

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

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

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

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Agenda

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

- Annabelle Jackson, Port of San Diego
- Anthony Smith, Republic Services
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&F Consultants
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Cynthia Mallet, WM
- Dana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego
- Debbie Descans, WM
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Janine Rodarte, City of Oceanside
- Jenna Roripaugh, WM
- Jessica Toth, Solana Center
- Kayleigh Dearstyne-Hulin, Solana Center
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Leo Orenday, Republic Services
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Rick Gloria, City of San Diego
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach

Open Forum

- a. Mallika Sen, Solana Center – SB 1383 Inspector training had about 20 participants from around the state Next round of training in November. September is Master Composter at the Japanese Friendship Garden: manure composting, raising backyard chickens and composting with worms.

See our link for events: [Events and Education](#).

Update from CalRecycle: The use of a grace period or a delay between an inspection and the issuance of a violation, is not in violation of the regulations.

- b. Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista - Food Service Packaging Institute, a trade group that represents food service packaging is looking to host an event workshop here in San Diego. In September, they will be hosting an event to introduce their products and how it could best fit SB 54. They're determining the recyclability and composability of their products to work with municipalities and MRFs.

2. Presentations

- a. Turning the Tide on Textiles <https://www.solanacenter.org/textiles>
Jessica Toth and Robin Fator – Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
 - i. There is a desert in Chile and beaches in Ghana, where much of our discarded clothes ends up. It's turning this incredible desert into a giant landfill for discarded clothes. That's more than 66,000 tons of clothing. It's so massive that it's visible from space.
The average piece of clothing is worn by an American only seven times. This equates to 80 lbs. per person per year.
 - ii. There is now state legislation. SB 707 comes into play January 2028.
 - 1. EPR
 - 2. Education and Outreach for consumers to promote participation.
 - 3. Building awareness about secondhand markets and benefits of reuse.
 - iii. Solana Center has an awareness campaign and yearly expo.
 - 1. Expo educates the community about the scope of the problem and urgent need to move toward a circular fashion.
 - 2. It starts with information displays for people to rethink their purchasing behaviors.
 - 3. Any clothing that is left usable will be donated.
 - 4. Businesses had clothing swap program for employees to participate in. Last year's clothing swap in March had 700 lbs. of textiles collected which amounted to ½ a metric ton of carbon dioxide avoided, the next one is in Encinitas. 13 jurisdictions represented and 12 vendors participated.
- b. Kayeigh Dearstyne-Hulin, Solana Center for Olivia Spaulding, Center for a Circular Economy; olivia@closedlooppartners.com
 - i. Olivia updated on the Beyond the Bag Initiative.
 - ii. There are three main parts with the approach of implementing stores for the long term, not just the pilot.
There are signs near and in stores designed to last and serve as continuous reminders for customers. Store Cashiers will continue to ask customers if they want

a bag.

There is three months of “out of store” marketing to jumpstart the program
If you're interested in how you can help. Please share with any local mom or pop shops or larger chains you might have connections with, and think would be interested. Local small, medium retailers can pick up signs at Solana Center at no cost to them.

Resource: www.closedlooppartners.com/beyond-the-bag/ If you're interested in getting more involved in the Beyond the Bag campaign, feel free to reach out to me at kayleigh@solanacenter.org

3. CalRecycle Update

1) Monthly SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle

- a) The next SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle webinar 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) [Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program \(Construction Cycle\)](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **August 26, 2025 (Cycle 44)**
- b) [Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program \(Small Projects\)](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **August 26, 2025 (Cycle 45)**
- c) [Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program](#) (Recycling Centers)
 - i) Application Due Date: **September 2, 2025 (Cycle 3)**
- d) [Rubberized Pavement Grant Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **September 11, 2025 (Cycle 18)**
- e) [Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program](#) (Qualifying Tribal Entities)
 - i) Application Due Date: **September 16, 2025 (Cycle 4) (Revised)**
- f) [Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **October 7, 2025 (Cycle 88)**
- g) [Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **October 16, 2025 (Cycle 26)**
- h) [Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **November 18, 2025 (FY25-26)**
- i) [Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program](#) (Dealer Cooperatives)
 - i) Application Due Date: **Continuous through June 30, 2026 (Cycle 5)**
- j) [Beverage Container Recycling Loan Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **Continuous**
- k) [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **Continuous**
- l) [Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program](#)
 - i) Application Due Date: **Continuous**

3) Stakeholder Workshops

- a) [Public Meeting Notice: Overview of the 2024 California Waste Tire Market Report](#)
 - i) 9/3/2025, 9:30AM – 11:30AM

ii) CalRecycle will host a workshop on September 3, 2025, to present an overview of the 2024 California Waste Tire Market Report. This hybrid workshop will take place from 9:30-11:30 AM PST, both in-person and online via webinar and webcast formats. At the workshop, the 2024 tire market trends will be presented and interested parties will have an opportunity to provide insights on market trends prior to the finalization of the Report in December 2025. The workshop will also be available in Spanish.

b) [Public Meeting Notice: September 9, 2025 - Textile PRO Application Workshop](#)

i) 9/9/2025, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

ii) The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) will hold an informational public workshop on September 9, 2025. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a statutory overview of the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) described in the [Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024](#) (SB 707, Newman, Chapter 864, Statutes of 2024) and to introduce the PRO application process. Interested parties will be invited to ask questions.

4) Next Monthly Public Meeting

a) September 16, 2025

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

4. CPSC Update – Joanne Brasch – I'll go through projects, regulations and active legislation.

a. SB54 – Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging - We are entering into another comment period. This one it goes until October.

b. SB 707 – Responsible Textile Recovery Act - SB-707 is in the regulation phase.

c. AB 80 – Carpet Recycling – It's going to be heard in appropriations.

d. AB 762 – Single Use Vape Ban – parked. Working with cannabis and nicotine industry. Is a 2-year bill, so it is not moving forward. It's a bill that's going to ban single use vapes and priorities between now and January is to get the cannabis industry dealt with because they don't think that enforcement for cannabis should be the same as tobacco. AB 864 - Solar panel EPR – parked. With Assemblymember Ward. We did win a DOE Department of Energy Federal grant to develop a curriculum for solar panel reuse and repair, and we piloted it in northern California, and now we'll be replicating it in Santa Barbara in Mojave Desert and in some of the other Northern California jurisdictions.

e. AB 823 – Boerner Bill ban on microbeads. Expanding to cosmetic and hygiene products. Glitter ban. Now it's expanding it to cosmetic products that stay on your skin, makeup, etc.

f. AB 998 – Hadwick Bill. Vaping devices confiscated at schools reclassified as HHW – in senate. Also, would allow HHW facilities to treat and disassemble vape devices before disposal without becoming commercial generators.

g. SB682 Senator Allen Bill. Prohibits distribution, sale or offering of certain products that contain specified levels of PFAS.

h. SB 212 – Pharma and Sharps Bill. CPSC sponsored in 2022. So, this will be the first major update to that program. Any issues you have with the medicine and sharps EPR

program. Please send them to CPSC because in 2026, we plan on doing an update with assembly Member Connelly, who is the Chair.

5. NSAC Update – None

6. SB 1383 Roundtable

- a. Eric Wolff – Opening the floor
- b. Colleen Foster - Experienced several clients in the JACE process, and have had exposure to the full process all the way to final findings report.
There's a couple interesting things in the final findings reports: There is an expectation for 100% compliance.
- c. Michael Wonsidler – Recommended that jurisdiction work with their LAMD to review implementation schedule. JACE has started sending out curtesy notices about a month in advance of formal notice of investigation.
- d. Colleen Foster - Even if you do get a JACE visit, there's a whole secondary process. Once they finish their actual compliance evaluation and they provide final findings, they will then issue a notice of violation (NOV). JACE is anticipating finishing the first round of compliance evaluations for every jurisdiction by 2027.
- e. Michael Wonsidler - And for those that that might not know, the acronym LAMD, Local Assistance and Market Development is the local assistance that Emily Schuetz from CalRecycle is part of at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/lgcentral/contacts/>
- f. Paul Maechler - Emily reviewed our EAR as well this year and she did make a comment for clarification on commercial enrollment.
- g. Ellyn Law - Two presentations, one on San Diego County's Emergency Operations plan update as it related to food and a presentation on Produce Goods' operational plan.
- h. Michael Wonsidler - Website from CalRecycle that gives details on new organics campaign and the campaign to encourage greater use of recycled beverage containers. <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/bevcontainer/> The CRRA conference 2026 is going to be held next year in San Diego.
- i. Manuel Medrano –The Food Service Packaging Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th at the Hilton Mission Valley
- j. Colleen Foster – Proposed meeting in person and/or arrange for this group to have field trip.
- k. Manuel Medrano - Like to have collaboration with the Southern California Forum. [San Diego FSP briefing agenda.pdf](#)
- l. Leo Orenday - Recent VOSD article on contamination sorting from compostables [Why San Diego Is Sorting Trash from Compost Bins by Hand | Voice of San Diego](#)

7. Other Regional Working Group Reports

- a. No update.

8. Roundtable

i. Anything else for Roundtable? All right. Well, that brings us to adjournment.

9. Adjournment – Next meeting 9/23/2025