

Household Hazardous Waste Working Group Meeting

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

Date: Thursday, May 21th

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance
 - a. Attendees:
 - Roxana Montalvo, County of San Diego
 - Caitlin Hansen, City of Carlsbad
 - Alejandro Ruiz-Velasco, City of Chula Vista
 - Timothy Lee, City of San Diego
 - Caitlin Barboza, HFH Consultants
 - Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
 - Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
 - Priscilla Dioquino, I Love a Clean San Diego
 - Ann Marie Sack, I Love a Clean San Diego
 - Ting-yao Li, City of Escondido
 - Joanne Brasch, CPSC
 - Doug Kobold, CPSC
 - Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
2. Presentations (TBD)
 - a. CUPA scheduled for June HHW meeting
 - b. No presentations during this meeting.
3. Legislative Updates
 - a. **AB 762 (Irwin):** Single use vapes sales ban

- b. **SB 1010 (Ashby):** EPR for refrigerant containing appliances
 - i. High priority bill, coalition endorsement letter shared, negotiations are underway
- c. **AB 864 (Ward):** Solar panel management standards
- d. **AB 1617:** HHW reporting bill, aims to align 303 reporting with calendar year
- e. **Nitrous Oxide Cylinder Bills (Five Total)**
 - ~~i. **AB 1107 (Flora):** Business license suspension for illegal sales~~
 - ii. **AB 2076 (Lowenthal):** Age verification + online sale prohibition.
 - iii. **SB 1314 (Menjivar):** Ban retail sales at smoke shops + 600ft school buffer.
 - iv. **SB 936 (Blakespear):** Bans flavored/fume N₂O products; restricts sales for inhalation purposes.
- ~~f. **AB 2245:** Lubricants EPR – dead~~
- g. **AB 2549:** Addresses embedded battery devices; sponsored by retailers
- h. **SB 501 (Allen):** Expands AB 2440 battery EPR to include larger loose batteries
- i. **SB 615 (Allen):** EV traction batteries
- j. ~~**AB-998 AB2667 (Hadwick):** vape pens collected at schools would be considered HHW – new number~~

4. News/Announcements

- a. Upcoming reporting deadlines:
 - i. Used Oil Payment Program (OPP) annual reporting for FY25-26 is due **August 15, 2026**. Do not submit prior to July 1, 2025.
 - ii. Marine Flares Event in Chula Vista
 - 1. Team scheduled to conduct marine flare education and reusable flare distribution. Not a disposal event and no single-use flares will be accepted

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

- a. Handling Materials
 - i. Large Cylinders
 - Widespread issues disposing of large, compressed gas cylinders (oxygen, acetylene).
 - Disposal costs are extremely high; few vendors accept them.
 - Important data point for future legislative improvements.
- b. Facilities/Inspections/Reporting
 - i. City of Carlsbad: On May 7th a welding tank was hidden in a self-hauler load and was struck by equipment causing a small explosion and fire. The fire department responded quickly, with no injuries on site.

Incident reinforces dangers of hazardous waste in the general waste stream and importance of education

- c. Contracting
 - i. City of Encinitas: Discussion regarding Dream E-waste Recycling an R2V3 certification. No other jurisdiction had additional information to share with this specific contractor. The County of San Diego has shared information on the vendor to businesses with VSQG inquiries. Shared positive experiences with the vendor regarding complex e-waste items.
 - d. Collaborations
 - e. HHW events
 - f. Other
 - i. ADA Title II Web and Mobile Application Accessibility Rule
 - 1. *The compliance date for public entities with a total population of less than 50,000, or any special district government, is extended to April 26, 2028.*
 - ii. Discussion topic: VSQG programs
 - o Increase in businesses seeking disposal guidance across the county.
 - o Jurisdictions shared referral practices:
 - Chula Vista: Direct via contractor (Clean Harbors).
 - Carlsbad: Refer to Republic Services' commercial hazardous waste program.
 - County: Often refers to WasteFreeSD or private haulers.
6. EPR
- a. MedProject switch
 - i. Multiple jurisdictions discussed transitions to Med-Project after Inmar's departure.
 - ii. Chula Vista reports on positive experiences and cost savings.
 - iii. Concerns raised about pharmacies not distributing required sharps containers.
7. Roundtable
- a. Interest Form (always open): <https://forms.office.com/g/ZmbZaJZFQG>
8. Adjournment