

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 4/28/2026

Meetings take place the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

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Agenda

1) Introductions

- Alexander Galasso, City of San Diego
- Annabelle Jackson, Port of San Diego
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Cynthia Mallet, WM-
- Darlene Cossio, Goodwill
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego
- Debbie Descans, WM
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Elise Wetherell, City of Oceanside
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Emilia Cloutman, City of Carlsbad
- Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee-
- Heidi Sanborn, NSAC
- Janine Rodarte, City of Oceanside
- Jenna Roripaugh, WM
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Joanne Brasch, CPSC
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Kristen Dare, WM
- Larissa Amaral, Solana Center
- Lee Mutter, City of El Cajon
- Lotte Phoummavong, Goodwill-
- Madeline Falco, SDSU-
- Maricela Galarza, IVRMA
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Rick Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego
- Rosemarie Chora, City of Oceanside
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego
- Tyla Soylu, Zero Waste San Diego
- Wbaldo Arrellano, City of Imperial Beach

- 2) **Transcripts and AI Notetaking** – Transcriptions and AI Notetaking are allowed. If you are using such services, please be considerate that they are not perfect and confirm with source before quoting anyone.

3) Open Forum

- a) County of San Diego
 - i) International Compost Awareness Week
 - (1) Theme: Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us
 - (2) Dates: May 3 -9, 2026 for county-wide compost giveaway
- b) Solana Center
 - i) Find Solana Center at local community events.
 - (1) Backyard Composting and Bokashi Basics (May 16, 2026): Free 2-hour workshop on composting at the Descanso Library. Home recycling pickups will begin July 20, 2027.
 - (2) <https://www.solanacenter.org/events>
- c) Zero Waste San Diego
 - i) Zero waste has opportunities to partner with non-profits and jurisdiction, if interested, contact the organization. <https://zerowastesandiego.org/>

4) Presentations - None

5) CalRecycle Update

- a) Monthly SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle
 - i) The next SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle webinar is being held on April 30, 2026, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PDT, and focus is on Measuring Effective Outreach.
 - ii) All previous SB 1383 Chats were recorded and are available on the Department's YouTube channel
 - iii) c) Join Local Jurisdiction Interested Parties Listserv to be notified: List Archive Search (ca.gov)
 - iv) 2026 Virtual Tire Workshop June 9 and June 23, 2026 @ 8:30 am – 10:00 am and 10:30 am – 12:00 pm PDT
- b) CalRecycle Open Grant and Loan Cycles - Funding - CalRecycle Home Page
 - i) Local Enforcement Agency Grant Program (Cycle 37)
 - ii) Application Due Date: May 7, 2026
 - iii) Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (Dealer Cooperatives)
 - iv) Application Due Date: Continuous through June 30, 2026 (Cycle 5)
 - v) Tire Equipment Loan Program
 - vi) Application Due Date: Continuous
 - vii) Beverage Container Recycling Loan Program
 - viii) Application Due Date: Continuous
 - ix) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program
 - x) Application Due Date: Continuous
 - xi) Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program
 - xii) Application Due Date: Continuous
- c) Next Monthly Public Meeting

- i) May 19, 2026
- ii) <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicMeeting/>

6) NSAC Updates

- a) AB2245 Rodriguez Bill introduced. Lubricants waste: packaging: producer responsibility. Reduces costs, clarifies system design, and strengthens California's approach to material management The National Stewardship Action Council supports.
<https://www.nsaction.us/post/a-commonsense-step-forward-on-lubricants-and-packaging>
- b) SB 501 – Batteries: Pivot to expand program to medium-format batteries; equity and collection infrastructure considerations noted. Passed Senate, waiting in the Assembly.
- c) SB 936 – Bans sale of large >8g and flavored nitrous oxide containers; March 17, 2026: Passed Senate committee vote (6-0), referred to Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee.
- d) AB 818 – Wipes Act – Signed into law 2021, newer bill at Federal level awaiting final enactment steps.
- e) SB 343 – [NSAC Statement](#) “Truth in Recycling” Lawsuit
- f) [Recovered Textile Exhibit](#), June 10, 2026, in Los Angeles

7) CPSC Updates

- a) AB 762 – Single-use vaping devices ban: advancing in second year of session.
- b) AB 80 - Carpet Bill: Likely reintroduced as a new bill this year to agree upon language.
- c) Marine Flare Bill: Expected to lapse; exploration of local retailer fee models to fund collection.
- d) SB 707 – Textile EPR: Three PRO applications submitted; CalRecycle to select by March; producers must join by June; needs assessment by next year; San Diego represented among applicants.
- e) AB 2462 - (Pellerin) Recalled products coalition letter signing:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfh4FId0gKzVQYYzkZUW3GOpyY3Qf4z2RIM4nGEGuePis3dl5A/viewform>
- f) SB 1010 – EPR program for appliances containing refrigerants introduced February 10, 2026.

- 8) **Wasting Fee Update** – ZWSD and Sierra club are evaluating the fee and will reach back out to the Board of Supervisors.

9) SB 1383 Roundtable - None

10) CRRRA 2026 Conference Planning

- a) Location is at the Sheraton Shelter Island, and local involvement is encouraged for tours and other events.

11) Other Regional Working Group Reports

- a) Edible Food Working Group –
 - i) Onboarded 4 new Food Recovery Organizations.
- b) HHW –
 - i) New group is meeting, discussing upcoming events, legislation and best practices. Discussed procedures from a recent HHW event where the Bomb Squad came out to secure hazardous waste dropped off.

- c) Organics –
 - i) UCANR jurisdictional survey results soon, time has been extended to provide feedback.
 - ii) Compost Giveaway Events during Composte Awareness Week from May 3-10.
 - iii) Discussing Resource Hub for Compost Availability by Jurisdiction

12) Roundtable –

- a) NSAC information on SB 936 - co-sponsored by the San Diego DA - <https://www.nsaction.us/casb936nitrousoxideban> Stopping the retail sale of large and flavored nitrous oxide canisters marketed for misuse while preserving legitimate uses. For further detail visit: www.nsaction.us

Adjournment – Next meeting 5/26/2026