

**Meeting Notes**  
**CALRECYCLE ILLEGAL DUMPING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting Platform**

**I. Call to Order--Larry Sweetser, Chair**

The Chair expressed gratitude for all who participate and acknowledged the challenges for this voluntary effort to coalesce and work together.

**II. Introduction of Members and Guests**

**Members Attending**

Larry Sweetser, ESJPA, Chair  
Veronica Pardo, RRCC  
Kathy Lynch, CWHC  
Doug Kobold, CPSC  
Christine Flowers, KCB  
Mark de Bie, CalRecycle  
Taylor Grimes, Mattress Recycling Council  
Rob Hutsel, SD River Park Foundation  
Olympia Williams, Beautify SJ  
Terri Alex, CEAC/LA Co PW

Tracie Glaves, Public Member  
Avneet Mahil, Manteca, SWANA  
Frank Foster, City Oakland PW  
Jamaica Moon, City Oakland PW  
Maria Ferdin, Monterey Co IDTAC  
Trent Manning, Cal Trans  
Sara Weaver, CCC, Region III  
Alyce Sandbach, Alameda Co DA Office  
Jennifer Day, San Joaquin Co DA Office

**Members Absent**

Nick Cronenwett, CSAC  
Heidi Sanborn, NSAC  
Gary Harris, City LA Code Enf  
Vacant, Industry Rep  
Jason Rhine, League of CA Cities

Tedd Ward, Del Norte SWA  
Bill Prinz, CCDEH/City of San Diego  
Chris Lehon, Sac Regional WMA  
Nick Lapis, Californians Against Waste  
Mark Azzouni, Marr Christian, CHMIA

**Others Attending**

Sharon Anderson, CalRecycle  
Jim Stone, San Joaquin County PW  
Jaimie Huynh, CalRecycle  
Grace Smith, City of Stockton SW  
Ken Roberts, City of Long Beach PW  
Iranzu Morras, Paint Care  
Jacy Bolden, CARE (Carpet)  
Peter Schultz-Allen, EOA  
Erin Armstrong, Alameda Co. BOS Dist. 4  
Jeff Israel, Alameda Co, Investigator  
Yvonne Grundy, Alameda Co. Code Enf.  
Richard Muhl, CVRWQB  
Michael Hendley, Capitol Corridor  
Gonzalo Barriga, City of LA, Pollution Prev  
Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove  
Adriana Ornelas, LA County PW  
Chris Robinson, SD Co PW Cleanup Prog  
Stephanie Becker, CalRecycle  
Steve Santa Croce, CalRecycle  
Dawn Carlson, Power Inn Alliance BID

Rebecca Oliver, CalRecycle  
Lana Lief, CalRecycle  
Stephanie Fernandes, CalRecycle  
Lt. Gemmell, Alameda Co Sheriff's Office  
David Dearborn, CA Highway Patrol  
Karen Tandler, LA Co DA's Office  
James Gordon, Alameda Co DA Inspector  
Becky Haworth, CalRecycle  
Esther, Canal, Merced Co Env. Health  
Nancy Stephenson, Merced Co Env. Health  
Lars Ewing, Lake County  
Oscar Gomez, LA Co Planning  
Alexa Roche, Siskiyou Co SW LEA  
Cherylina Jones, Clean Harbors Env  
Leland Moore, Oakland PW  
Patricia Basaldua-Sanchez, SWRCB  
Karineh Samkian, San Pablo PW  
Morena Tumiaty, DWR  
Marc Green, City of Alameda PW  
Vicki Jones, Merced Co Env Health

Marcus Santillano, CalRecycle  
Nate Pelczar, CPSC  
Kelli Evan, Sutter Co RCD

Karina Mendez, Kern Co PW  
Katie Sheehan, Clean Tahoe

### III. November 18, 2020 Meeting Summary

Committee approved Meeting Summary with minor edits to titles.

### IV. Old Business/Updates

#### A. Legislative and Regulation Updates — Larry Sweetser/CalRecycle

Committee discussed several issues related to legislation, regulation, and policies. Of note, AB 246 (Quirk) adds illegal dumping to the list of violations that constitute a cause for disciplinary action against contractors. Other legislation discussed included AB 684 (Fong), AB 332, SB 557 (Wieckwski), as well as the topics of handling treated wood waste and photovoltaic disposal.

#### B. Update: membership and IDTAC business

The Chair acknowledged some remaining gaps in representation on the IDTAC.

#### C. CalRecycle Cleanup Grants – Steve Santa Croce/Rebecca Oliver/Stephanie Becker

CalRecycle staff provided updates on CalRecycle’s cleanup grants.

##### Disposal Site Grants

Steve Santa Croce, CalRecycle, introduced Rebecca Oliver of his staff who presented the status of the Solid Waste Disposal and Site Cleanup [Grants](#) program. She also discussed the availability of CalRecycle as contractor for cleanups.

Contact Steve Santa Croce [steve.santacroce@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:steve.santacroce@calrecycle.ca.gov) or Rebecca Oliver [rebecca.oliver@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:rebecca.oliver@calrecycle.ca.gov) for any questions on the grant process or the process for direct assistance as well.

##### Farm and Ranch Grant

Stephanie Becker, CalRecycle, presented information on the [Farm and Ranch Cleanup and abatement program](#)

- Provides funding to clean up illegal dumping on California’s rural lands, farmland, forest lands, and urban gardens, appurtenant easements, homeless encampments, certain illegal marijuana grows, tire piles
- Eligible applicants: cities, counties, resource conservation districts (RCD), federal tribes
- Receives \$1M annually, with \$200K per applicant, capped at \$50K per site

Stephanie Becker [Stephanie.becker@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.becker@calrecycle.ca.gov) is available to do presentations, and encourages interested parties to sign up on the listserv for updates – see [listservs](#) managed by CalRecycle.

### V. Presentation/Discussions

#### A. Discuss Observations Related to COVID19

The Committee discussed impacts of COVID19 on collection, community cleanups, volumes of waste, pile size for bulky collections and illegal dumping as well as encampment cleanups tonnage, suspension of citations, and that COVID cases were not tied to handling solid waste. In summary, many jurisdictions acknowledge a continued impact. The committee further discussed the need to compile best practices to aid community cleanups and seek the Outreach Subcommittee’s help with promoting community cleanups.

**B. Presentation from City of San Jose’ - COVID-19:BeautifySJ Response**

[Olympia Williams](#) - BeautifySJ Program Manager, Paul Pereira – Senior Policy Advisor.

BeautifySJ program overview included: elements on developing a multi-agency team to respond quickly to illegal dumping and cleanups, providing Cash For Trash (cards for encampment residents to bag their own trash in exchange for gift cards), collecting data, determining hot spots, funding source (CARES Act funding for startup), integration of other groups and departments, MOU for 10 cleanups with Union Pacific Railroad, and including CalTrans in cleanup efforts. The presentation spurred lively discussion and many questions/answers. The Committee found the information valuable for other jurisdictions to model. Olympia Williams contact information

**C. Update Mattress Recycling Council ([MRC](#))**

Taylor Grimes, MRC, provided the update. She discussed the upcoming registration for the new season, a change to rural counties reimbursement of now \$20, the five Local Conservation Corps participate in jurisdictions, and that 76,000 units have been collected.

**D. Local Illegal Dumping Initiatives**

Erin Armstrong provided an update on the upcoming Statewide [Conference](#) on Illegal Dumping hosted by Supervisor Miley, Alameda County, District 4. The conference dates – April 21-23, half days.

**E. IDTAC Work Plan—Review progress—Sweetser**

1. Toolbox status update: CalRecycle staff continue to add information, update membership list, and include features in the Program Update section. Staff have met with Public Affairs staff regarding redesigning the toolbox. Committee members recommended a direct link to the toolbox on CalRecycle’s home page. Members also encourage staff to move forward with the redesign and to add the GeoMap to the toolbox in beta form. Further, members agreed to try a Google Group for peer-to-peer discussion.
2. Work plan Subcommittee Updates – Identify updates to [online version](#)  
Subcommittee leaders met with the Chair and Vice Chair to review progress and identify next steps and goals for the group(s).
  - a. Enforcement – Kibbe Day presented information (see Figure 1 below) on barriers, recommendations, and goals developed by the subcommittee. Followups include development of training module, a listserv or communication platform for enforcement specific topics, and legislative proposals such as use of parking citations.
  - b. Strategy(s) for cleanup, prevention, education and reporting, case studies – Doug Kobold presented the three areas of focus for the subcommittee: encampment cleanups, work plan, and toolbox. The next steps for the subcommittee continue to be determined.
  - c. Outreach – messaging, promotion of subcommittee recommendations/results  
Veronica Pardo presented areas of focus including: developing examples for flyers, assisting other subcommittees to help impact outcomes, and next steps (awaiting other group requests).
  - d. Standards/Training/Data – Larry Sweetser presented the subcommittee’s next steps including getting feedback on the data form and securing volunteers for testing the form.

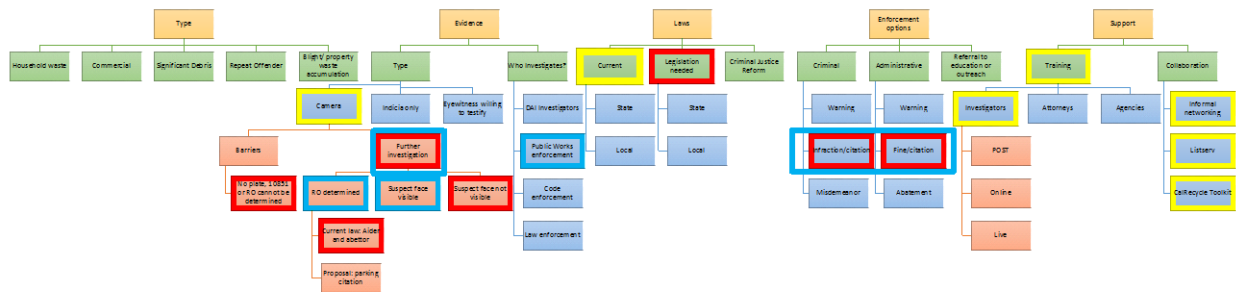
**VI. New Business**

**A. Additional Items/Updates**

**B. Next Meeting – May 26, 2021**

Proposed topics include: Recap statewide illegal dumping conference, results of subcommittee leadership meetings and collaboration, development of general listserv for all interested in illegal dumping, identifying guidelines for speakers when virtual (turn video on), use names for discussion, include Carpet CARE update, develop a subcommittee member list, update on the IDTAC work plan.

## Illegal Dumping Enforcement Subcommittee Considerations



- = Law enforcement training recommended
- = Identified barrier
- = Identified fundamental goal for enforcement subcommittee

Figure 1 - shows Enforcement Subcommittee Recommendations, barriers, and goals