

## Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 5/26/2026

Meetings take place the 4<sup>th</sup> 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
- April Andrews, County of San Diego
- Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Dana Lasori, Republic Services
- Danielle McIntosh, City of Poway
- Darlene Cossio, Goodwill
- Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego
- Debbie Descans, WM
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Doug Kobold, CPSC
- Elise Wetherell, City of Oceanside
- Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Heidi Sanborn, NSAC
- Jene D'Ambrosio, Eco World Trading
- Jenna Roripaugh, WM
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jessica Toth, Solana Center
- Jesus Aramburo, WM
- Joanne Brasch, CPSC
- Kamila Haselman, City of San Diego
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Kristen Dare, WM
- Leslie Webb Blanco, City of Vista
- Lori Mendez, Principal Attorney
- Madeline Lascola, Goodwill
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Maricela Galarza, IVRMA
- Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Natalia King Quick, County of San Diego
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Roxana Montalvo, County of San Diego
- 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) Strategic Plan to Reduce Waste

(1) The team is updating its strategic plan to reduce waste, originally enacted in 2017.

Community outreach through in-person and virtual sessions to gather input, with dates and registration details to be provided.

#### b) Solana Center

##### i) Find Solana Center at local community events.

(1) Upcoming composting workshops, summer lunch-and-learn sessions covering sustainable topics, and the organization's efforts to address SB 54 regulations through community education and outreach, with a focus on plastics sorting, recycling, and food recovery. For information on Lunch and Learns visit:

<https://www.solanacenter.org/lunch-and-learn>

(2) For upcoming events visit: <https://www.solanacenter.org/events>

### 4) Presentations

#### I. Eco World Trading - Jené D'Ambrosio

- i. 350 Partners working with schools and non-profits to collect used clothing. They provide home pickup services using [justporchit.com](http://justporchit.com) app or website. Goal is to serve all California cities.
- ii. Items not accepted include furniture, large appliances and moldy items.
- iii. Items are scheduled through an automated system for pickups between 7 am to 7 pm PST. There is no cost to pick up.
- iv. Company software has the ability to generate reports on tonnage, diversion rates and GPS timestamps. Driver application has a geo fence to know where driver is in real-time, photos are taken by drivers to enhance efficiency.
- v. Cap Sacks are used to transport clothing to Central America and other locations with approximately 2.5 million pounds recycled per month.
- vi. Donated clothing is made into insulation, and filler for mattresses and sofas with a processing facility in Fresno, CA.
- vii. Just Porch It is a for-profit company looking for more partners such as schools, churches and non-profit organizations.
- viii. For more information contact [Jene@ecoworldtrading.com](mailto:Jene@ecoworldtrading.com)

### 5) CalRecycle Update

#### a) Monthly SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle

- i) The next SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle webinar is being held on June 17, 2026, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PDT, and focus is on how the Plastic Pollution Prevention Producer Responsibility Act (Senate Bill 54, Allen, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022) relates to SB 1383 for local jurisdictions. Register in advance of this meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ooMXSPbeSPStnTTLdZqOmg>

- 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) Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (Reverse Vending Machine) (Cycle 9) Application Due Date: June 23, 2026
  - ii) Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (New Recycling Center) (Cycle 8) Application Due Date: June 23, 2026
  - iii) Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (Mobile) (Cycle 7) Application Due Date: June 23, 2026
  - iv) Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (Bag Drop) (Cycle 6) Application Due Date: June 23, 2026
  - v) Used Oil Payment Program (Cycle 17) Application Due Date: June 30, 2026
  - vi) Beverage Container Redemption Innovation Grant Program (Dealer Cooperatives) (Cycle 5) Application Due Date: Continuous through June 30, 2026 (Cycle 5)
  - vii) Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (Cycle 91) Application Due Date: July 8, 2026
  - viii) Tire Derived Aggregate Grant Program Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Cycle 28) Application Due Date: July 16, 2026
  - ix) Tire Equipment Loan Program Application Due Date: Continuous
  - x) Beverage Container Recycling Loan Program i) Application Due Date: Continuous
  - xi) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program Application Due Date: Continuous
  - xii) Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program Application Due Date: Continuous
- c) Next Monthly Public Meeting
- i) June 16, 2026
  - ii) <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicMeeting/>

## 6) NSAC Updates

- a) No toxics in Food Packaging Act aimed at banning PFAS, BHA and asbestos from food packaging.
- b) Federal progress on the WIPPES Act prohibiting labeling wipes as flushable.
- c) Marine flare bill vetoed, noting a recent fire off the coast, underscoring the need for safer alternatives.
- d) Los Angeles is developing an HHW Ordinance advising neighboring jurisdictions to participate in shaping state legislation.
- e) San Diego, Sacramento, Napa and Los Angeles have received grants for a film plastic pilot program.  
<https://www.nsaction.us/post/a-commonsense-step-forward-on-lubricants-and-packaging>

- f) SB 501 – Batteries: Pivot to expand program to medium-format batteries; equity and collection infrastructure considerations noted. Passed Senate, waiting in the Assembly.
- g) SB 936 –Passed Senate committee vote to ban nitrous oxide sales due to explosion risks.

#### **7) CPSC Updates**

- a) AB 762 – Single-use vaping devices ban: Referred to Senate Environmental Quality
- b) AB 80 - Carpet Bill: Ready to introduce to second house with agreed 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) – Two-year bill failed in appropriations due to high projected admin costs.
- f) SB 1010 – EPR program for appliances containing refrigerants to track proper handling and reimbursements.

#### **8) Wasting Fee Update – No update.**

#### **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) Next meeting will feature representative from CUPA (California Unified Program Agency), which regulates hazardous materials, waste and business compliance.
  - ii) Household Hazardous Waste Event in Campo on May 30, 2026
  - iii) Six oil-filter exchange events at O’Reilly’s Auto Pars locations on June 6, 2026.
  - iv) Took part in a recent marine flare event in Chula Vista.
  - v) Transition ongoing in the Sharps EPR program from inmar to Med-Project
  - vi) Report of recent fire at Palomar transfer station caused by improperly disposed welding tank, underscoring the importance of correct hazardous waste disposal practices.
- c) Organics –
  - i) UCANR jurisdictional survey results soon, time has been extended to provide feedback.
  - ii) San Pasqual Valley Soils offers a cost-effective option of about \$10 per cubic yard for purchase to meet SB 1383 procurement obligations.
  - iii) Multiple jurisdictions are exploring park-based compost or mulch self-load hubs, which allow residents to pick up materials to meet procurement targets with relatively little administrative burden.
  - iv) Multi-site compost education in Orange County on June 4, 2026, featuring demonstrations on compost use, erosion control, water-wise landscaping research and visits to a landfill greenery.

**12) Roundtable –**

- a) City of Encinitas explained LAMD conducted city review virtually, finding that providing direct system access allowed for efficient review.
  - i) County of San Diego highlighted a mockup LAMB (Local Assistance and Market Development) conducted which provided helpful feedback, but security protocols prevent virtual access.
- b) City of Encinitas asked if compost credits can be applied if material has already been moved.
  - i) County of San Diego - Jurisdictions must establish direct service provider agreements to claim compost procurement credit and documentation.

Adjournment – Next meeting 6/23/2026