

Minutes

1. Introductions:
 - a. Lotte Phoummavong - Goodwill of San Diego
 - b. Randall Sollinger - City of San Diego
 - c. Natalia King - County of San Diego
 - d. Steve Weihe – County of San Diego
2. County of San Diego - Environmentally Preferable Procurement (Natalia King):
 - a. Reimagining Board Policy B-67 – EPP Report
 - i. **EP3 Presentation:** Natalia presented the proposed update for the Environmentally Preferable Procurement (EPP) policy, focusing on guidelines for purchasing decisions to increase equity and sustainability. She emphasized the importance of making greener choices without limiting competition or driving up costs.
 - ii. **Policy Guidelines:** Natalia explained the draft guidelines for the EPP policy, which include prioritizing previously owned products, avoiding chemicals of concern, and investing in energy-efficient products. She also highlighted the importance of evaluating vendors based on their environmental and social impact.
 - iii. **Product Categories:** Natalia detailed the specific guidelines for four product categories: furniture, office supplies, building and construction materials, and food serviceware. She emphasized the importance of prioritizing sustainable and low-impact products in these categories.
 1. **Furniture Guidelines:** Natalia explained that the guidelines for furniture include prioritizing products made from sustainably certified or recycled materials, and avoiding those with high VOC emissions or harmful chemicals.
 2. **Office Supplies:** For office supplies, the guidelines emphasize reducing usage, prioritizing high-yield and remanufactured toner cartridges, and using paper with recycled content or sustainably sourced materials.
 3. **Building Materials:** The guidelines for building materials focus on using reclaimed wood, low or zero VOC paints, and avoiding products with harmful chemicals. These measures aim to reduce environmental and health impacts.

4. **Food Serviceware:** For food serviceware, the guidelines prioritize reusable items, and if not feasible, compostable options without harmful chemicals. This aims to reduce waste and chemical exposure.
 - b. **Next Steps:** Natalia outlined the next steps for the EPP policy, including creating guidance documents and training for county staff. She also mentioned an upcoming circular economy assessment to identify opportunities for sharing, reusing, and upcycling products and materials.
 - c. EPP links
 - i. <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/small-business-contracting/>
 - ii. **Board Letter:**
<https://file.sandiegocounty.gov/COB/COBPublicView?FileId=28553309>
 - iii. **Memo:**
<https://bosagenda.sandiegocounty.gov/cob/cosd/cob/doc?id=0901127e810eed01>
3. City of Chula Vista's Reuse Center: no report
4. San Diego Fix-It-Clinics:
 - a. City of San Diego – for FY 26, working on having one in each council district.
 - b. Goodwill San Diego

Is looking to join any e-waste collection events.
5. Roundtable: N/A

Mission Statement

The San Diego ReUse and Repair Network will promote reuse and repair as an adjunct to recycling, and as an alternative to landfilling throughout the San Diego region. We will support reuse- and repair-related industries and help create an infrastructure by 1) sharing information and best practices, 2) facilitating a network for businesses and non-profits for collaborations, and 3) educating and engaging our members and the general public to utilize and advocate reuse and repair.

Current Goals & Objectives

- Create and expand the repair and recycling/reuse databases we have put in place
- Promote repair and recycling/reuse businesses, practices, and informational databases

- Educate non-profits and thrift organizations on ways to find markets for goods they previously landfilled
- Sponsor and attend events to engage the public and various sectors in reuse/repair activities and mindsets
- Encourage co-location of reuse and repair industries to create synergies and ease of access

San Diego Reuse & Repair Network Meeting Agenda

Date: May 21, 2025, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams (link below)

Conference Call-In Number: Please refer to email for call-in information

Contact for questions: April Andrews 619-936-3770 or April.Andrews@sdcounty.ca.gov

Microsoft Teams meeting

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