

ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Solid Waste Management through Partnership

Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2018
Cal-EPA Building, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento

Meeting Called to Order at 9:39 A.M.

I. Introductions/In Attendance

John Wells – Chair	Northern Region
Karen Sanford – Vice-Chair	South Central Region
Kathy Cross – Vice-Chair	Southern Region
Kristian Lucas	CCLHO (Health Officers)
Dave Thompson	Southern Cities
Paul Holloway	North Central County
Brian Sousa	Northern Cities
Maria Mendoza	Bay Area Region
Wes Mindermann	CalRecycle
Ken Decio	CalRecycle
Susan Markie	CalRecycle
Kevin Taylor	CalRecycle
Jeff Hackett	CalRecycle
Carley Bartlett	CalRecycle
Leta Forland	CalRecycle
Evan Johnson	CalRecycle

II. Agenda Review

National Sword will be discussed at 1:15 when CalRecycle staff is available.

III. Approval of Previous EAC Minutes

Minutes for the January 10, 2018 meeting, which was held in Sacramento, CA.

Motion to adopt: Kathy Cross/Orange County
Second: Paul Holloway/Placer County
Adopt minutes

IV. EAC Resolutions, Status, and Updates

A. Ralph Hunter Memorial Award – John Wells announced there were five Ralph Hunter Memorial Award applications received. One of the applications was for Dave Thompson, a current EAC member present at the meeting; Dave was asked to step out of the meeting and would rejoin the meeting after the EAC members discussed and voted on the applications. The EAC began deliberation with five members present and with using Sean Debley's forwarded rating sheets along with his electronic vote. Kristian Lucas and Brian Sousa joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. after a delay due to a fire drill on the first floor of the building. The EAC members continued deliberation with all jurisdictions represented and voted to select Dave Thompson as the 2017 Ralph Hunter Memorial Award recipient.

Motion to adopt: Paul Holloway/Placer County
Second: Kristian Lucas/CCLHO

Dave Thompson invited back into the meeting, and was told of the EAC member's decision. Kristian Lucas stated he would ask former EAC member Joe Doser where he obtained previous award plaques. Dave Thompson stated he would like to be recognized and receive the award at the next LEA/CalRecycle Technical Training Series. EAC members will take up collections at their next Roundtable meetings to pay for the plaque.

B. National Sword: LEA Responsibilities and Survey Responses – Evan Johnson with CalRecycle gave a short overview of National Sword. Bryan Sousa says he has seen issues with recyclable materials stockpiled next to Newby Landfill. Karen Sanford stated she was aware of a landfill disposing of huge stockpiles of plastic material because there was no market for it. Most LEAs are not seeing recyclables landfilled but are seeing some storage issues.

C. Technical Document Review Primer – Wes Mindermann stated CalRecycle staff are working on a table that the council discussed at the January EAC meeting. CalRecycle will have the Technical Document Review Primer and the table available at next month's LEA Roundtable meetings as a draft. LEAs are encouraged to send any comments for changes or additions to Wes Mindermann.

D. California Wildfires: Status of Cleanup – CalRecycle is wrapping up the work on the Inland Branch (Nevada Co., Butte Co., and Yuba Co.) wildfire areas. Physical work is almost complete and the administrative work will continue approximately to the end of summer. In Ventura, CalRecycle is working on the last 50 sites; physical work will probably finish the last week of May and administrative work is anticipated to be complete in August. The Coast branch (Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake and Napa Counties) of the wildfires was handled by the Corps of Engineers, and CalRecycle doesn't have any updates since they aren't involved. US EPA recently published a preliminary guidance document for Planning for Natural Disasters Debris removal. CalRecycle will provide a link in the LEA supplemental information given at the LEA roundtables.

E. Senate Bill 1383 – CalRecycle is working on the second draft text of the regulations and will send out prior to the planned workshops in May 2018. Sue Markie stated there have been changes to prior draft text in regards to LEA responsibilities; LEAs need to make sure they review the most recent revisions.

F. Cannabis – CalRecycle recently posted Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on their website, and there is supposed to be a session on Cannabis at the upcoming LEA/CalRecycle Technical Training series. FAQs sent out electronically in an all LEA email. Beatrice Poroli (new Senior at CalRecycle) and Mark de Bie have been meeting with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in regards to the Cannabis regulations. Limited LEA responsibilities with growers, they can compost onsite or send it to a manned permitted facility. If there are additional questions, send questions to Beatrice Poroli or Mark de Bie. Kathy Cross asked if LEAs will have access or information to the Track/Trace database to know where cannabis waste is being disposed at which facilities; CalRecycle will check to see if that's possible. Discussed different scenarios regarding disposal of cannabis.

V. CalRecycle Discussion Items.

A. Deputy Director Report

Sue Markie was filling in for Mark de Bie, she stated CalRecycle is very interested in the National Sword issue and wanted to know how this was affecting LEAs statewide. CalRecycle has been reaching out to some of the major waste haulers, mostly affected is the mixed paper commodity. CalRecycle is working on a policy to address the storage issue at various facilities. Alameda County mentioned a situation where baled mixed paper material is leaving their facilities and sent to another jurisdiction (LA) to a facility called Titus. We will talk more about this when Evan Johnson is in the meeting. Maria Mendoza stated that India has replaced China in the acceptance of recyclables; the issue with storage of recycling material at warehouses has become an LEA responsibility in her county.

B. Regulation Update

No Regulatory update besides Senate Bill 1383.

Bryan Sousa brought up that the City of San Jose is having a hard time attracting REHS for their program; they are pursuing a regulation change to allow substitution of a REHS for Professional Engineer or Professional Geologist or Environmental Engineer. Bryan wanted to know why there is a requirement for a REHS in the Solid Waste program when Geologist and Engineers need to review technical plans. John Wells shared a REHS is trained to look for issues with disease and vectors; Bryan stated Environmental Engineers and Geologist are trained for similar issues. Bryan stated that the City of San Jose has trouble retaining and obtaining a REHS because their program is not part of the Health Department where more REHS are located. Several members stated that LEAs are not always with the Health Department, especially City LEAs. Sue Markie will ask Georgianne Turner to talk about the REHS requirement for the LEA program.

C. Legislation Update

Kevin Taylor gave the Legislation update, mentioned the following bills that CalRecycle is interested in: Assembly Bill (AB)1933 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, AB1975 Nuisance

Odors: Bryan Sousa spoke briefly about attending public meetings, AB 1981, AB2277, AB2411, AB 2908, AB3178 SB1335. Legislative bill information is located on the CalRecycle website <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Legislation/PriorityRpt/default.asp>; they will also be available to LEAs in their supplemental information at the LEA roundtables.

D. Training Update

CalRecycle is finishing the second part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) training throughout the state. The online 8-hour Health and Safety Tier 1 refresher training will be coming out in the next few weeks. The online Odor workbook expected to be available in June 2018. The LEA/CalRecycle Technical Training series will be December 3-6 in Monterey, CA. There have been a couple of steering committee meetings. Physical contamination training provided in January 2018 focused on sampling. CalRecycle is still working with Dr. Crohn at the University of California Riverside to address the issue that the regulations state a mass based formula and it appears a visual based method is needed. CalRecycle is going to ask operators regarding possible measurement methods such as a volumetric method.

Leta Forland went over the proposed dates for upcoming LEA Spring Roundtables; she stated a supplement information package will be sent to LEAs with information about the cannabis FAQs, Senate Bill 1383 regulation development and the Technical Document Review Primer.

E. CalRecycle Staff Update

Tadese Gebrehawariat retired.

Kyle Emery promoted to Supervisor Waste Tire North Unit.

VI. Public Comment Period

None

VII. Schedule Next EAC Meeting and Close Meeting

Next meeting August 1, 2018 at CalEPA in Sacramento, CA.

End 2:00 P.M.