

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 1/27/2026

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
- Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&F Consultants
- Cynthia Mallet- WM
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Doug Kobold, CPSC
- Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Janine Rodarte, City of Oceanside
- Jenna Roripaugh, WM
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jesus Aramburo, WM
- Joanne Brasch, CPSC
- Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove, City of Del Mar
- Karlie Hayes, UCSB
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Kristen Dare, WM
- Larissa Amaral, Solana Center
- Leo Orenday, Republic Services
- Leslie Webb Blanco, City of Vista
- Madeline Lascola-Hutcherson, Goodwill
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Natalia King-Quick, County of San Diego
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Rosemarie Chora, City of Oceanside
- Ruth Janssen, ILASD
- Stephen Mergener, Zero Waste San Diego
- Steve Weihe, County of San Diego
- Tingyao Li, City of Escondido
- Tyla Soyly, Zero Waste San Diego
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach

2) Transcripts and AI Notetaking – Transcriptions

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3) Open Forum

- a) Zero Waste San Diego
 - i) Zero Waste Symposium
 - (1) Symposium is coming up on February 18, 2026.
 - (2) There are a couple of sponsorship levels available which are selling out quickly.
- b) County of San Diego
 - i) Regional Messaging Coordination
 - (1) Proposal to align public messaging across jurisdictions on recycling and organics.
 - (2) What goes where? style resources.
 - (3) Outreach to cities and haulers is ongoing; majority of 18 jurisdictions expressed interest.
- c) Solana Center
 - i) Upcoming Events & Trainings
 - (1) Commercial Food Waste Compliance Webinar: February 4 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 - (2) Mid-Scale Composting Course: February 7 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 - (3) School Food Waste Compliance Webinar: February 26 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
 - (4) Rain Barrel & Water Harvesting Webinar: February 26 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 PM
 - (5) Event listings available: [Events and Education](#).
- d) City of Encinitas –
 - i) Does anyone know locations to divert doors and windows for construction and demo with Habitat for Humanity gone locally?
 - ii) Michael Wonsidler –
 - (1) There are the Reuse People in Oakland.
 - (2) Ted Reiff started the Reuse People and Carl Hanson does wood salvage; contact information is available for both.

4) **Presentations** – None this month; March meeting presentation will be County Circular Economy Assessment Update

5) CalRecycle Update

- a) Monthly SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle
 - i) The most recent SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle webinar was held on November 19, 2025, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, and focused on large venues and events. The next SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle is TBD.
 - 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 \(ca.gov\)](#)
- b) CalRecycle Open Grant and Loan Cycles - Funding - CalRecycle Home Page
 - i) Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Partial Grant Program (Cycle 107)
 - ii) Application Due Date: February 11, 2026
 - iii) Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant (Cycle 90)

- iv) Application Due Date: April 7, 2026
 - v) Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (Dealer Cooperatives)
 - vi) Application Due Date: Continuous through June 30, 2026 (Cycle 5)
 - vii) Tire Equipment Loan Program
 - viii) Application Due Date: Continuous
 - ix) Beverage Container Recycling Loan Program
 - x) Application Due Date: Continuous
 - xi) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program
 - xii) Application Due Date: Continuous
 - xiii) Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program
 - xiv) Application Due Date: Continuous
- c) Next Monthly Public Meeting
 - i) February 17, 2025
 - ii) <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicMeeting/>

6) NSAC –No update

7) CPSC Updates

- a) AB 762 – Single-use vaping devices ban: advancing in second year of session.
- b) SB 501 – Batteries: Pivot to expand program to medium-format batteries; equity and collection infrastructure considerations noted.
- c) Solar Panel: Bill moving forward; emphasis on temporary collection events and regional consolidation; not urgent in volume, but bulky/expensive to manage.
- d) Carpet Bill: Likely reintroduced as a new bill this year to agree upon language.
- e) Marine Flare Bill: Expected to lapse; exploration of local retailer fee models to fund collection.
- f) 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.
- g) SB 54 – Packaging EPR: Webinar promoted. (Recording available if registered).
- h) Textile Recovery Summit (San Diego, February 23 – 25); Callout for local panelists; CPSC to lead EPR Clinic. Email Joanne Brasch to get involved.

8) Wasting Fee Update – No new update from Zero Waste San Diego or Sierra Club

9) SB 1383 Roundtable

- a) County of San Diego activities: Compliance tracking; implementation record updates; preparing for CalRecycle/Jace review; City of Santa Cruz seeking enforcement program examples.

10) CRRA 2026 Conference Planning

- a) Call for Speakers open; Abstracts due January 31; ideas sought for networking events around Shelter Island.

11) Other Regional Working Group Reports

- a) Edible Food Working Group –
 - i) County completed food recovery organization site visits.
 - ii) Careit “Fresh Rescue” app launch (donor-to-consumer food donation platform).

- b) HHW –
 - i) New group forming – launch anticipated soon.
- c) Organics –
 - i) UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) survey on compost/mulch application to jurisdiction; goal: usage opportunities and barriers to inform training and resources.

12) Roundtable – No additional items.

Adjournment – Next meeting 2/24/2026