

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

WHEN: Thursday, October 10, 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 September 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, September 12, 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. Kelsey Corbran, Goodwill San Diego
 - v. Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill San Diego
 - vi. Julia Glorioso, I Love A Clean San Diego
 - vii. Helen and Ron Kagan, residents/Planet Flip
 - viii. Beryl Flom, League of Women Voters
 - ix. Ron Askeland, Sierra Club San Diego
 - x. Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego
(*attended in-person)
2. Approval, minutes from July 2024
 - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report
 - a. CRRA
 - i. Chair attended and learned about a product made out of bamboo that is as strong as steel (could be used for airplanes).
 - ii. Chair attended a panel on the Statewide Zero Waste plan; the head of Cal Recycle also attended.
 - iii. Videos from the conference should be on the website soon.
 - iv. EPA Region 9 recognized the Fix it Clinics.
 - b. Federal funds are available for reuse/fix it (PDF with info will be attached to the notes).
 - c. Chair attended a screening of We Are Plastic People hosted by Senator Blakespear's office.
 - d. National Zero Waste Conference will be held virtually <https://zwconference.org/> 10/2/24 to 10/3/24.
4. Staff reports
 - a. City of San Diego
 - i. Debris Assistance Program
 1. ESD Deputy Director is presenting at the Environment Committee 9/12/24 regarding updates
<https://sandiego.hylandcloud.com/211agendaonlinecomm/Meetings/VirtualMeeting?id=6176&doctype=1&site=comm> (link to the meeting/agenda).

2. 3,000 tons of debris have been collected to date
<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/debris-assistance-program-english.pdf>
- ii. Resource Recovery Facility
 1. ESD staff is currently evaluating the requirements for such a facility.
 2. CAC attendees asked if they can get a copy of the RFP, once available.
 - a. City staff will provide once ready.
- iii. Measure B
 1. FAQ website is live [Potential Future Fees for Waste Collection Service | City of San Diego Official Website](#)
 2. The first rounds of Open Houses have been completed.
 3. ESD's consultant is currently gathering collected data from the Open Houses.
 4. Next anticipated Open House will be in October or November.
 5. The third phase of Open Houses will be in the Spring of 2025.
 - a. Cost of Service study is anticipated to be ready in early 2025 with more open houses for public input/comment.
 6. Residents' survey results likely to be available in November.
- iv. Events
 1. <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events>
- v. Single Use Plastic Reduction ordinance
<https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/pf-ban>
 1. Attendees asked:
 - a. What sort of outreach was done to inform businesses about the Single Use Plastics Reduction Ordinance?
 - B. Mailers were sent out with outreach provided before and after.
 - C. Currently conducting outreach to 3rd party food delivery apps to ensure compliance.
- vi. ESD (Environmental Services) is hiring for Recycling Specialist I and Recycling Specialist II positions:
 1. [Job Opportunities | City of San Diego \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)
 2. [Job Opportunities | City of San Diego \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)
 3. The postings close on 9/16/24.
- vii. The multi-family outreach and marketing campaign utilizing CalRecycle grant funding is pending RFP release.
- viii. Larger scale compost giveaways are anticipated; dates/locations pending.
- ix. ESD is working on an organic waste contamination study.
 1. Presentations can be shared with CAC group later.
 2. #1 contaminant is plastic bags.
- x. Attendees discussed:

1. Seeing lots of cardboard and furniture still dumped in the Miramar Landfill; bagged yard trimmings as well.
2. Vendor BKM was noted dumping a lot of furniture.
3. How can business be encouraged to recycle more cardboard, especially considering the Miramar Landfill has a recycling center.
4. Importance of educational videos around green bin/organic waste practices
 - a. Can there be a regional effort around green bin/organics education?
- xi. Solana Center contract is currently in negotiation.
- 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. 39 site visits (14 contractor and 25 staff) conducted in August
 - ii. Compost and Mulch giveaway event upcoming
 1. September 22nd thru September 28th
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1023254219342377/>
 - 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 Sand Diego assets that were shared.
 2. Staples
 - a. Includes backpacks, binders, pens and other hard to recycle materials <https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling#rec>
 3. Clean up event in Lakeside on 8/31/24
 - a. Saw over 300 vehicles in attendance.
 - b. Roll-offs filled: 2x metals, 2x C&D, 2x E-waste, 1x green waste, 7x bulky item disposal, 75 cars with donatable items, over 300 tires and lots of mattresses collected for recycling. Overall diversion rate for the event is pending.
 - 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. Kicks off 11/15/24-1/15/25
- c. EDCO
 - i. No report
- d. Non-profits

- i. League of Women Voters (LWV)
 - 1. Working with the Sierra Club regarding the Climate Action Plan.
 - ii. Carton Council (shared by Steve Weihe)
 - 1. New West Coast market for cartons coming in 2025
<https://www.upcycling.group/#about>
 - 2. There was a panel discussion at CRRRA about the new product.
 - iii. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
 - 1. Fix-It Clinics
 - a. Events <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
 - b. Secured a City of San Diego contract recently.
 - iv. Sierra Club
 - 1. Excited to have the Climate Action Plan (CAP) finally approved .
 - 2. Anticipating beginning work on the “Wasting Fee” topic soon.
 - 3. Plastic Beach-looking to recycle plastic film and bags and expand.
 - v. I Love A Clean San Diego
 - 1. <https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/>
 - 2. Coastal Cleanup Event scheduled for September 21st 9am-12pm
<https://www.cleansd.org/events/40th-annual-coastal-cleanup-day-2/>
 - vi. Solana Center
 - 1. No report
 - vii. Goodwill San Diego
 - 1. Will begin recycling rigid plastics using Waste Control
 - 2. Will begin recycling computer-related plastic using Dell ReConnect
(<https://www.dell.com/en-us/lp/dt/dell-reconnect>); able to recycle CD and DVD cases as well.
 - 3. Looking for recycling options for leaded/crystal/drinkware glass; very hard to recycle.
 - 4. Plastic bags are being phased out of their San Diego stores.
 - a. Donated reusable bags will be given out instead.
- 5. Public Comments and Communication
 - a. Attendees discussed
 - i. Environmental Leadership Summit is in Sept - <https://sandiegoeco.org/8th-annual-environmental-leadership-summit/>
 - ii. Waste wizard app is available.
 - 1. <https://planetflip.net/wastewizard/>
- 6. Regional Planning issues
 - a. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
 - i. Sierra Club San Diego anticipates working on the “wasting Fee’ topic now that CAP has been passed.
 - ii. Chair asked the members of the CAC group to vote on supporting the “Wasting Fee” idea. Due to Brown Act in person attendance requirements, the CAC

currently consists of only one official member, the Chair. As such the proposal passed.

1. Guests attending virtually did not voice any opposition.

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.

Passed out of both houses; awaiting Governor's signature.

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

e. [AB 347 – Ting - Household product safety: toxic substances](#) (ordered to inactive file, 9/11/23)

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

Passed out of both houses; awaiting Governor's signature.

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.”

Passed out of the Assembly Floor with 49-17 vote on 05/30/23. Passed out of the Senate Com. on JUD. with a 9-0 vote on 06/27/23. Last amended on 07/12/23. Passed out of the Senate Com. on E.Q. with a 4-2 vote on 07/12/23. 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.

Passed out of both houses; awaiting Governor’s signature.

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.

Passed out of both houses; awaiting Governor’s signature.

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.

Passed out of both houses; awaiting Governor’s signature.

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.

I. [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.

Passed out of both houses; awaiting Governor’s signature.

Article related to bills that passed and are awaiting the Governor’s signature-
<https://www.wastedive.com/news/california-bills-passed-sb1383-epr-organics-textiles-newsom/725688/>

| Bill number | Topic | Status |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <u>SB 707</u> | EPR for textiles | Passed |
| <u>SB 1143</u> | EPR for paint | Passed |
| <u>AB 863</u> | EPR for carpet update | Passed |
| <u>SB 1066</u> | EPR for marine flares | Passed |
| <u>SB 972</u> | Organics recycling technical assistance | Passed |
| <u>SB 1046</u> | Compost facility permit model | Passed |
| <u>AB 2346</u> | SB 1383 procurement requirement updates | Passed |
| <u>AB 2902</u> | SB 1383 collection requirements delays | Passed |
| <u>SB 1280</u> | Reusable or refillable propane cylinders | Passed |
| <u>SB 615</u> | End-of-life management for vehicle traction batteries | Passed |
| <u>SB 1231</u> | EPR for packaging updates | Held in Assembly committee |
| <u>SB 1045</u> | Compost facility zoning model | Held in Assembly committee |
| <u>AB 2514</u> | Biomethane procurement and biosolids updates | Ordered to inactive file |
| <u>SB 1208</u> | Prohibits discharge permit for proposed East Otay Mesa landfill | Stalled in Assembly |

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