

Regional Recycling Working Group Meeting

Date: 09/22/2026

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

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Agenda

1) Introductions

Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove	Joanne Brasch, CPSC
Daron Warkentin, City of San Diego	Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
Debbie Descans, WM	Kristen Dare, WM
Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach	Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
Elise Wetherell, City of Oceanside	Madeline Falco, SDSU
Ellyn Law, County of San Diego	Madeline Lascola-Hutcherson, Goodwill
Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle	Mallika Sen, Solana Center
Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido	Michael Wonsidler, County of San Diego
Gio Cortes, City of Escondido	Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
Heather Heckman, City of Santee	Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
James H. Eggart, Woodruff & Smart	Tyla Soyly, Hidden Resources
Janin Rodarte, City of Oceanside	Tracie Onstad Bills, HDR
Jenna Roripaugh, WM	Vivian Richter, County of San Diego
Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway	Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach

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

3) Open Forum

- a) Solana Center
 - i) Events and workshops highlighted: backyard composting, garden practices to save water, and manure composting
 - (1) <https://www.solanacenter.org/events>
 - (2) Contact: mallika.sen@solanacenter.org
 - ii) Inspector training: starting Oct. 21st
 - iii) Looking for other jurisdictional partners to promote textile programming
 - (1) Meeting with CAA in regards to SB 54
- b) City of Santee
 - i) September 26th: Santee community cleanup, for residents only (location: Santee City Hall)
 - ii) Successful diversion rates at past event
 - (1) Collected 30 mattresses, 1 ton of white goods (appliances), 2 tons of e-waste, and 12.3 tons of miscellaneous waste
 - (2) Filled both shred trucks to capacity collecting 80 96-Gallon bins
 - iii) Goodwill collected from 105 Donors with 6 bins of textiles (clothing or linens), 7 bins of housewares totaling 5,818 lbs. of goods
- c) City of Oceanside
 - i) Oct. 3rd: City of Oceanside community cleanup (location: Camino High School)
- d) Goodwill
 - i) Goodwill will be involved in Santee and Oceanside cleanup events
 - ii) Previous achievement: 6300 lbs of donations diverted from an event
- e) County of San Diego
 - i) UC Master Gardener workshops
 - (1) Find more information and register here: <https://ucanr.edu/site/integrated-pest-management-southern-california/healthy-garden-healthy-home>
 - ii) Compost Giveaway events (Growtober Giveaways)
 - (1) Growtober Giveaways: Sept 12-Oct 25
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/recycling/Events.html>
 - iii) SWANA will be in San Diego: April 26th - 29th, 2027
 - (1) <https://www.socalswana.org/call-for-speakers>

4) CalRecycle Update

- a) Emily Schuetz
 - i) New staff member and point of contact: Adil Sayed
 - ii) Next public monthly meeting: October 21st
 - iii) Open grant cycles
 - (1) Tire derived aggregate, recycled glass processing incentive, beverage container recycling loan, tire equipment loan, greenhouse gas reduction loan, recycling market development loan
- b) Stakeholder workshops

- i) 2025 California Waste Tire Market Report Workshop, September 23rd
- ii) Propane Cylinder Workshop, October 15th
- iii) Textile Stewardship, November 12th

5) **NSAC Update**

- a) No updates

6) **CPSC Update**

- a) Joanne Brasch
 - i) Governor has until Sep 30th to sign bills
 - ii) Bills passed
 - (1) AB 762, AB 904, SB 501 (expanded and passed), SB 936, two illegal dumping bills, AB 1617
 - (2) All other bills are sitting on governor's desk
 - iii) Next legislative session will be in January 2027
 - iv) Board will take an official vote to determine next year's priorities
 - (1) SB 1010 & AB 2462 will try to be introduced
 - (2) Ban on single use propane cylinders is receiving pushback - federal exemption granted, in the hands of the CA attorney general
 - v) SB 707 passed in 2024, going into implementation and regulatory phase
 - vi) Encouraging use of local centers
 - (1) San Diego already does great work with the Solana Center
 - vii) Future events: solar panel and marine flare collections
- b) Questions & Comments
 - i) Eric Wolff
 - (1) SB 501 will reduce costs for battery collection at libraries in San Diego
 - ii) Malika Sen
 - (1) Solana Center is looking for partners to roll out textile programming

7) **Waste to Worth Update**

- a) No updates

8) **SB 1383 Roundtable**

- a) Eric Wolff
 - i) JACE review update: 10-day notice received at the County, spreadsheet will be sent
- b) Ellyn Law
 - i) Working on waiver verification process in preparation for five-year expiration date set in SB 1383
- c) Malika Sen
 - i) Feedback from JACE
 - (1) Ensure website is completely updated, FROs are clearly front and center

9) **No Batteries in the Bin campaign**

- a) Eric Wolff
 - i) Countywide campaign, subcommittee is looking to be formed

- ii) Social media posts and social media playbook will be shared

10) Other Regional Working Group Reports

a) Edible Food

- (1) Rescheduled Sept meeting, will be held September 22nd
- (2) October meeting cancelled, will be held in November
- (3) Compost Caravan coming to San Diego, October 21st & 22nd

b) HHW

- (1) Presentation from Recycle Strategic Marketing
 - (a) Organization that creates outreach and educational material for media campaigns
- (2) Form 303 due October 1st
- (3) HHW Info Exchange hosted by CalRecycle rescheduled to November 5th
- (4) NAHMMMA Conference being held October 11th-15th
- (5) VSQG resources provided for those who request it

c) Organics

- (1) CRRRA lessons learned: surge in reusables and how that will hopefully curb the necessity for compostable plastics
- (2) Discussion on using oops tags, lid flips, route reviews, contamination fees to educate on contamination
- (3) Providing feedback to residents and customers is impactful and has reduced contamination
 - (a) Group discussed ways to share this feedback and involve the community
- (4) City of San Diego shared they have started their official decontamination program for curbside organics bins
- (5) Small scale OOPs tag program started, about 7000-8000 bins surveyed
- (6) Trash Talkers program starting at Lakeside Rodeo
- (7) Pumpkin Smash event being hosted by I Love a Clean San Diego

d) Reuse and Repair Network

- i) No updates

11) Roundtable

a) Karen Clay

- i) San Diego Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) contact info needs to be updated
 - (1) 211 is the local contact
- ii) Encouraging FROs to have updated info

12) Adjournment - next meeting 10/27/2026.