

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 10/28/2025

Meetings take place the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Transcripts and AI Notetaking – This is an open share meeting. Open to transcriptions

- Annabelle Jackson, Port of San Diego
- Anthony Smith, Republic Services
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&F Consultants
- Cynthia Mallet, WM
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego
- Dave Didonato, City of Chula Vista
- Debbie Descans, WM
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Janine Rodarte, City of Oceanside
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jessica Toth, Solana Center
- Jesus Aramburo, WM
- Joanne Brasch, CPSC
- Jonathan Lisicki, Superior Chemicals
- Julie Sands, City of San Diego
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Kristen Dare, WM
- Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill
- Madeline Lascola-Hutcherson, Goodwill
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Oscar Gittemeier, City of San Diego
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Rick Anthony, Zero Waste
- Rocio Ramos, City of Oceanside
- Risa Baron, Republic Services
- Rosemarie Chora, City of Oceanside
- Steve Weihe, County of San Diego
- Valentina Hopkins, ACA

3. Open Forum

- I. Jessica Toth – Solana Center.
 - i. Tie Dye workshop is coming up this Saturday at Solana Center. Rochester Institute of Technology has a sustainable materials flow course; Solana Center can help with discounts if interested.
 - ii. SB1383 Food Recovery Inspector Training begins on November 5 2025, it is 3 half days. Community events offered in advance of SB707, Responsible Textile Recovery Act.
 - iii. A small group went to the County Board of Supervisors to present on the proposed waste fee increase.
 - iv. See our link for events: [Events and Education](#).

4. Presentations

- I. PaintCare – Recycling Made Easy – Valentina Hopkins
 - i. Valentina presented on the paint stewardship laws on behalf of architectural paint manufacturers, governed by a Board of Directors representing architectural paint manufacturers. PaintCare was formed in 2009 in response to paint stewardship legislation based on a pilot in Oregon.
 - ii. There is approximately 884 million gallons available across the nation for recycling, which is enough paint for 8 1/2 million homes. An estimated 10% of architectural paint goes unused each year.
 - iii. Established in October 2012, there are 820 year-round drop-off sites and 42.5 million gallons collected thus far.
 - iv. Program goals are to increase convenience and recycling opportunities through retail drop-off sites to reduce the cost and add responsibility for state and local governments through those HHW partnerships to manage payment in an environmentally responsible manner and to establish sustainable funding.
 - v. And what does that paint care fee fund?
 - a) 70.3% goes towards paint collection, transportation and processing.
 - b) 21.4% goes towards staffing admin overhead and state oversight fees
 - c) 8.3% goes towards outreach and education.
 - vi. Businesses have some restrictions on oil-based products. They can only drop off 25 gallons per month and must sign drop off, log or receipt. They must be a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG)
 - vii. PaintCare is looking to participate in more city mural projects, with examples in Palmdale and east coast, but none yet in San Diego. Looking for opportunities in the county utilizing reuse paint.
 - viii. If you have any opportunities with local nonprofits or sites that you could work with PaintCare, we'd really appreciate helping facilitate those partnerships by filling out an interest form on the PaintCare website or reaching Valentina Hopkins. Senior California Program Coordinator. Email: vhopkins@paint.org. Phone: 949-415-9035, Website: www.paintcare.org

5. CalRecycle Update

Monthly SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle

- a) The next SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle will be on November 19, 2025, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, and will be focused on large venues and events.
- b) All previous SB 1383 Chats were recorded and are available on the Department's [YouTube channel](#)
- c) Join Local Jurisdiction Interested Parties Listserv to be notified: [List Archive Search \(ca.gov\)](#)

2) CalRecycle Open Grant and Loan Cycles - Funding - CalRecycle Home Page

- a) [Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program \(Cycle 33\)](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **November 4, 2025**
- b) [Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program \(FY25-26\)](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **November 18, 2025**
- c) [Reusable Beverage Containers Infrastructure Grant Program \(Cycle 2\)](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **December 4, 2025**
- d) [Increased Recycling of Empty Glass Beverage Containers Grant Program \(Cycle 2\)](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **December 4, 2025**
- e) [Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant \(Cycle 89\)](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **January 6, 2026**
- f) [Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program \(Cycle 27\)](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **January 13, 2026**
- g) [Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program](#) (Dealer Cooperatives)
 - i) Application Due Date: **Continuous through June 30, 2026 (Cycle 5)**
- h) [Beverage Container Recycling Loan Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **Continuous**
- j) [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **Continuous**
- k) [Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **Continuous**

3) Stakeholder Workshops

- a) [Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee \(IDTAC\) Public Meeting](#)
 - i) November 5 @ 12:30 pm 0 3:30 pm PST
 - ii) See public notice for more details
- b) [Notice of SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act Permanent Regulations 45-Day Comment Period and Public Hearing](#)
 - i) 10/7/2025, 10:00AM
 - ii) The Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (IDTAC) provides ongoing expertise to the state and member CalRecycle, while assisting local, state and private agencies, nonprofits, community groups and the public by assessing the extent and cost of illegal dumping, and sharing discoveries, best practices, and strategies. Attend the public meeting for presentations and to learn more about the IDTAC "PACE(O)" strategy, Work Plan, trainings, guidance, and other resources available to help combat illegal dumping. Q&A welcome.
 - iii) Register/Participate: [Zoom Meeting Platform](#)

4) Next Monthly Public Meeting

a) November 25, 2025

i) <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicMeeting/>

6. NSAC Update – Heidi Sanborn

We have a working group that is national and meets every other month on household hazardous waste.

- I. SB343 - On the truth in labelling for what's recyclable, which is having national impact, the industry's already asking the federal government to prevent states from enforcing truth in labeling. Education and outreach for the ongoing program is required. Truth in labeling was passed in California years ago (2021).
- II. AB1325 (Rodriguez) – Requires producers who are responsible for automotive products like engine oils and transmission fluids to form a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) which is funded by the oil and lubricant association. They recently joined NSAC on a study trip to Canada.
- III. SB54 – Packaging Producer Responsibility Act - We are expanding it to all EPR packaging, bringing in other people from different states. Kickoff call will be December 15, 2025

7. CPSC Update – Joanne Brasch – We are in between the ledger year. Currently, meeting with stakeholders, coming up with plans for January. Working on recalled products, specifically Anker brand battery packs which are showing up in transfer stations.

- I. SB 707 – Responsible Textile Recovery Act – (2) Textile events in southern California; none in San Diego. There's a couple jurisdictions CPSC is interested in, some local ordinances or even local adoption of programs and collection opportunities that are complementary to SB707.
AB 80 – Carpet Recycling – It's going to be heard in appropriations and retailers are proposed to pay a fee.
- II. AB 864 (Ward) – Regulatory Streamlining for Solar Panel Recycling. Bill is paused on floor of the Senate. Two solar panel events in southern California; none in San Diego. Next January will re-introduce new bill with new author while Ward bill remains active.

8. Wasting Fee Update – Rick Anthony - I was just at three conferences, National Recycling Coalition, Zero Waste and the Global Forum in Turkey. The Zero Waste concept is being accepted.

9. SB 1383 Roundtable

No comments

10. CRRRA 2026 Conference Planning

- I. Manuel Medrano – In interested in tours. Up to 20-30 people to any site that is related to agriculture or organics, such as a local urban farm. HHW is another submission on how to hard to manage waste and the solutions.
- II. There is a local conference committee formed. We understand there are local folks that want to be included too.
- III. Staying away from ocean and water themes and going for a regenerative approach, such as soil and agriculture.

11. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- I. Ellyn Law – Edible Food Working Group
Had a meeting last week. There was no presentation. Attendees discussed site visits with food generators. At the County, we are preparing for the annual reporting and site visits to food recovery organizations. The County's Office of Emergency Services is soliciting feedback to improve its emergency contracts, with a discussion on how it relates to edible food recovery. Comments can be submitted by October 30th. The next meeting is November 18, 2025.
- ii) Michael Wonsidler – Organics Working Group
Discussed CRRRA conference tours, including organics facilities. Recent workshop with San Pascual Soils was showcased. The County has been using a compost voucher program in providing compost to farms, which will go from internal support to a contractor Zero Foodprint. The next meeting is November 5th.
Manuel Medrano added, City of Chula Vista is doing a composition study in 2026.
- iii) Annabelle Jackson – Port of San Diego
Port is coordinating with CPSC, State Parks, the Coastal Commission and Clean Harbors, hosting another Marine Flare collection event.
Taking place on Saturday, November 15th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at our Shelter Island boat ramp parking lot. Kenneth Prue added, the City of Oceanside is also partnering in the event.

Adjournment – Next meeting 11/25/2025