

## Household Hazardous Waste Working Group Meeting

Meetings take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 10am – 11pm

**Date:** Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00am – 11:00am

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Microsoft Teams meeting**

**Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/21428353859689?p=oV2IVHKapvuouUQyOy>

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### Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance
  - *Caitlin Hansen*, City of Carlsbad
  - *Ting-Yao Li*, City of Escondido
  - Alejandro Ruiz-Velasco, City of Chula Vista
  - Chen, James, City of San Diego
  - Ting-yao Li, City of Escondido
  - Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
  - Martinez, Sophia, County of San Diego
  - Caitlin Hansen, City of Carlsbad
  - Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
  - Doug Kobold, CPSC
  - Diana Jamaledine, Solana Beach
  - Ann Marie Sack, I Love a Clean San Diego
2. Presentations (TBD)
  - Discussed future presentation plans, open to suggestions for presenters (e.g., contractors, PROs, HIRT)
3. Legislative Updates
  - Comprehensive legislative review was provided, focusing on several relevant HHW bills.

#### **Key HHW/Specific Bills**

- **AB 762 (Irwin):** Single use vapes sales ban; effective Jan 1, 2027. Expected to pass.

- **SB 1010 (Ashby):** EPR for refrigerant containing appliances; may expand to all appliances.
- **AB 864:** Solar panel management standards; still alive and CPSC not sponsoring
- **AB 1617:** HHW reporting bill aligns 303 reporting timelines to get all reporting on a similar timeline

#### **Nitrous Oxide Cylinder Bills (Five Total)**

- **AB 1107 (Flora):** Business license suspension for illegal sales; likely to merge with other bills.
- **AB 2076 (Lowenthal):** Age verification + online sale prohibition.
- **SB 1314 (Menjivar):** Ban retail sales at smoke shops + 600ft school buffer.
- **SB 9936 (Blakespear):** Bans flavored/fume N<sub>2</sub>O products; restricts sales for inhalation purposes.

#### **Other Relevant Bills**

- **AB 2245:** Lubricants EPR—OPP program will stay intact and this is same bill from last year and set up EPR for lubricants and packaging, CPSC is still neutral on bill
- **AB 2549:** Addresses embedded battery devices; sponsored by retailers.
- **AB 2667:** Focus on vape devices in schools; allows PBR facilities to separate components. Trying to get DTSC to identify vapes in schools as home generated
- **SB 501 (Allen):** Expands AB 2440 battery EPR to include larger loose batteries (ebike sized).
- **SB 615 (Allen):** EV traction batteries—likely to stall; costly to jurisdictions.

Doug highlighted the political process and likelihood of NO<sub>2</sub> bills merging based on party alignment or committee priorities.

#### 4. News Announcements

##### a. Upcoming reporting deadlines:

##### i. eVQ – due March 31<sup>st</sup>

1. Reporting on all facilities that held an ID number and generated waste in the calendar year
2. Roxana advised early outreach to DTSC for corrections and ID number requests. Temporary ID numbers created issues; DTSC response times slow.
3. James (City of SD) shared that another section completes their EVQ to reduce workload.

5. Open Forum – issues, BMPs, solutions, engagement, etc.
  - a. Handling Materials
    - i. NO2 Canisters
      1. Several jurisdictions notice increases.
      2. Carlsbad receives only a few; others report carloads costing thousands.
      3. Some facilities turn N<sub>2</sub>O cylinders away and only accept propane.
    - ii. Sharps & Pharma EPR Updates
      1. **Inmar/Drug Takeback Foundation withdrawing** from California *both pharma & sharps programs*. Facing \$3.4M in fines; ceasing operations by June 30 (rumors of earlier).
      2. **MedProject will become the only active PRO.**
      3. No longer reimbursement-based; pick up only. Jurisdictions using Inmar must transition soon. Reach out to Med-Project ASAP
      4. Satellite collection locations for sharps would need sharps to go to HHW facility for Med-Project to collect
      5. Members shared operational concerns:
        - City SD has sharps satellite locations, 9 at police locations. Not a part of EPR program, the majority of cost is getting sharps and bringing them to the facility
        - City of CV: (Alejandro) Reported only gets sharp at facility with exception to two kiosks at a community college and there are only two pickups a year
        - County of San Diego has long running partnerships with Sheriff stations for sharps drop-off; PROs do not service law enforcement sites.
        - Costs vary widely across jurisdictions, large discrepancies in reimbursement experiences.
    - iii. Doug requested **annual battery program cost data** from jurisdictions to support future legislation.
  - b. Contracting
    - i. **City-Generated Hazardous Waste Contracts** Discussion led by Escondido (Fernando): Each Escondido department currently has its own HW contract; they plan to consolidate. Members shared various models:
      1. **City of San Diego:** One citywide contract for all city generated waste (not HHW). Includes emergency pickups (24hr response), routine service, and performance standards. City generated waste should not be combined with HHW, two separate contracts are needed for HHW and city waste. They have a city-wide contract that anyone can use and is as needed. Will send to Escondido. Can look into mail-backs (for batteries) that can be a

good option especially if they don't generate a lot of waste instead of through a contract (Call2Recycle)

2. **Carlsbad:** Each department has its own contracts; working on a more comprehensive framework.
  3. **County of San Diego:** No countywide contract; departments sometimes use VSQG program or individual contracts. Strong recommendation to centralize under DGS. There is a battery contract that is county wide and is a bucket system. Lights out disposal. Will send out both contracts
- c. Collaborations
    - i. See Section B above
  - d. HHW events
    - i. **County of San Diego:** Temporary HHW event in Valley Center on April 4 (unincorporated residents only).
    - ii. **City of San Diego:** ABOP Event on April 11 at Chollas Operation Yard
6. EPR
    - a. See legislation section
  7. Roundtable
    - a. Interest Form (always open): <https://forms.office.com/g/ZmbZaJZFQG>
  8. Adjournment
    - a. Roxana thanked attendees and will distribute minutes and next month's agenda. Members encouraged to send additional agenda requests.