packaging Act](#)

This bill would enact the Reducing Toxics in Packaging Act, which would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2026, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing in the state plastic packaging that contains certain chemicals.

Held in Committee at the request of the author 6/13/24.

[AB-863, Carpet and flooring recycling: producer responsibility organizations: fines: succession: training.](#)

This bill would establish a flooring producer responsibility program that would require producers of covered products to form and join a single product responsibility organization (PRO) for the collection and recycling of a covered product. This bill would define a "covered product" to include carpet, artificial turf, and resilient flooring.

Signed into law.

m. Bills vetoed by the Governor

i. [SB 1066 -- EPR for Marine Flares](#)

ii. [SB 615 -- End-of-life management for vehicle traction batteries](#)

8. Roundtable

a. Federal Senate has approved a Recycling and a separate composting bill

i. [S. 1194 Recycling and Composting Accountability Act](#) Passed Senate on 3/12/24.

- ii. [S. 1189 Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act of 2024](#) Passed Senate on 3/12/24.

9. Adjournment