

## Household Hazardous Waste Working Group Kick Off Meeting

**Date:** Friday, February 20, 2026

**Time:** 1:00pm – 2:00pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

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### Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance
  - Alejandro Ruiz-Velasco – City of Chula Vista
  - Paul Maechler - City of Encinitas
  - Eric Wolff – County of San Diego
  - Roxy Montalvo - County of San Diego
  - Steve Weihe - County of San Diego
  - Sophia Martinez – County of San Diego
  - George Katsikaris - City of San Diego
  - Jessica Weislogel – City of San Diego
  - James Chen – City of San Diego
  - Ann Marie Sack – I Love a Clean San Diego
  - Diana Jamaledine – Solana Beach
  - Valentina Hopkins – PaintCare
  - Fernando – City of Escondido
  - Joanne Brasch - CPSC
2. News Announcements
  - a. Upcoming reporting deadlines:
    - i. CDTFA – due February 28<sup>th</sup> (March 2<sup>nd</sup>)
      1. Any HHW facility that collected more than 5 or more tons of all hazardous waste in a calendar year will need to file the CDTFA reports.
    - ii. eVQ – due March 31<sup>st</sup>
      1. Reporting on all facilities that held an ID number and generated waste in the calendar year
        - a. Question: When to file what for HHW facilities?

- i. Answer: Roxy doesn't look at first initial deadline and only focuses on second deadline. No payment for HHW should be needed. Can also reach out to [hhwie@googlegroups.com](mailto:hhwie@googlegroups.com) for other questions.

### 3. Household Hazardous Waste Management Practices

#### a. Handling Materials

- i. Any problem materials that are being seen at the different facilities.
  - 1. More ammunition (City of Chula Vista) – Sometimes ammunition is hidden on other boxes when dropping off HHW items. Not accepted at the facility
  - 2. Nitrous Oxide bottles (City of Chula Vista, City of Escondido)
    - a. City of Escondido has reached out to one of the manufacturers to see if they have a plan for recycling and are waiting for a response. Will get back with information.
    - b. \$115 to dispose of one tank of NO<sub>2</sub> (number from City of Escondido)

#### b. Contracting

- i. Are facilities contracted per car or per item?
  - 1. City of SD – Price per item and another price for labor, etc.
  - 2. City of Escondido – Residential HHW is per car and street sweepers are per item and the street pick up is primarily where the NO<sub>2</sub> bottles are being picked up
  - 3. County of San Diego Ramona – Price per car

#### c. Collaborations

- i. City of Chula and City of San Diego – Request to talk and work with City of SD so Chula Vista can accept City of SD residents. City of SD has a couple items to work on but by April 1 they anticipate being able to talk about working with the Chula Vista HHW facility. Currently, Chula Vista only accepts HHW items that are free to dispose of from City of SD residents (cooking oil, latex paint, sharps). They get around 10 City of SD residents a month but sometimes it is higher.
  - 1. City of SD will update Paint Care with changes in paint collection.
  - 2. City of SD might expand HHW facility operation collection and choose Wed. They used feedback to determine which dates worked best and it was between Wed and Friday. On Saturdays they have up to 300 cars so they are hoping that being open an extra day will help alleviate that.

#### 4. EPR

##### a. Sharps

- i. Inmar closing operations in June 2025.
- ii. County of San Diego – Sharps are collected at HHW facilities and there are additional sharps collection kiosks at Sheriff Stations. Currently, trying to get reimbursed from previous invoices. Sharps collection at sheriff stations is one contract with Clean Harbors and is separate from our facility contract. Inmar would be reimbursed with transportation and disposal. No contract is needed for reimbursements, but you would need a contract/mutual agreement with Med-Project.
- iii. Chula Vista used Med-Project. Med-Project picks up twice a month and picks up on average between 8-12 bins and then the bins are replaced. They have not had any major issues while working with them. The reimbursements were too difficult, and pickups have been much smoother. Sharps are only collected at HHW facilities.
- iv. City of SD does not utilize either of these programs or EPR programs for sharps. 10 – 13 95-gallon drums of sharps get shipped from facility each month

#### 5. Legislative Updates from CPSC (Joanne Brasch): [Legislation | CPSC](#)

- a. Updates to existing programs or expansions of programs
- b. Propane – Ban got signed and CPSC got preempted any design mandates on cylinders.
- c. AB-998 Vape bill ban is still alive. Made it to second house and cannabis was removed so it is now just tobacco.
- d. AB-864 Solar Panel – it will probably pass but it doesn't have a great program in bill for EPR and instead CPSC will be pushing local ordinance.
- e. AB 2462 – Recalled Products bill – Recalled electronics and batteries are starting to be a problem and local jurisdictions and thrift stores can now be reimbursed
- f. SB-936 & SB758 - Two Nox bills – One about ban flavors and where it can be sold
- g. SB-501 Large battery bill, like e-bike batteries is active
- h. Please send your cost-savings info for sharps and paint to: [Joanne@calpsc.org](mailto:Joanne@calpsc.org)

#### 6. Roundtable

- a. Frequency of working group meetings
- b. Attendee interest form
- c. The SoCal HHWIE is coming up: <https://2026socalhhwie.eventbrite.com/>.
- d. Participants would be interested in monthly meetings

7. Adjournment

- a. Roxy will send out a participant interest form regarding upcoming topics and requests from presenters.
- b. Next meeting TBD