

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 3/24/2026

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

- April Andrews, County of San Diego
- Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&F Consultants
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Craig Kolodge, SPV Soils
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
- Gilberto Verdugo, City of San Diego
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Heidi Sanborn, NSAC
- Janine Rodarte, City of Oceanside
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Joanne Brasch, CPSC
- Julia Gallaway, County of San Diego
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Lee Mutter, City of El Cajon
- Leslie Webb Blanco, City of Vista
- Mackenzie Anderson, Produce Good
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Nigel Deacon, metroSTOR
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Ricardo Rodriguez, City of National City
- Rick Anthony, Zero Waste San Diego
- Serena Lee, City of La Mesa
- Ting-yao Li, City of Escondido
- 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
 - (3) 9 Procurement partners are working in tandem with the County to support awareness week, with other jurisdictions encouraged to participate.
 - (4) If you would like to be a part of the giveaway, Recycle@sdcounty.ca.gov
- b) City of San Diego
 - i) Transition for city customers new containers.
 - (1) Home deliveries will start March 25 through summer.
 - (2) Home recycling pickups will begin July 20, 2027.
- c) City of Carlsbad
 - i) Earth Month Programming
 - (1) Celebration event at Poinsettia Park, April 18, 2026
 - (2) Fix-it Clinic on April 25, 2026

4) Presentations

- a) metroSTOR – Containers and Tech – Nigel Deacon, Presenter
 - i) Company advocates for better designed, accessible and intuitive waste.
 - ii) Reduce contamination and increase participation rates in city programs, such as those in San Diego and multi-family complexes nationwide.
- b) Current Challenges and Solutions without metroSTOR
 - i) Challenge: Volume, Servicing, Scavenging, Vandalism, Recycling Participation
 - ii) Solution:
 - (1) Large capacity containers in accessible locations
 - (2) Fast, easy emptying with carts or liners
 - (3) Secure locks, fixed plate or hopper design.
 - (4) Robust, vandal and graffiti resistant construction
 - (5) Clear graphics, restricted apertures, smart segregation
- c) Maximize organics capture
 - i) Challenge: Participation, Contamination, Vermin
 - ii) Solution:
 - (1) Smart hands-free drop-off enclosures in accessible locations
 - (2) Clear graphics, user registration, and data capture option
 - (3) Rodent resistant enclosures
 - (4) Robust, vandal and graffiti resistant construction
- d) Summary of metroSTOR infrastructure
 - i) Divert more food waste from US landfills
 - ii) Minimize food scrap contamination
 - iii) Contact: Nigel Deacon, Business Development Director
 - iv) T: 1 866 286 9819, C: (860) 338-4355, E: n.deacon@metrostor.us

5) CalRecycle Update

a) Monthly SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle

- i) The next SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle webinar is being held on April 1, 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) Textile Needs Assessment Informational Workshop; April 7, 2026 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm PDT
- v) 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) Empty Glass Beverage Transportation Grant Program (Cycle 1)
- ii) Application Due Date: March 26, 2026
- iii) Local Conservation Corps Grant Program (Cycle 41)
- iv) Application Due Date: April 1, 2026
- v) Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant (Cycle 90)
- vi) Application Due Date: April 7, 2026
- vii) Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grant Program (Cycle 21)
- viii) Application Due Date: April 14, 2026
- ix) Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (Dealer Cooperatives)
- x) Application Due Date: Continuous through June 30, 2026 (Cycle 5)
- xi) Tire Equipment Loan Program
- xii) Application Due Date: Continuous
- xiii) Beverage Container Recycling Loan Program
- xiv) Application Due Date: Continuous
- xv) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program
- xvi) Application Due Date: Continuous
- xvii) Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program
- xviii) Application Due Date: Continuous

c) Next Monthly Public Meeting

- i) April 21, 2026
- ii) <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicMeeting/>

6) NSAC Updates

- a) SB 501 – Batteries: Pivot to expand program to medium-format batteries; equity and collection infrastructure considerations noted. Passed Senate, waiting in the Assembly.
- b) 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. Letter are doe March 30, 2026 at noon: <https://www.nsaction.us/legislation>
- c) AB 818 – Wipes Act – Signed into law 2021, newer bill at Federal level awaiting final enactment steps.
- d) SB 343 – [NSAC Statement](#) “Truth in Recycling” Lawsuit
- e) The US EPA is [proposing](#) to classify abandoned scrap tires burned in cement kilns as non-waste fuel, and to revise the definition of "established tire collection program" to also include programs that recover abandoned scrap tires.
- f) EPA will accept comments on this proposal for 60 days, until May 22, 2026 [Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2025-1609] . To access the proposal, visit the rulemaking webpage.
- g) [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/1FAIpQLSfh4FId0gKzVQYYzkZUW3GOpY3Qf4z2RIM4nGE GuePis3dl5A/viewform>
- f) SB 1010 – EPR program for appliances containing refrigerants introduced February 10, 2026.

8) **Wasting Fee Update** – Board has not made a decision on this item yet.

9) SB 1383 Roundtable

- a) Michael Wonsidler clarified letter from CalRecycle notifying jurisdictions of their selection for JACE review does not officially start the enforcement timeline. Take advantage of CalRecycle support to review records prior to official visit.
- b) StopWaste is lobbying for edible food recovery SB 1383 funding and its importance to the initiatives.

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) County recap of the Food Justice Community Action Plan Workshop recently held.
- b) HHW –
 - i) New group is meeting, discussing upcoming events, legislation and best practices.

- ii) Group meets third Thursday of the month from 10 – 11. Contact HHW@sdcounty.ca.gov to join
- c) Organics –
 - i) Association of Compost Producers event.
 - ii) UC ANR jurisdictional survey to be completed soon.
 - iii) City of San Diego's decontamination efforts, and the involvement of San Diego Master Gardeners in promoting compost and mulch use.
- d) Reuse and Repair –
 - i) Reuse and Repair Network was part of the presentations from OSEJ on the circular economy assessment and the upcoming public engagement and survey launch.

12) Roundtable –

- a) Michael Wonsidler, emphasized to take advantage of CalRecycle's offer to review records and provide feedback on SB 1383 compliance.
- b) Heidi Sanborn announced to submit letters of support for SB 936 by March 30, 2026
- c) Send email to Roxana Montalvo to be added to the HHW working group distribution list.

Adjournment – Next meeting 4/28/2026