

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

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm

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

**PLEASE NOTE: floor and room change for in-person attendance**

County of San Diego, Department of Public Works

5510 Overland Ave

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,** Conference Room #371

San Diego, CA 92123

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**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval, Minutes January 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, January 9, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Chair
    - i. Richard Anthony\*
  - b. Guests
    - i. Steve Weihe, County of San Diego\*
    - ii. April Andrews, County of San Diego\*
    - iii. Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego\*
    - iv. Ani Putnam, City of San Diego
    - v. Oscar Gittemeier, City of San Diego (Innovation and Community Engagement, San Diego Public Library)
    - vi. Julia Glorioso, I Love A Clean San Diego (ILACSD)
    - vii. Helen and Ron Kagan, residents/Planet Flip
    - viii. Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego\*
    - ix. Kelsey Corban, Goodwill of San Diego
2. Approval, minutes from November 2024
  - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report
  - a. Chair traveled to the National Recycling Coalition conference in NY. Gave an opening speech and was presented with a lifetime achievement award.
  - b. Zero Waste Symposium is on February 26 <https://zerowastesandiego.org/events-main/#symposium>
4. Staff reports
  - a. City of San Diego
    - i. Debris Assistance Program
      1. <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/debris-assistance-program-english.pdf>
        - a. City is providing outreach on how to properly dispose of/recycle flood debris once the program has ended.
    - ii. Measure B
      1. FAQ website is live [Potential Future Fees for Waste Collection Service | City of San Diego Official Website](#)
      2. Results of the fee study will be presented at the Environment Committee before going to a vote before City Council.
    - iii. Events
      1. <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events>
    - iv. Single Use Plastic Reduction ordinance  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/pf-ban>

1. Waiting on SB 54 updates to see if Styrofoam reaches the required 25% threshold or if falling below this requirement will result in a de facto ban, per SB 54.
- v. Compost Giveaways
  1. Two events have been held and were well attended.
  2. Future giveaways can be found by visiting <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/composting-events>
- vi. Solana Center
  1. New contract is in place.
- 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. 27 site visits conducted in December so far (full figures are pending).
  - ii. Waivers
    1. Reviews continue on both organic waste waiver exemptions and self-haul forms for recyclables.
  - iii. 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. Edible Food Recovery Team presented our County food recovery program to the national EPA representatives.
    4. Contract renewed with Dixieline for 5 years for Compost Bins.
    5. Josh Keyton on our team will presenting for the County at the February Zero Waste Symposium.
    6. Newly revised MFC bag designs are finished and will be printed within the coming months.
      - a.
    7. Working on OOPS Tag program (beginning procurement steps)
  - iv. Self Haul
    1. Some businesses have decided to stop self-hauling recyclables (too much work) and have switched back to cart/dumpster service.
  - v. Organic waste campaign
    1. Running 11/15/24-1/15/25 using radio, Hulu, social media, in-store posters and online ads. Impressions and results will be shared during February's meeting.
- c. Haulers

- i. No report
  - d. Non-profits
    - i. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
      - 1. Fix-It Clinics
        - a. Events <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
        - b. Zero Waste Symposium will be held at the County Offices (5520 Overland Ave 92123) on February 26.
          - B. Darcy Knowles, VP at Dr. Bronners will be the keynote speaker.
        - c. Applied for SWFR grant with National City; looking for a space to promote zero waste.
      - ii. Sierra Club
        - 1. No report
      - iii. I Love A Clean San Diego
        - 1. <https://cleansd.org/events/category/events/list/>
      - iv. Goodwill San Diego
        - 1. Went “bagless” in store.
        - 2. In one year collected 57,000 lbs. of soft plastic/film through recycling program with Trex.
        - 3. Their sustainability webpage is now live [Donate Electronics to Goodwill & Create Jobs in San Diego!](#)
        - 4. Looking for partners to host a “Sustainability Fair” in April.
- 5. Public Comments and Communication
  - a. Attendees discussed
    - i. Helen - Looking for a place to visit a pyrolysis reactor. Has a lead on a cruise ship – Royal Caribbean line; may be able to give a tour.
    - ii. Oscar Gittemeier - San Diego Public Library - works on systemwide programming team and currently partners with County libraries.
      - 1. Applied for a grant with COSD libraries: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDp\\_qbPbs8WFwkfiTh9HfDLo\\_Xjlu57wc](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDp_qbPbs8WFwkfiTh9HfDLo_Xjlu57wc)
      - 2. <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/check-out-nature>
    - iii. Ron - expanding Waste Wizard game – what items go in what bin. Looking for a database of items. Working with UCSD on this item. It was recommended he reach out to ILACSD to potentially link to the WasteFreeSD database.
- 6. Regional Planning issues
  - a. CalRecycle is holding hearings on Zero Waste plan for California <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/zerowasteplan/>
  - b. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
    - i. Sierra Club plans to meet with the remaining Board of Supervisors regarding the Wasting Fee topic. A \$1 fee would generate funds for additional public education & outreach.

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.

Merged into AB 1238. Died in the Senate Com. on APPR. on 08/16/24.

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 (updated covered materials list) -

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

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 – Paint products: stewardship program](#)

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