

Enforcement Advisory Council

Solid Waste Management through Partnership

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2020

Virtual/Teleconference

I. Introductions:

Michael Condon	Southern Roundtable, Chair
Sean Debley	Southwestern Roundtable
David Thompson	Southern City Roundtable
Deep Sidhu	South Central Roundtable
Kim Haas	Northern Roundtable, Co-Vice Chair
Will Scheffler	North Central Roundtable
Bryan Sousa	Northern Cities Roundtable

Leta Forland	CalRecycle
Martin Perez	CalRecycle
Paulina Lawrence	CalRecycle
Cathy Blair	CalRecycle
Mary Kay Shafer	CalRecycle
Wes Mindermann	CalRecycle
Beatrice Poroli	CalRecycle
Nevin Yeates	CalRecycle

II. Agenda Review (late additions)

South Central Roundtable - mentioned that with COVID-19, the majority of Public Health Departments gaining additional responsibilities/ requirements.

III. Approval of Previous EAC Minutes

Minutes were not available at time of meeting.

IV. EAC Resolutions, Status and Updates

A. California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) – Solid Waste Policy Committee (SWPC) Report

- No CCDEH-SWPC meeting held on August 12, 2020.
- No proposed major bill updates due to COVID-19.
- Online Continuing Education Units for Environmental Directors/members only.

B. Ralph Hunter Memorial Award (RHMA)

- An all-LEA email went out last month (July 2020) seeking Ralph Hunter Memorial Award nominations.
- Nominations will be accepted through 11/13/2020.
- Enforcement Advisory Council meeting in December to vote for award recipient.
- LEAs requested to encourage Ralph Hunter Memorial Award nominations during the Fall 2020 LEA Round Tables.
- CalRecycle noted that previously submitted applications could be resubmitted.

C. CalRecycle Website Accessibility

- Some feedback received regarding CalRecycle website updates
- Southern Cities LEA representative noted complaints about public records requests (accessibility) can make things difficult to obtain records quickly.
- CalRecycle explained that a Public Records Act request should have a short turn-around time (unless accessibility requirements for a specific document were required).
- Southern Cities LEA representative asked if website could be updated, so LEAs logging in could log into both the Solid Waste Information System, Digital Inspection Program (SWIS DIP) and LEA Portal at the same time (not log in to one and then the other). This would facilitate ease of access for documents from other facilities or jurisdictions.
- CalRecycle explained that if specific forms/fact sheets are needed LEAs could access them through their Point of Contact (POC), also LEA Advisories.
- CalRecycle (Evaluations): Evaluation Forms should be accessible online; the Enforcement Program Plan (EPP) toolbox is not available; LEA Grant reporting forms are difficult to access.
- South Central Roundtable representative asked if EPP forms need to be downloaded each year. CalRecycle responded stating that it depends on the form.

D. Online CalRecycle Training

- LEAs asked by Chair to request feedback at the upcoming Fall Round Tables on the following topics: 1) Have the CalRecycle trainings been accessible? 2) Are they adequate (number of units) for REHS certifications?
- Online trainings available: 1) 8 Hour Health and Safety Refresher; 2) Odor Workbook; 3) Solid Waste Facility Permitting & CEQA.
- Additional training topics (in development): Three-Part Test.
- CalRecycle is planning to ask the LEA Training Liaisons for additional feedback.

E. Emerging Challenging is Solid Waste Regulation

- EAC Chair: LEAs were requested to ask for feedback at the upcoming Round Tables (emerging activities/challenges) are there new things being encountered (work effects from COVID-19, etc.); management of dead mammals (heat related).
- South Central Roundtable representative: Extreme high temps (100s) creating issues for disposal of large animal carcasses—few landfills accept large animal carcasses and there is no good solution in place without rendering plants. CalRecycle to follow up regarding this matter.

V. CalRecycle Discussion Items

A. Deputy Director Report

- State is actively working 23 active fires throughout the state, 85K acres threatened.
- Tree Management (Camp Fire Hazard Tree Removal Operation) - contracts are being reviewed.
- Current active emergency waivers: all LEA email went out regarding emergency waivers. LEAs should work with their operator's Points of Contact and as a reminder, 90-Day Reports are required if Solid Waste Facilities are operating under emergency waivers.

B. Senate Bill 1383/Regulation Update

- Education and Outreach web page updated.
- CalRecycle developing statewide model tools (Franchise agreements, Enforcement, Procurement, Model Food Rescue); sign up for Short Lived Climate Pollutants (SCLP) Listserv for emails.
- Senate Bill 1383 regulation package expected to be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) by November (maybe as soon as the end of summer).

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page (with questions from LEA Winter Round Tables) will be developed soon after Senate Bill 1383 regulations go to the OAL. Questions will also be able to be added as needed.
- CalRecycle Permitting Branch will be developing/ providing training for the LEAs.
- Analysis Progress Report
 1. Senate Bill 1383 webinar (8-25-20)
 2. State Water Board released a Codisposal Analysis (Anaerobic Digester's at Waste Water Treatment Plants may be able to be used for food waste)
 3. Concerns with meeting the 50% organics out of Landfill goals; CalRecycle explained they are working with the public to reassure them with the pandemic occurring; jurisdictions should work with their Local Area Market Development contacts (regarding program goals)

C. California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Collaboration Update:

- Heat Advisory:
 1. Recent all LEA email sent out.
- Rendering Plan:
 1. Plan should be finalized by the end of September (describes for scheduled maintenance and breakdowns).
- On Farm Composting:
 1. CDFA guidance document (FAQs) to provide a clearer understanding of each agency's regulations.
 2. Permitting, flowchart and Best Management Practices.

D. Training Update

- Online Health and Safety Refresher training; Odor Training; Permit/CEQA training all available now.
- Physical Contamination, Field Indicator Method training; new LEA training; Annual EPP training; Permit Actions training; 3-Part Test training; Inspections for Transfer Station training, all in the works.
- Senate Bill 1383 Solid Waste portion training expected early next year.
- CalRecycle plans to use the LEA Training Liaisons for input and feedback.
- CalRecycle is looking at a virtual Technical Training Series (TTS) perhaps early 2021 (pending).
- CalRecycle is providing Environmental Justice training (1 CEU) at the upcoming Fall Round Tables.

VI. Public Comment Period

No public comments received.

VII. Schedule Next EAC Meeting and Close Meeting

- For upcoming Fall Round Tables, Local Enforcement Agencies asked to include on the agendas: 1) Ralph Hunter Memorial Award nomination applications, 2) CalRecycle website update feedback, 3) Emerging issues in solid waste enforcement.
- Northern Cities Representative commented on the benefit of sewage treatment plants and the use of their Anaerobic Digesters for processing food waste.
- Chair commented about the benefit of continued trainings with other types of regulatory agencies (Air Pollution Control District/Air Quality Management District) like the odor training series that occurred last year.