

Household Hazardous Waste Working Group Meeting

Meetings take place the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am – 11pm

Date: Thursday, August 20

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance:

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| a. Montalvo, Roxana | k. Paul Maechler |
| b. Martinez, Sophia | l. Paige (Thermostat Care) |
| c. Alejandro Ruiz-Velasco | m. Caitlin Barboza |
| d. Ashley Swauncy | n. Gio Cortes |
| e. Diana Jamaledine | o. Lee, Timothy |
| f. Ting-yao Li | p. Lee Mutter |
| g. Chris Vasquez | q. Serena Lee |
| h. Chen, James | r. Richter, Vivian G |
| i. Wolff, Eric | s. Joanne Brasch |
| j. Fernando Moreno | |

2. Presentations

- a. Thermostat Care – presentation by Paige Rosenberg, Operations Manager
- b. Presentation:
- c. Public and Private Drop-off Sites for thermostats
 - i. Private: Contractors
 - ii. Public: HHW facilities, Transfer stations, recycling centers, landfills, Government jurisdictions, hardware stores, HVAC wholesale stores, community-based organizations
 1. Over 675 collection locations in California, and find locations at website:
- d. Outreach partners: Partners that spread the word but don't necessarily have room for a collection center. Thermostat Care has outreach materials for them to pass out.
 - i. Apartment and property management organizations and associations, HOAs, Municipal Utility Districts, energy providers
 - ii. They have 6 languages that are required for translations, but Thermostat Care will also make materials in other languages as needed

- e. How Does the Program Work: Collection Partners
 - 1. Become a collection partner
 - 2. Ordering a container
 - 3. Collect thermostats
 - 4. Ship back and get a replacement
- f. How Does the Program Work: Rebate Eligibility and Process
 - 1. CA residents and service techs can receive a \$30 rebate per mercury thermostat. Collection partners take the paperwork and the thermostat.
 - 2. Licensed contractors are not eligible.
 - 3. Once the container is sent to the facility, the rebate forms are reviewed, and the rebate participants will be mailed a check.
- g. Partnership Opportunities
 - i. HHW programs can receive signage, outreach, and collection box. This program is completely free to HHW facilities to utilize.
 - ii. Thermostat Care also provides social media content, ready-to-use content for newsletters and websites, and community presentation materials.
- h. Thermostat Care Contact
 - i. ThermostatCare.org
 - ii. Info@ThermostatCare.org
 - iii. Paige Rosenberg prosenberg@thermostatcare.org



- i. Questions
 - i. County of SD has a collection bin at Ramona HHW facility. Roxy finds it very easy and doesn't need to use contractors to handle the waste.
 - ii. If a HHW facility or jurisdiction wanted to get a bin what do they need to do?
 - 1. Email Thermostat Care info email or Paige directly and they can assist.
 - iii. From Ashley Swauncy with City of Carlsbad: What is the collection trend of mercury thermostats: Since it's a legacy item and hasn't been sold in CA since 2006, there are still mercury thermostats in many older buildings. Overtime it's always in decline collection but with education there has been increase between years. More thermostats were collected in 2025 than 2024 and 374 thermostats were collected in 2025.

3. Legislative Updates – Joanne Brasch

- a. **AB 762 (Irwin):** Single use vapes sales ban – moved out of appropriations onto Revenue and Tax., only thing left is a floor vote. Bill is in the second house. Will know if it passed hopefully by Aug 31 and will head to Governor’s desk. Oppositions are big tobacco and spent over 1 million but not in direct lobbying.
- b. **SB 1010 (Ashby):** Refrigerant containing appliances and major appliances recycling – Get held in appropriations. DTSC put a big cost on the start to collect a fee (that they are already authorized to do). It came down to the fee ultimately. Started as EPR and then shifted to enforcement bill and it will be up to Ashby if they want to start the bill again. Bill is dead.
- c. **AB 904 Carpet bill:** Out of appropriations, likely to pass
- d. **AB 864 (Ward):** Solar panel management standards – makes recycling easier (allows hot knives, allows shipping out of state, etc.). Bill did not give transparency, etc. so CPSC is no longer a sponsor. Unclear if this will die or go forward with Ward.
- e. **AB 1617:** HHW reporting bill, aims to align 303 reporting with calendar year. CPSC didn’t engage with this bill so there is no update.
- f. **Nitrous Oxide Cylinder Bills**
 - i. **AB 2076 (Lowenthal):** Age verification + online sale prohibition. Did pass out of appropriations.
 - ii. **SB 1314 (Menjivar):** Ban retail sales at smoke shops + 600ft school buffer. Did not pass out of appropriations.
 - iii. **SB 936 (Blakespear):** Bans flavored/fume N₂O products; restricts sales for inhalation purposes. Bill moved out of appropriations.
- g. **AB 2549:** Addresses embedded battery devices; sponsored by retailers. This got held. Did not go through. Future bill opportunity for residential recycling if there is a depot alternative for retail space collections (CPSC would like the bill to move in this direction).
- h. **SB 501 (Allen):** Expands AB 2440 battery EPR to include larger loose batteries. Passed.
- i. **SB 615 (Allen):** EV traction batteries, it’s out of appropriations. Amended in July. CPSC does not have a position on it.
- j. **AB 2667 (Hadwick):** vape pens collected at schools would be considered HHW, moved out of appropriations.

4. News/Announcements

- a. Upcoming reporting deadlines:
 - i. HHW Form 303 Report
 - 1. Due by 10/1/2026

5. Open Forum – issues, BMPs, solutions, engagement, etc.

- a. Handling Materials
- b. Facilities/Inspections/Reporting
 - i. CalRecycle Oil Site Visit Recap
 - 1. Roxy met on Tuesday and CalRecycle grant manager and supervisor Jamie came to COC and they visited 4 different CCC in unincorp SD county area and then came to office review program. This is more of a

site visit vs an audit. They just wanted to see what is going with the program. CalRecycle said this is probably going to increase and they anticipate they will do visits annually. Roxy was able to show them the tear offs that were made and they seemed to like it - English and Spanish on other side, small pads near registers in stores for people to take. If anyone is interested, this is a good use of OPP and COSD is happy to share this resource if anyone is interested.

- James: City of SD, Calrecycle also visited them, highlighted how OPP funds help city, and they also visited their sites. They have come once every other year. And they said they will come potentially each year and for them. Its just a casual visit.
- Same with Chula Vista, and CalRecycle came yesterday and was there for 3 hours. Only thing they said was missing signs on collection centers but other than that Calrecycle was happy with their program.

- c. Contracting
- d. Collaborations
- e. HHW events
- f. Other

- i. CRRRA Annual Conference, San Diego – August 30 – September 2
 - 1. Two sessions on HHW/Illegal Dumping and TC Lunch is Monday 31st.
 - 2. HHW TC lunch on Monday, August 31st

6. EPR

7. Roundtable

- a. Interest Form (always open): <https://forms.office.com/g/ZmbZaJZFQG>
- b. EVQ fine question from Serena Lee: h=How can they figure out what to do and put on calendar on how to do it. If anyone has successfully registered waiver over fine.
 - i. Roxy started getting EVQ notices last year and it was a new process. Roxy can send over sheets with due dates to HHW reporting and new reporting is for tax and based off EVQ submitted year before. And we missed a report and small report from years ago. Double check EPA ID on DTSC to see what email is on file with manifests and who is listed as contact. Reach out to DTSC. <https://hwts.dtsc.ca.gov/>. EVQ is just verifying what you have and there is a YouTube video she will send over.
 - 1. Paul Maechler had a similar situation with 20-year EPA and got mailed to City Hall but luckily got notified before. And can look up addresses on DTSC to check any old addresses or EPA ID numbers that may be still online.
 - ii. Send list of deadlines to the group

8. Adjournment

