

**CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
SOLID WASTE POLICY COMMITTEE and ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING**

Monday, December 3, 2018

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I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. CalRecycle Update

- a. California Fires – CalRecycle tasked by CalOES to assist with Camp, Hill and Woolsey fires. Magnitude is more than 10 times greater than any previous cleanup.
 - i. Statewide team effort among agencies – Caltrans, SWRCB, CalEPA and other State agencies sending staff to assist CalRecycle efforts.
 - 1. All teams go through ICS training and HAZWHOPPER
 - ii. Looking to create multiple contracts and divide workloads to complete debris removal at Camp fire due to size and complexity.
 - iii. Aiming to establish contracts this week and commence debris removal work in early to mid-January 2019. Estimate 6-8 Months with following concerns:
 - 1. Scale of project
 - 2. Weather (rain and snow)
 - 3. Waste disposal capacity (~3-6 million tons metals and concrete)
 - 4. Slopes and terrain
 - iv. CAEHA contracts for additional staffing
 - v. Housing - Governor's Proclamation stating that State employees should not be taking up hotels within 30 miles of fire damaged areas. Looking at base camps and temporary housing options.
- b. National Sword – Ongoing concerns with materials stacking up at sites
 - i. Increased practices to reduce contaminants being employed at some facilities, including slowing belts, rescreening and reducing the individual materials allowed into the sites.
 - ii. Foreign markets are opening up and expanding to take up the excess (Southeast Asia and Australia)
 - iii. USEPA engaged in a stakeholder meeting in Washington to discuss options and actions. Willie Heller is currently as the lead for this group.
 - iv. *State of Recycling* and *State of Disposal* reports should be published soon and will provide more information on this topic.
- c. Environmental Justice – Pilot project with the City of Stockton.
 - i. City of Stockton Project Steps
 - 1. Field inspections in November/December 2018
 - 2. Community input to develop plan that focuses on their issues.
 - 3. Draft report is generated and shared with community
 - 4. Final report at end of project
 - ii. Stockton Project
 - 1. Zoning concerns with industrial across the street from residential

- 2. Homelessness (canals, encampments and illegal dumping)
 - 3. 3-part test compliance and illegal dumping strategies
 - iii. West Oakland is asking for CalRecycle to continue working on recycling work for the community and bring in stakeholders to discuss the current and legacy issues.
 - iv. US EPA, Region 9 and SWRCB are concerned about water quality issues at recycling facilities. Cardboard degradation when left unattended to the weather. Internal survey to evaluate processes and what is working and not working.
- d. Composting Odor and Emissions – Air District and LEA Roles
 - i. CalRecycle looking into approaches for odor complaints in general. Looking at identifying possible resources for odor complaints and building strategies with robust guidance that focuses on the interface between LEA and community.
 - ii. Identifying proactive odor control measures that are consistent when the odor is subjective makes it difficult.
 - iii. Defining what a public nuisance is versus working with community and following the OIMP. LEA best practice to go in field and investigate odor and talk with community.
 - iv. Difficult to define source of odors with winds and inversion. May not be composting and may be other industrial/agricultural activity.
- e. AB 1383 Regulations and Workshops
 - i. Informal rulemaking process finished – Changes have been made
 - ii. 30 day review by Department of Finance
 - iii. Office of Administrative Law review – CEQA impacts (State/Local)
 - iv. Changes to LEA sampling role – Review of sampling process to ensure correct process and records.
 - v. Next comment period expected in January 2019
 - vi. Outreach and education is necessary for success- 2019 focus
- f. Training
 - i. Focus has been on success of Technical Training Series
 - ii. Health and Safety online trainings coming up
 - iii. Exploring contaminants training video or online course
 - iv. Discussed increasing LEA involvement at roundtables and EAC
- g. Information/Technology – New staff in IT section. Currently updating SWIS. Looking to vision of making the IT department a customer based program.

III. CCDEH Update

- a. Legislative Report – Discussed possible items for 2019 legislation – Land Application (January placeholders and February introductory submittals)
 - i. Further EPR bills for 2019
- b. CCDEH Annual Meeting in September – Land Application and Food Waste Recovery panels
- c. Developing trend away from nomenclature of solid waste moving to recoverable materials
- d. Organics
 - i. Organics remains one of our biggest challenges, large goals in state mandates and a lack of local infrastructure.
 - ii. Diversion rates are going in the wrong direction right now for various reasons. How will this effect SB 1383?

- iii. Tipping fees – Is there a need to restructure how our programs are funded and/or fees established? As complexity of work continues to change and emphasis is away from disposal and towards recovery there needs to be a new mechanism to fund programs. Talk of change in tipping fee from \$1.40 to \$2.00 – not enough to fund a program as diversion increases.
- iv. EH departments looking at increased food recovery and diversion of organics. EH discussing if this role is best for jurisdictional, LEA or food team to increase communication at food facilities. Local food recovery programs are developing and coordination and reporting of these programs will be important going forward.
- v. CCDEH has a California Endowment grant through PHI. Trained ~ 850 on food diversion strategies and the Good Samaritan Act implications. Developing further train the trainer series in 2019.
- vi. Greenhouse reduction - \$2 billion fund, given the size of this fund and CalRecycle's role \$25 million to CalRecycle is minimal compared to their role. Support allocation of more funding to CalRecycle. Newsom budget in May.
- vii. Organics land application is becoming more problematic. The compliance role for LEAs is not clearly defined. The regs authorize LEAs to verify CalRecycle requirements are being adhered to. If the LEAs did have a mandate to check land application, how to pay for it?
 - 1. Look into land use application process - 2019 legislation.

IV. Additional Items:

- a. Resources and staffing of CalRecycle Fire Recovery Unit
 - i. CalRecycle receive a budget to assist with staffing
 - ii. 6 permanent positions plus \$1 million for contractors
 - iii. Also working with Health Officers on emergency response funding opportunities.
- b. Medical Waste TAC – Feedback on SB 212

V. EAC Report

- a. Looking into future discussion on potential wood waste issues with limited facilities and threats of diseased and fire burned wood.

VI. Next Meetings

- a. Wednesday, February 6th, 2019; April 3, 2019; June 5, 2019; August 7, 2019; October 5, 2019; and December 4, 2019.