

Meeting Notes
CALRECYCLE ILLEGAL DUMPING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting Platform

I. Call to Order--Larry Sweetser, Chair

The Chair welcomed all attendees and members. He explained the purpose of the Statewide Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (IDTAC) and further shared its diverse representation throughout the state. The IDTAC members represent jurisdictions, agencies, organizations, enforcement entities and the general public. All focused on illegal dumping solutions. He also acknowledged the hard work by Alameda County in hosting the inaugural Statewide Conference on Illegal Dumping.

II. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members Attending

Larry Sweetser, ESJPA, Chair
Doug Kobold, CPSC, Vice Chair
Erin Armstrong, Alameda County BoS Dist 4, and CSAC
Gonzalo Barriga, City of LA, Pollution Prev
Mark de Bie, CalRecycle
Taylor Grimes, Mattress Recycling Council
Gary Harris, City LA Code Enf
Rob Hutsel, SD River Park Foundation
Veronica Pardo, RRCC

Olympia Williams, Beautify SJ
Tracie Glaves, Public Member
Avneet Mahil, Manteca, SWANA
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

Frank Foster, City Oakland PW
Christine Flowers, KCB
Kathy Lynch, CWHC
Heidi Sanborn, NSAC
Vacant, Industry Rep
Derek Dolfie, League of CA Cities

Tedd Ward, Del Norte SWA
Vacant, CCDEH
Chris Lehon, Sac Regional WMA
Nick Lapis, Californians Against Waste
Mark Azzouni, Marr Christian, CHMIA
Vacant, CEAC

Others Attending

Sharon Anderson, CalRecycle
Jaimie Huynh, CalRecycle
Iranzu Morras, Paint Care
Josh Specht, Tuolumne Co PW
Peter Schultz-Allen, EOA
Zuna Barker, City of Pittsburg
Richard Muhl, CVRWQB
Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove
Kumari Gossai, LA County EH, LEA
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
Karen Tandler, LA Co DA's Office
Oscar Gomez, LA Co Planning
Alexa Roche, Siskiyou Co SW LEA
Matt Anderson, City of Emeryville, ES
Leland Moore, Oakland PW
Patricia Basaldua-Sanchez, SWRCB
Tasion Kwamilele, Schnitzer Steel
Morena Tumiatu, DWR
Ben Lucha, City of Palmdale, PW Env Svc
Vicki Jones, Merced Co Env Health
Marcus Santillano, CalRecycle
Nate Pelczar, CPSC
Stephanie Mejia, City of Palmdale, PW Env Svc
Rod Malloy, News & Review

III. February 24, 2021 Meeting Notes

Committee approved Meeting Summary.

IV. Old Business/Updates

A. Legislative and Regulation Updates — Larry Sweetser/Doug Kobold/CalRecycle Committee discussed several issues related to legislation, regulation, and policies. Of note, AB 246 (Quirk) in senate adds illegal dumping to the list of violations that constitute a cause for disciplinary action against contractors. Other legislation discussed included AB 483 (June – Sawyer), AB 659 (Mathis – dumping on private property), AB 318 Cannabis, AB 684 (Fong), AB 332, SB 557 (Wieckwski), as well as continued discussion on the topics of treated wood waste and the potential for illegal dumping increase.

The committee discussed the Governor’s proposal for Clean California (\$1.5 estimate). Trent Manning, CalTrans, provided an overview of possibilities such as hiring temporary staff for CalTrans maintenance to pick up litter, opening CalTrans yards for cleanup events, and including a program that utilizes parolees as part of training. IDTAC members suggested several uses: funding for illegal dumping conference, education initiatives, PSAs, fairs and resurrecting 2008 litter abatement plan.

B. Update: membership and IDTAC business

The Chair acknowledged some remaining gaps in representation on the IDTAC, and suggested that new members become familiar with the Illegal Dumping [Toolbox](#) on CalRecycle’s website.

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 or Rebecca Oliver 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 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 Chair indicated that the impacts of COVID19 have diminished with regard to collection, community cleanups, and illegal dumping. Rob Hutsel of San Diego River Park Foundation indicated that there may still be lingering impacts due to increases in

homeless encampments and cleanups; however, he agreed the topic can be deleted in future agendas.

B. Statewide [Conference](#) on Illegal Dumping

Erin Armstrong, Special Assistant to Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, provided an overview of the Statewide Illegal Dumping Conference held in April 2021. The conference focused on 3 E's, Education, Eradication and Enforcement with examples and case studies from urban, suburban and rural communities. Alameda County will soon focus on the second annual conference and hopes to hold the conference around Earth Day 2022. Of note, Nate Miley and team hopes to transition the conference to a statewide host once the staffing and ability exists. Mark de Bie mentioned that if expanded, or transitioned to a state entity, it would need spending authority through statute and/or regulations. CalRecycle currently supports local government and helps facilitate information and strategies along with grants and loans to aid in illegal dumping.

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

Taylor Grimes, MRC, provided the update. She discussed various initiatives such as a lesson plan for 6th-8th grades, a White Paper on strategies and best practices to address illegal dumping, and a program that awarded funds for collecting illegally dumped mattresses. The MRC continues with their outreach plan to register counties that lacked participation in the mattress collection program. Next report comes out July 1, 2021.

D. Local Illegal Dumping Initiatives

The Committee heard a brief recap on public/partner participation on establishing groups to aid in community cleanups.

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. Under [Additional Resources for Residents](#), users can find the GeoMap in beta form. [Stakeholders](#) can also access a [Google Group](#) for general peer-to-peer discussion. Larry encouraged members and stakeholders to continue providing feedback on the toolbox.
2. Work plan Subcommittee Updates – Identify updates to [online version](#)
Subcommittee leaders periodically meet with the Chair and Vice Chair to review progress and identify next steps and goals for the group(s).
 - a. *Enforcement* – Alyce Sandbach reviewed the updates from the subcommittee. The group continues to develop a training module for those involved with illegal dumping enforcement. The group solicited stakeholders for interest in joining an enforcement network, akin to a listserv style of communication. Further, the group discussed barriers and solutions to aid in citation authority through legislation.
 - 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 subcommittee identified unregulated haulers as an issue needing focus.
 - c. *Outreach* – messaging, promotion of subcommittee recommendations/results. Veronica Pardo presented areas of focus. The group worked with the Enforcement Subcommittee on messaging. The group will help with local outreach. She suggested highlighting the GeoMap on the website and suggested developing guidance for starting new groups. The Outreach Subcommittee is available to help the IDTAC.

- d. *Standards/Training/Data* – Larry Sweetser shared the data form, and continues to seek ideas on disseminating it through Survey Monkey or other method. The committee suggested incorporating existing reports and identifying what user would complete the form.
3. Discuss mission of potential statewide organization. The Committee began discussion on a possible statewide illegal dumping oversight entity. It would need funding and authority if entity were a state agency. The entity would coordinate messaging and involve other agency resources such as Water Boards and CalTrans. The entity would oversee and provide training. Establish legislation to address unregulated haulers in a coordinated fashion with uniform enforcement yet flexible for statewide application. The entity would take on the illegal dumping conference. Other topics surfaced and the IDTAC members agreed to continue discussions at upcoming meetings.

VI. New Business

A. Additional Items/Updates

Future topics include statewide illegal dumping organization, abandoned vehicles, unregulated haulers, encampment cleanups and prevention of debris buildup, Governor's budget proposal comments, storm water pollution programs, bulky item collection and illegal dumping issues.

B. Next Meeting – August 25, 2021

Continue meeting quarterly