

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 09/23/2025

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

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

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Agenda

1. Introductions – Michael Wonsidler facilitating for Eric Wolff
2. Transcripts and AI Notetaking – This is an open share meeting. Open to transcriptions

- Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Annabelle Jackson, Port of San Diego
- Ashley Elzinga, FPI
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&F Consultants
- Cynthia Mallet, WM
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Daniel McIntosh, City of Poway
- Jenna Roripaugh, WM
- Jennifer Steffen, City of Poway
- Joanne Brasch, CPSC
- Jonathan Lisicki, Superior Chemicals
- Kayleigh Dearstyne-Hulin, Solana Center
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kim Silva, City of Escondido
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Kristen Dare, WM
- Lee Mutter, City of El Cajon
- Leslie Webb Blanco, City of Vista
- Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill
- Madeline Lascola-Hutcherson, Goodwill
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Debbie Descans, WM
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Emily Schuetz, Cal Recycle
- Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
- Gilberto Verdugo, City of San Diego
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Marty Seaman, RRS
- Matt Todd, RRS
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Rosemarie Chora, City of Oceanside
- Ruth Janssen, ILASD
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego
- Steve Weihe, County of San Diego
- Tracie Onstad Bills, HDR Inc
- Valentina Hopkins, ACA

3. Open Forum
 - a. Kaleigh Dearstyne-Hulin – Solana Center. Tie Dye workshop is coming up. See our link for events: [Events and Education](#).
4. Presentations
 - i. Foodservice Packaging Institute- Ashley Elzinga
 - i. Ashley presented economic and sustainability solutions in food service packaging such as cups, containers, bags and polystyrene.
 - ii. The Institute's impact is focused on research and surveys with both the community and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to relay the need for keeping recyclables, dry, clean and residue free. Conducting bale and residue studies, working with end markets for recovered materials, and sharing resources.
 - iii. FPI has 6 gatekeepers, it collaborates with while curbside collection is the focus.
 1. Material Recovery Facilities
 2. MRF's end markets
 3. The community
 4. Waste Haulers
 5. Brokers
 6. Paper Mills
 - iv. FPI is currently looking for communities to promote paper cup and curbside recycling, with outreach and work in these areas.
 1. Outreach includes state government and state associations and producer responsibility actions.
 2. Reaching paper mills nationwide, while keeping the created list of mills updated with existing and new ones.
 3. Measure effect of pre/post social media campaigns where FPI helps with graphics and messaging in English and Spanish, which includes Sacramento, Bay Area, Los Angeles and San Diego in the partner network.

5. CalRecycle Update

1) Monthly SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle

- a) The next SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle will be on September 17, 2025, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, and will be focused on funding for food recovery organizations and services.
- 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) [Recycled Glass Processing Incentive Grant Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **September 25, 2025 (Cycle 2)**
- b) [Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **October 7, 2025 (Cycle 88)**
- c) [Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **October 15, 2025**
- d) [Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Partial Grant Program](#)

- i) Application Due Date: **October 15, 2025**
- e) [Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program](#)
- i) Application Due Date: **October 16, 2025 (Cycle 26)**
- f) [Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program](#)
- i) Application Due Date: **November 18, 2025 (FY25-26)**
- 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 j**
- k) [Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program](#)
- i) Application Due Date: **Continuous**

3) Stakeholder Workshops

- a) [Public Notice: Notice of SB 1013 Addition of New Beverage Containers Permanent Regulations 45-Day Comment Period and Public Hearing](#)
- i) 9/30/2025, 10:00AM
- 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) See public notice for more details

4) Next Monthly Public Meeting

- a) October 28, 2025
- i) <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicMeeting/>

- 6. CPSC Update – Joanne Brasch – Legislative year ended in September. Uneventful year for waste and recycling.
 - i. SB54 – Hiccups with implementation, legislative cleanup in the future, lot of conversations due to being a heavy lift for the industry, CalRecycle leadership has been great, and education is still needed.
 - ii. SB 707 – Responsible Textile Recovery Act – Expected to take years to pass due to still workshopping it. Need to learn the cost effectiveness which is easier after program working.
 - iii. AB 80 – Carpet Recycling – It's going to be heard in appropriations and retailers are proposed to pay a fee.
 - iv. AB 762 – Single Use Vape Ban – Died in appropriations.
 - v. AB 823 – Boerner Bill ban on microbeads. Expanding to cosmetic and hygiene products. Glitter ban.
 - vi. AB 864 – Ward Bill. Hazardous Waste Solar - Paused.
 - vii. AB 998 – Hadwick Bill. Vaping devices confiscated at schools reclassified as HHW died in appropriations.

- 7. SB 1383 Roundtable

- i. Michael Wonsidler – Opening the floor, how about any SB1383 Roundtable? None.

8. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- i. Ellyn Law – Edible Food Working Group had a meeting last week. Highlighted the anaerobic system in Rincon Valley called Zeus. Kitchens for Good presented about their hospital work. Shared County resources guide, with best practices in conjunction with Restaurant Association and DEHQ. CalRecycle review process was shared. [Managing Organic Waste and Best Practices at Food Facilities](#)
- ii) Michael Wonsidler – Organics Working Group.
Talked about procurement, compost socks and blankets.
Statewide irrigation limitations, ban on non-functional turf. Starting in 2027, government facilities cannot water the turf in winter. Voice of San Diego article at the Greenery, <https://voiceofsandiego.org/2025/08/20/san-diego-paid-to-have-trash-picked-from-green-bin-waste-by-hand/> they are taking plastic out of the organics. Reuse and Repair Network Grand Opening in Downtown San Diego

9. Adjournment – Next meeting 10/28/2025