

## COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

#### MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 14, 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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Room #371**

**(For access - please ring the C&D bell located at the County Surveyor counter)**

**San Diego, CA 92123**

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. Kirk Kinder - County of San Diego\*
    - iii. Ani Putnam - City of San Diego
    - iv. Lotte Phoummavong - Goodwill San Diego
    - v. Helen Kagan - Resident
    - vi. Gabriel Schiering - I Love a Clean San Diego
    - vii. Eric Wolff - County of San Diego
2. Approval, minutes from April 2026
  - a. Approved
3. Chair's Report (Ric Anthony)
  - a. Zero Waste Forum will be taking place in Turkey – June 2026  
<https://globalzerowasteforum.org/>
    - i. Event is pending due to world events
  - b. Zero Waste USA conference taking place in October -  
<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>
4. Staff reports
  - a. City of San Diego
    - i. Outreach
      1. Distributed 6,000 kitchen pails through CalRecycle grant with door-to-door outreach.

2. Resource Recovery Park
    - a. No update; still working with consultants
  3. Plan to start collecting tires near HHW/Mattresses drop off location at Miramar Landfill (details TBD)
  4. A total of 500<sup>th</sup> trailer loads have been collected, with 51,000 mattresses diverted for recycling thus far in the program.
  5. Retires
    - a. Jennifer Hobbs and Julie Sands
    - b. Ani will be the Construction and Demolition (C&D) contact. Other staff roles will likely be shifting.
  6. Fix It Clinics
    - a. [Upcoming Events – San Diego Fixit Clinic](#)
  7. Events
    - a. <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/events>
  8. Stay Scrappy campaign (radio/etc) ends on June 9, 2026
    - a. Post assessment to review data will be completed.
- b. County of San Diego
- i. Events
    1. [Recycling Events](#)
      - a. Community Clean up event in Warner Springs on 4/25 achieved an 83% recycling rate.
    2. Eight-page mailer on organic waste and should be hitting unincorporated mailboxes shortly.
    3. County hosted SB 1383 compliant compost and mulch giveaways at eleven County parks (approx. 20CY of compost/mulch was available for unincorporated residents).
    4. In anticipation of updates to the County's Strategic Plan to Reduce Waste, community workshops/meetings will be held.
  - ii. OOPS Tag program is up and running (starting with a pilot in North County)
  - iii. Attendees asked
    1. Does Green Halo account for deconstruction records?
      - a. City states Green Halo is customizable to accommodate this function.
5. Haulers – No report
6. Non-Profits
- a. Goodwill
    - i. Looking for a recycler with R2 or R3 license to handle e-waste and batteries.
    - ii. Working with TREX for plastic bags and film recycling.
    - iii. Promoting prom and wedding dresses for purchase.
  - b. Zero Waste San Diego (ZWSD)

- i. Fix-It Clinics
      - 1. Have three clinics coming up - <https://zerowastesandiego.org/sdfixitclinic/>
    - ii. Reuse and Repair Collective
      - 1. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 3 PM
      - 2. Resources include a tool shed and tool lending library, sewing machines, bike repair, community workshop area, upcycling area
      - 3. Looking to partner on e-waste/donation collections
      - 4. Open to tours for the group (email Lotte)
  - c. I Love a Clean San Diego
    - i. Events <https://www.cleansd.org/events/>
      - 1. Kid's Ocean Day event created an aerial art photo of a bat ray along the coast.
      - 2. ESD Greenery Showcase at Miramar Greenery on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
      - 3. Changed its branding and logo (Send Gabriel an email if you would like a branding kit.).
- 7. Public Comments and Communication
  - a. Attendees discussed
    - i. Helen - researching advanced recycling technologies, comparing options like SCWO and pyrolysis while considering safety records and how innovations such as 3D printing might reduce costs. Gathering information for a potential book or website and has toured an aerospace facility to learn more about SCWO's abilities and challenges, including mineral buildup and reactor clogging.
  - b. Wasting Fee discussion (from Chair)
    - a. County indicates the Board of Supervisors have been briefed on the topic.
- 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.
      - a. County indicated framing retail stores Michael's and Hobby Lobby) may be interested.
- 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). **Referred to Committee on Natural Resources – 5/4/26.**
- 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 Senate Public Safety Committee 3/17/26. Ordered to third reading – 5/19/26.

u. [SB-1010: Solid waste: Refrigerant Stewardship and Recovery Act](#). Ordered to a third reading – 5/14/26.

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. I Love a Clean San Diego

i. Definition of CHaRM?

1. Center for Hard to Recycle Materials.

#### 11. Meeting adjourned.