

COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

MEETING MINUTES

WHEN: Thursday, June 11, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

This meeting will be in-person with the option for virtual attendance

PLEASE NOTE: floor and room change for in-person attendance
County of San Diego, Department of Public Works

5510 Overland Ave

3rd Floor, Conference Room #371

San Diego, CA 92123

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Submit Agenda Items to Chair Rick Anthony and County Staff Steve Weihe 2 weeks prior to the next meeting: RicAnthony@aol.com and Steve.Weihe@sdcounty.ca.gov

Should you require any accommodation to attend the meeting, please contact Steve Weihe

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. Natalia King-Quick - County of San Diego
 - ii. Beryl Flom, League of Women Voters
 - iii. Ani Putnam - City of San Diego
 - iv. Helen Kagan - Resident
 - v. Gabriel Schiering - I Love a Clean San Diego
 - vi. Ron Askeland
2. Approval, minutes from May 2026
 - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report (Ric Anthony)
 - a. Zero Waste Forum - Turkey – June 2026 <https://globalzerowasteforum.org/>
 - i. Took place last week; lots of representation/speakers
 - b. Zero Waste USA conference taking place in October (50th conference)-
<https://zerowasteusa.org/event/national-zero-waste-conference-2025/>
 - c. CRRRA will be 8/30 – 9/2 in San Diego - <https://www.crra.com/conference>
 - d. NRC virtual conference – August 5-6 <https://www.nrcrecycles.org/nrc-virtual-congress-2026.html>

- e. Sierra Club resolution – protesting War in Iran (pending Board of Directors vote nationally)
- f. Wasting Fee – considering next steps
- 4. Staff reports
 - a. City of San Diego
 - i. City settled rate study lawsuit – no weekly recycling, bulky curbside collection or EV trucks.
 - 1. Fees have been reduced - <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/trash-service-updates>
 - a. Attendees asked why trash couldn't be collected bi-weekly (organics still present in the trash).
 - 2. Currently only recovering 70% of the cost to provide service
 - a. Attendees discussed potential reasons for the lawsuit
 - ii. A second pickup in Mission Beach will occur this summer (General Fund funded)
 - 1. Covering 1,800 homes, with 700 short-term rentals.
 - 2. Trash/organics weekly (Memorial to Labor Day – second pick up on Saturday)
 - iii. Outreach
 - 1. Resource Recovery Park
 - a. No update; attendees asked about consultant plan and inviting them to speak at next CAC. City will follow up.
 - 2. Various internal role shifts due to retirements
 - 3. Hiring for Recycling Specialist II
 - 4. Circular Action Alliance is hiring – <https://circularactionalliance.org/careers>
 - 5. Fix It Clinics
 - a. [Upcoming Events – San Diego Fixit Clinic](#)
 - 6. Events
 - a. <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events>
 - b. County of San Diego
 - i. Events
 - 1. County's Strategic Plan update workshop is tonight in person 5:30 PM – 7 PM Rancho San Diego Library - engage.sandiegocounty.gov/wastereduction
 - 2. [Recycling Events](#)
 - a. Next virtual meeting will be June 16th from 11:30 AM – 2 PM - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87021184235>
 - b. Community Clean up event 6/27 in Spring Valley 8 AM to 12 PM https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/SOLID_WASTE_PLANNING_and_RECYCLING/recycling_events/Residential%20Cleanup%20Event%20Flyer%20-%20June%202026%20Spring%20Valley.pdf

3. Eight-page mailer on organic waste has been mailed to 200,000+ unincorporated residents -
 - [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/SOLID_WASTE_PLANNING and RECYCLING/Files/County%20of%20San%20Diego%20Spring%202026%20Newsletter%20-%20From%20Scraps%20to%20Soil.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/SOLID_WASTE_PLANNING_and_RECYCLING/Files/County%20of%20San%20Diego%20Spring%202026%20Newsletter%20-%20From%20Scraps%20to%20Soil.pdf)
- ii. OOPS Tag program is up and running (starting with a pilot in North County)
- iii. Natalia – OSEJ
 1. Plastic Beach is offering free plastic bag/film pilot collection (looking for 25 additional businesses for pilot)
 - a. Reach out to Matthew for more info - matthew@plastic-beach.com
 - b. County is participating in pilot at their Operations Center off Overland Ave.
- iv. Attendees asked
 1. Supermarkets have lots of plastic film (has PB reached out to them?)
 - a. Is high cost of transportation an issue?
 2. Sierra Club wrote letter of support for Plastic Beach, as did the County.
5. Haulers – No report
6. Non-Profits
 - a. League of Women Voters – no report
 - b. Goodwill
 - i. Report from Natalia – setting up SB 707 Working Group
 - c. Sierra Club of San Diego
 - i. Hiring an intern for Climate Committee
 - ii. Tobacco Coalition – may share an update at future CAC meetings
 - iii. San Onofre – nuclear waste concerns; symposium in August
 - d. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)
 - i. Fix-It Clinics
 1. Offering sewing classes; repairing bikes to be sold to help fund additional fixes
 2. Is now an e-waste drop off location for Envirogreen
 3. <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
 4. Considering an in-person Fix It Clinic at CRRRA conference
 - ii. Reuse and Repair Collective
 1. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 3 PM
 - e. I Love a Clean San Diego
 - i. Events <https://www.cleansd.org/events/>
 1. Is participating with Plastic Beach on pilot for film recycling
7. Public Comments and Communication
 - a. Regional Planning
 - i. Chair mentioned that CAC should be involved in Strategic Plan (County) discussions.

- b. Attendees discussed
 - i. Super Critical Water Oxidation (PFAS)
- c. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
 - a. See Sierra Club section
- 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; looking for one hundred businesses to participate.
- 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; in the Senate Committee 5/20/26. Amended to exclude cannabis.**
 - 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. Referred to Senate Committee 5/6/26**
- k. [AB-1812: compostable products labeling bill.](#) **Third reading in Assembly 5/18/26.**
- 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. Held in Committee - 5/14/26.**
- 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. In Assembly committee 6/1/26.**
- 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. **Likely dead.**
- 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 6/8/26.**
- u. [SB-1010: Solid waste: Refrigerant Stewardship and Recovery Act.](#) **Passed the Senate. In the Assembly 6/4/26.**
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. NSAC – co sponsoring battery bill and nitrous oxide ban – looking for sign-on.

11. Meeting adjourned.