

COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE/CRRA San Diego Chapter and Zero Waste San Diego Public Meeting MINUTES

WHEN: Thursday, August 13, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

WHERE: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Ave

3rd Floor, Conference Room #371

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Diego, CA 92123

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Minutes

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Attendance** (*in-person attendee)
 - a. Chair
 - i. Ric Anthony - Zero Waste San Diego*
 - b. Member
 - i. Stephen Mergener - Zero Waste San Diego*
 - c. Guests
 - i. Kirk Kinder – County of San Diego*
 - ii. Ani Putnam – City of San Diego
 - iii. Paul Starkley – City of San Diego
 - iv. Helen Kagan – Resident
 - v. Gabriel Schiering – I Love a Clean San Diego
2. Approval, minutes from July 2026
 - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report (Ric Anthony)
 - a. CRRA will be 8/30 – 9/2 in San Diego - <https://www.crra.com/conference>
 - i. Over 1000 attendees are expected to attend, hotel bookings are no longer taken for Sheraton, however you can still register for the event.
 - ii. Event will have a Fix-It Clinic event as part of the programming in exhibit hall.
 - iii. Registration is only available for virtual attendees as CRRA membership is attending in greater numbers with new members and program managers.

- b. NRC virtual conference – August 5-6 <https://www.nrcrecycles.org/nrc-virtual-congress-2026.html>

- i. Teresa Bradley, CEO and Founder of Race to Zero Waste, chaired the event.
- ii. The event was attended worldwide and was not dominated by California attendees; speakers included a representative from a Native American Tribe.

4. Staff reports

a. City of San Diego

- i. Introduction of new staff member, Paul Starkley, Training Analyst
- ii. For residents that have received their new blue bin (recycling), the waste portal is open for the next 30 days.
 - 1. To adjust service, reduce size and quantity of bins, etc. - <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/trash-service-updates>
- iii. Outreach Videos
 - 1. Five new videos created and distributed with 3 shorts focused on recycling tips and tricks with 2 longer videos centered on, what goes where? and how to set up a recycling program for multi-family units
- iv. Measure B
 - 1. 20,000 residents opted out of service, with 800 brought into city services
- v. CalRecycle grant
 - 1. Contractor Most Likely To – developing new materials for different audiences and updating the webpage
- vi. Waste Characterization Study
 - 1. Company named Tetra Tech was selected to conduct the study
- vii. Rate Adjustment Study
 - 1. Recycling funds are partially supported by AB 939 fees, with a rate assessment being conducted by the Measure B team at the City
- viii. Attendees asked
 - 1. Resource Recovery Center – no updates per staff; City will follow up
 - 2. Rates – [Trash Service Fee Calculator | City of San Diego Official Website](#)
- ix. Events
 - a. <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events>

b. County of San Diego

- i. Events
 - 1. Recent Oil Filter Exchange Event saw 255 oil filters traded in for recycling along with 445+ giveaways/resources given out to attendees.
 - 2. [Recycling Events](#)
- ii. OOPS Tag program is up and running (started with a pilot in North County)
- iii. Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice (OSEJ – County – Natalia King)
 - 1. From Waste to Worth (Circular Economy Assessment)
 - a. [Public engagement webpage is live!](#)

- b. [Public survey is available](#)
 - 2. Environmental Justice Working Group opportunity available
<https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/ejw-2026>
- 5. Haulers – No report
- 6. Non-Profits
 - a. League of Women Voters – No report
 - b. Goodwill – No report
 - c. Sierra Club of San Diego – No report
 - d. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
 - i. Fix-It Clinics
 - 1. August 29, 2026 (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM): Valley Center Branch Library (Valley Center)
 - 2. September 5, 2026 (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM): Ramona Community Library
 - 3. <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
 - e. I Love a Clean San Diego
 - i. Events <https://www.cleansd.org/events/>
 - 1. Rainwater Harvesting Workshop free rain barrel giveaway at Ramona Library Saturday, August 29, 2026 (10:00 AM)
- 7. Public Comments and Communication
 - a. Regional Planning
 - i. Strategic Plan – <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/wastereduction>
 - b. Attendees discussed what is the latest on Strategic Plan with County reply that the website has just been updated and all are welcome to attend to provide their input
 - c. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
 - a. Would like to know the latest, County replied that they will get the latest update to pass along
 - b. Chair recommended a committee might be something to look at to push this fee forward as it is not a tax as perceived by many constituents
- 8. Legislative update (<https://www.calpsc.org/legislation>)
 - i. SB 54
 - 1. Several businesses, including Plastic Beach, were awarded an RFP to begin commercial pilot for plastic film recycling.
 - ii. <https://www.calpsc.org/legislation>
- 9. Bills introduced/continued:
 - a. **[AB-80: Carpet recycling: product stewardship for carpet fines](#)**
The act includes a product stewardship for carpet program and a successor carpet producer responsibility program. The product stewardship for carpet program requires a manufacturer of carpets sold in this state, individually or through a carpet stewardship organization, to submit a carpet stewardship plan to the department. The program authorizes the department to administratively impose a civil penalty of \$25,000 per day on any person in violation of the program if the violation is intentional, knowing, or negligent. **Two-Year bill (no update).**
 - b. **[AB-333: Recycling: glass beverage containers: market development payments.](#)**
This bill would require the department, subject to the availability of funds, to pay a

market development payment to a person who purchases a product, other than a beverage container, that is made with empty glass beverage containers that would otherwise be sent to a landfill. Passed Assembly Committee on Natural Resources – 1/12/26. **Dead?**

c. [AB-337: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food](#)

This bill would expand the grant program to provide financial assistance for the recovery of edible food. Re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations 1/15/2026. **Dead?**

d. [AB-405: Fashion Environmental Accountability Act of 2025](#)

This bill would enact the Fashion Environmental Accountability Act of 2025 and would require fashion sellers to carry out effective environmental due diligence. **Dead?**

e. [AB-762: Single-use Vaping Devices Sales Ban](#)

This bill would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2026, a person from selling, distributing, or offering for sale a new or refurbished disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device in this state. The bill would define a “disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device” to mean a vaporization device that is not designed or intended to be reused, as specified. **Passed Assembly 1/29/26; Passed Senate Appropriations 8/3/26.**

f. [AB-823: Solid waste: plastic microbeads.](#)

This bill would, on and after January 1, 2027, prohibit a person from selling, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes in this state a cleaning product, as defined, or a personal care product in a rinse-off product, containing one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are used as an abrasive, as specified. The bill would, on and after January 1, 2028, prohibit a person from selling, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes in this state a coating, as defined, cleaning product, or personal care product, that contains one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are not used as an abrasive. **Vetoed.**

g. [AB-864: Hazardous waste: solar photovoltaic modules](#)

This bill would exempt solar photovoltaic modules not identified as hazardous waste and treated as universal waste, as defined, from state hazardous waste regulations, if transferred to a designated recycler for legitimate recycling. **Dead?**

h. [AB-998: Household hazardous waste: vape pens.](#)

Under this bill, a vape pen confiscated by a school as contraband is presumed to have been generated by a household and does not lose its status as household hazardous waste when properly managed and disposed of at a household hazardous waste collection facility or through a household hazardous waste collection program. **Two-Year bill.**

i. [AB-1148: Food packaging: hazardous chemicals.](#)

This bill would authorize the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations to restrict or prohibit the distribution, sale, or offering for sale in the state of

food packaging that contains intentionally added antimony trioxide, bisphenols, or ortho-phthalates, as specified. **Two-Year bill.**

- j. [AB-1617: HHW reporting bill - alignment of reporting with Form 3033.](#) Passed Assembly 4/16/26. Passed Environmental Quality Committee 6/17/26.
- k. [AB-1812: compostable products labeling bill.](#) Passed Assembly 5/26/26. Passed Senate Appropriations on 8/3/26.
- l. [AB-2226: spot bill repealing reusable grocery bags pre-checkout.](#) No update.
- m. [AB-2245: lubricants packaging bill](#) - EPR program that covers everything not covered in CalRecycle's used oil program. Requires producers to take new oil containers AND used oil containers. **Held in Committee – 5/14/26.**
- n. [AB-2462: recalled products bill](#) – require any manufacturer of a recalled product to take back the item. **Passed Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee 3/24/26. Likely dead.**
- o. [SB-45: Recycling: beverage containers: tethered plastic caps.](#)
The bill would require, on and after January 1, 2027, beverage containers, as defined, intended for sale in this state, to have a cap that is tethered to the container that prevents the separation of the cap from the container when the cap is removed from the container by the consumer. **Dead bill. Per Chair – looking at local ordinances for coastal cities.**
- p. [SB-353: Income tax: credits: food banks.](#)
The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws, including, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2027, a credit for qualified taxpayers in an amount equal to 15% of the qualified value of fresh fruits or vegetables and specified raw agricultural products or processed foods donated to a food bank. This bill would extend the authorization for those tax credits indefinitely. **Two-Year bill.**
- q. [SB-501: Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022: covered batteries.](#)
Gutted and amended. Now for medium-format batteries only (11 to 25 lbs). **Passed the Senate. Passed Assembly Comm. on Natural Resources 6/29/26.**
- r. [SB-561: Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act. \(Marine Flares\)](#)
This bill would create a manufacturer responsibility program for the safe and proper management of emergency distress flares. The bill would define “covered product” to include certain pyrotechnic devices that meet the criteria for household hazardous waste, as specified. The bill would require a manufacturer of a covered product, individually or through a manufacturer responsibility organization, to develop and management of covered products, as specified. **Passed Senate 6/2/25. Passed Assembly Judiciary Committee on 6/30/26.**

s. [SB-615: Vehicle Traction Batteries](#)

This bill would require a battery supplier, as defined, to be responsible for, among other duties, ensuring the responsible end-of-life management of a vehicle traction battery if it is removed from a vehicle that is still in service, as provided, or if the vehicle traction battery is offered or returned to its battery supplier, and reporting information regarding the sale, transfer, or receipt of a vehicle traction battery or module to the department, as provided. **Likely dead.**

t. [SB-936: prohibit sales of certain nitrous oxide cylinders.](#) Passed the Senate. In Assembly. Passed Comm. on Public Safety 6/30/26.

u. [SB-1010: Solid waste: Refrigerant Stewardship and Recovery Act.](#) Passed the Senate. Passed Env. Safety and Toxics Committee on 6/30/26.

This bill would enact a Stewardship program which would require producer of certain household appliances, containing refrigerants, to form and join a PRO.

v. [SB-1371: addresses solid waste handling and labor disputes.](#) Passed Senate; in the Assembly 5/20/26.

v. Bills vetoed by the Governor (previous session):

i. [SB 1066 -- EPR for Marine Flares](#)

ii. [SB 615 – End-of-life management for vehicle traction batteries](#)

10. Roundtable

- a. Attendees commented on delays and strategies for building a city waste recovery park.

11. Meeting adjourned.