

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

WHEN: Thursday, August 14, 2025 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

5510 Overland Ave

3rd Floor, Conference Room #371

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San Diego, CA 92123

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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 July 2025
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, July 10, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Chair
 - i. Steve Mergener for Richard Anthony* (*in-person attendee)
 - ii. Ric Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego*
- b. Guests
 - i. Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego*
 - ii. Steve Weihe, County of San Diego
 - iii. Simon Mayeski, San Diego Documenter
 - iv. Helen Kagan, Resident
 - v. Ani Putnam, City of San Diego
 - vi. Julia Glorioso, I Love A Clean San Diego
 - vii. Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill
 - viii. Beryl Flom, League of Women Voters
 - ix. Heather Morrell, resident

2. Approval, minutes from June 2025

- a. N/A

3. Chair's Report –

- a. SB 54 and Zero Waste plan
 - i. Being discussed statewide
- b. CRRRA in Monterrey - <https://www.crra.com/conference> 8/3/25
- c. National Zero Waste USA Conference - <https://zerowasteusa.org/event/national-zero-waste-conference-2025/> 10/22/25
- d. National Recycling Congress - <https://www.nrcrecycles.org/congress/> 10/1/25
- e. Working with United Nations (UN) to hold an international meeting on zero waste in Istanbul.
 - i. Currently 67 zero waste affiliates

4. Staff reports

- a. City of San Diego
 - i. Events
 - 1. Measure B
 - a. Portal will open in five days for eligible customers to order bins
 - B. Notified by mail
 - C. APN needed and unique code
 - D. Auto-enrolled in 95-gallon waste bins if the portal is not used to specify smaller containers.
 - b. [Trash Service Updates | City of San Diego Official Website](#)
 - c. Customer transition effort – phased approach
 - d. Website has criteria for City service
 - e. Attendees asked

- B. Confirming portal is the tool to use to select bin size other than default 95 gallon.
- C. New bins ordered should arrive by October
- D. 95/65/35-gallon versions of all three streams
- E. Unwanted bins will be reused by haulers (MOU in progress).
- F. Price is based on size of trash bin, plus additional bins for recycling and/or organic waste.
- G. Calculator for pricing-
<https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/trash-service-updates/fee-calculator>
- H. Pricing is good for one year and will increase over the next four years (by 2028 - \$57.55/month for 95 gallon trash).
- I. RFID tracking will be used
 - 1. Could potentially track contamination (TBD), number of tips/etc.
- J. Will have new heat stamp on top of collection bin lids (English/Spanish with QR code).
- K. Organics bin – currently seeing low participation for food scraps and food soiled paper. Higher participation for yard trimmings.
 - 1. Waste characterization study is in the procurement stage (2026 – RFP in progress).
 - a. Last study was in the 2010s
- L. Audit of landfill
 - 1. City is looking at a hauler rate study regarding (AB 939 fees)
- M. HDR contract – working on portal project

ii. Compost Giveaways

- 1. <https://cleangreensd.org/participation/>
 - a. Future giveaways can be found by visiting <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/composting-events>
 - b. Nothing scheduled currently (new dates in a month or two)

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.

ii. Waivers

1. Reviews continue both on organic waste waiver exemptions and self-haul forms for recyclables.
- iii. Outreach
 1. Starting to give out kitchen pails to multifamily residents to help with the convenience of storage/transport. Bringing to tabling events.
 2. Continuing school presentations.
 3. Newly revised MFC bag designs are finished and should be ready in the coming months.
 4. Working with horse farms/ranches to assist with onsite manure composting; assist with promotion of the updates to the zoning ordinance allowing offsite materials to be composted onsite up to 100 cubic yards, with an “over-the-counter” approval.
 5. Averaging 380 cars at clean up events and more than of 20,000 pounds of waste collected, which includes recyclables, organics, e-waste.
- iv. Self-Haul
 1. Some businesses have decided to stop self-hauling recyclables (too much work) and have switched back to cart/dumpster service.
- c. Haulers
 - i. EDCO – no report
- d. Non-profits
 - i. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
 1. New space secured at 611 Beech St. San Diego, CA 92021
 - a. Tool room/textile sewing/bike repair
 - b. Getting 10-15 volunteers each time they are open
 - c. Grand opening early August (will be shared with CAC group)
 2. Fix-It Clinics
 - a. Events <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
 - B. Getting 70+ items at each event
 - C. Holding 2-3 per month
 - ii. Goodwill
 1. Receiving a lot of e-waste at collections events
 - a. Open to additional events
 2. Soft plastics – found a vendor to collect this material (Trex)
 3. Looking for diversion options for rigid plastics
 4. La Jolla – building new Goodwill location
 5. Lotte and Madeline are the main contacts (Kelsey is no longer with Goodwill).
 - iii. I Love A Clean San Diego
 1. Events <https://www.cleansd.org/events/>
 2. Ruth will be attending future CAC meetings
 - a. Julia Glorioso is leaving I Love to attend law school
 - iv. Sierra Club

1. Has gathered a coalition of 25-30 organizations.
 - a. Will be sending a support letter to the Board of Supervisors on the Wasting Fee.
 - b. May speak during public comment to see if the CAO is open to making a recommendation to have DPW create a report.

vi. League of Women Voters– No report

5. Public Comments and Communication

- a. Attendees discussed
 1. Beryl – asking about compostable produce bags and what to do with them.
 2. Helen – talking about an article she wrote on the “compost burrito”
 3. Stephen – Republic built a debagger at Otay facility
 4. Ric – showed a film about the Pacific Garbage Patch
 - a. PB Library will be showing it 7/27
 5. Helen – RFID tags – cost/benefit analysis
 6. Has a final draft for the compost burrito article she will share

6. Regional Planning issues

- a. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
 - i. Discussed above

7. Legislative update (<https://www.calpsc.org/legislation>)

a. Old bills

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

Solar panel EPR - Merged into AB 1238. Died in the Senate Com. on APPR. on 8/16/24

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

Gas cylinder EPR - Dead bill as of 1/18/24.

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

Textiles EPR - 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 (updated covered materials list) -

<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr/cmclist/>

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

Signed into law.

i. [SB 1143 – Paint products: stewardship program](#)

Amended from HHW EPR bill to Paint Stewardship bill - Signed into law.

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

Signed into law.

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

Dead bill as of 5/17/24.

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

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.

Signed into law.

New 2025 bills introduced:

m. [AB-762, Single-use Vaping Devices Sales Ban](#)

This bill would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2026, a person from selling, distributing, or offering for sale a new or refurbished disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device in this state. The bill would define a “disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device” to mean a vaporization device that is not designed or intended to be reused, as specified.

Current Status: In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. 04/29/2025.

n. [AB-823, Solid waste: plastic microbeads.](#)

This bill would, on and after January 1, 2027, prohibit a person from selling, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes in this state a cleaning product, as defined, or a personal care product in a rinse-off product, containing one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are used as an abrasive, as specified. The bill would, on and after January 1, 2028, prohibit a person from selling, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes in this state a coating, as defined, cleaning product, or personal care product, that contains one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are not used as an abrasive. **Current Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate. Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and JUD. 06/11/2025. Set for hearing 7/2/2025.**

o. [AB-864, Hazardous waste: solar photovoltaic modules](#)

This bill would exempt solar photovoltaic modules not identified as hazardous waste and treated as universal waste, as defined, from state hazardous waste regulations, if transferred to a designated recycler for legitimate recycling.

Current Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate. Referred to Com. on E.Q. 06/11/2025. Set for hearing on 7/2/2025.

p. [SB-45, Recycling: beverage containers: tethered plastic caps](#)

- The bill would require, on and after January 1, 2027, beverage containers, as defined, intended for sale in this state, to have a cap that is tethered to the container that prevents the separation of the cap from the container when the cap is removed from the container by the consumer. (Rick spoke on this one).

Current Status: May 23 hearing: Held in committee and under submission. 5/23/2025.

q. [SB-501, Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act](#)

This bill would create a producer responsibility program for products containing household hazardous waste and would require a producer responsibility organization (PRO) to ensure the safe and convenient collection and management of covered products at no cost to consumers or local governments. The bill would define “covered product” to mean a consumer product that is ignitable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive, or that meets other specified criteria.

Current Status: May 23 hearing: Held in committee and under submission. 5/23/2025.

r. [SB-561, Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act](#) (Marine Flares)

This bill would create a manufacturer responsibility program for the safe and proper management of emergency distress flares. The bill would define “covered product” to include certain pyrotechnic devices that meet the criteria for household hazardous waste, as specified. The bill would require a manufacturer of a covered product, individually or through a manufacturer responsibility organization, to develop and management of covered products, as specified.

Current Status: **Passed Senate, in Assembly.** Referred to Com. on E.S and T.M.
06/09/2025. Set for hearing on 7/1/2025.

s. [SB-615, Vehicle Traction Batteries](#)

This bill would require a battery supplier, as defined, to be responsible for, among other duties, ensuring the responsible end-of-life management of a vehicle traction battery if it is removed from a vehicle that is still in service, as provided, or if the vehicle traction battery is offered or returned to its battery supplier, and reporting information regarding the sale, transfer, or receipt of a vehicle traction battery or module to the department, as provided.

Current Status: **Passed Senate, in Assembly.** From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (June 17). Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
6/18/2025.

t. [AB-80 Carpet recycling: product stewardship for carpet: fines](#)

The act includes a product stewardship for carpet program and a successor carpet producer responsibility program. The product stewardship for carpet program requires a manufacturer of carpets sold in this state, individually or through a carpet stewardship organization, to submit a carpet stewardship plan to the department. The program authorizes the department to administratively impose a civil penalty of \$25,000 per day on any person in violation of the program if the violation is intentional, knowing, or negligent.

Current Status: Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and JUD. 6/11/2025. Set for hearing on 7/2/2025.

u. [SB-353 Income tax: credits: food banks.](#)

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws, including, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, ~~and before January 1, 2027~~, a credit for qualified taxpayers in an amount equal to 15% of the qualified value of fresh fruits or vegetables and specified raw agricultural products or processed foods donated to a food bank. This bill would extend the authorization for those tax credits indefinitely.

Current Status: **Passed Senate, in Assembly.** From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

v. [AB-998 Household hazardous waste: vape pens.](#)

Under this bill, a vape pen confiscated by a school as contraband is presumed to have been generated by a household and does not lose its status as household hazardous waste when properly managed and disposed of at a household hazardous waste collection facility or through a household hazardous waste collection program.

Current Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate. Referred to Com. on E.Q. 06/18/2025. Set for hearing on 7/16/2025.

w. [AB-1148 Food packaging: hazardous chemicals.](#)

This bill would authorize the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations to restrict or prohibit the distribution, sale, or offering for sale in the state of food packaging that contains intentionally added antimony trioxide, bisphenols, or ortho-phthalates, as specified.

Current Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E.Q. 06/17/2025. Set for hearing on 7/2/2025.

x. Bills vetoed by the Governor (previous session):

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

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

8. Roundtable

a. <https://www.calpsc.org/legislation>

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

i. [S. 1194 Recycling and Composting Accountability Act](#)

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

9. Adjournment