

Meeting Notes
CALRECYCLE ILLEGAL DUMPING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 25, 2021 – 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 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 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
Mark Azzouni, Marr Christian, CHMIA
Mark de Bie, CalRecycle
Jennifer Day, San Joaquin Co DA Office
Derek Dolfie, League of CA Cities
Maria Ferdin, Monterey Co IDTAC
Javid Hasti, CalEPA Enforcement Team
Ted Horton, Sac County Waste Mgt

Members Absent

Gonzalo Barriga, City of LA, Pollution Prev
Gary Harris, City LA Code Enf
Christine Flowers, KCB
Tracie Glaves, Public Member Vacant, Industry Rep

Others Attending

Sharon Anderson, CalRecycle
Jaimie Huynh, CalRecycle
Paulina Lawrence, CalRecycle
Wes Mindermann, CalRecycle
Peter Schultz-Allen, EOA
Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove Recycling
Zuna Barker, City of Pittsburg
Izchel Pulido, City of Santa Cruz Res Recov
Dorcas Hanson-Lugo, LA County EH, LEA
Kumari Gossai, LA County EH, LEA
Stephanie Becker, CalRecycle
Dawn Carlson, Power Inn Alliance BID
Rebecca Oliver, CalRecycle
Stephanie Fernandes, CalRecycle
Jacy Bolden, CARE (Carpet)

Rob Hutsel, SD River Park Foundation
Kathy Lynch, CWHC
Trent Manning, Cal Trans
Avneet Mahil, Manteca, SWANA
Frank Foster, City Oakland PW
Jamaica Moon, City Oakland PW
Mike O'Donnell, Mattress Recycling Council
Veronica Pardo, RRCC
Alyce Sandbach, Alameda Co DA Office
Tedd Ward, Del Norte SWA
Olympia Williams, Beautify SJ

Vacant, CCDEH
Nick Lapis, Californians Against Waste
Heidi Sanborn, NSAC
Sara Weaver, CCC, Region III
Vacant, CEAC

Karen Tandler, LA Co DA's Office
Marc Green, City of Alameda PW
Matt Anderson, City of Emeryville, ES
Karineh Samkian, San Pablo PW
Patricia Basaldua-Sanchez, SWRCB
Becky Haworth, CalRecycle
Ben Lucha, City of Palmdale, PW Env Svc
Chris Robinson, SD County PW Cleanup Prog
Esther Canal, Merced Co Env Health
Nancy Stephenson, Merced Co EH
Deirdre Nurre, USEPA R9, Tribal Specialist
Robert Little, Google, Sustainability
Sujit Sanjiv, Google, Litter Insights Platform
Raina Saboo, Google, Litter Insights Platform
Jeffry Esquivel, CalRecycle

Kalyan Imtiaz-Ali, Water Board, SF Bay
Rod Malloy, News & Review
Jacob Kristoffer, City of Vallejo
Anand, Maganti, CalTrans, Stormwater
Lisa Moretti, City of Sacramento Stormwater
Katherine Wilkiins, CalRecycle
Jackson Hampton, City of Vallejo
Mark Eubanks, CalRecycle
Kristen McKinley, CalEPA
Hammer Sui, CalTrans District 7

Joseph Martinez, Water Board, SF Bay
Deidra Dingman, Contra Costa Co, Conservtn
Jennifer Foster, City of Oakland PD
Melissa Vargas, CalRecycle
Nate Pelczar, CPSC
Michael Hendley, Capitol Corridor
Mario Kalson, Humboldt Co SW LEA
Stephanie Mejia, City of Palmdale, PW Env Svc
David Tolliver, San Joaquin County PW
David Coscia, LA County PW

III. May 26, 2021 Meeting Notes

Committee approved Meeting Notes.

IV. Presentation/Discussions – agenda order modified

A. Discuss Observations Related to COVID

The Chair indicated that future agendas will include discussion of COVID with regard to collection, community cleanups, and illegal dumping. Tedd Ward mentioned cleanups have increased but there are concerns with injuries as there is limited capacity in hospitals. Ted Horton of Sacramento County indicated slowdowns in responding to picking up illegal dumping.

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

Mike O'Donnell stated he had no news. Larry Sweetser mentioned that the MRC is doing good things, and offered to allow committee members an opportunity to provide input. Ted Horton mentioned that the mattress program is running well for Sacramento County. They switched boom trucks to make it easier. Additionally, the public likes the program. However, statewide people still dump mattresses illegally. Mike offered to speak directly with anyone. Mike explained some hurdles for participating in the program such as administrative burden. Tedd Ward proposed for Del Norte to have a mechanism for managing illegally dumped mattresses. Avneet mentioned that the program is easy to set up including the illegal dumping program.

C. Local Illegal Dumping Initiatives

The Committee heard a brief recap on local programs. Sacramento County is doing a full evaluation of community beautification programs. Their illegal dumping reporting has declined most likely due to pro-active sweeps of hot spots. However, due to sweeps of hot spots, jurisdictions may have created unintentional drop-off spots. Doug asked if there was an increase in self-haul illegal dumping due to people staying home. Olympia Williams from City of San Jose' indicated an increase in residential dumping of self-haul. Frank Foster restored bulky block parties in May for Oakland. CalTrans will shadow this kind of event in order to replicate drop-off events. Peter asked about metrics, Oakland commits to no longer than 3 days. Sometimes sooner. County of Sacramento runs about 5-8 days for pickup. Mario Kalson of Humboldt County asked for ideas for subsidizing community cleanups such as how to have administrative penalties cover costs for cleanups. Tedd Ward stated that the penalties in Del Norte are assessed to gain compliance and the funds are not used for volunteer cleanups.

Doug and Peter offered information on the CRRA Conference and presentations on illegal dumping along with a summary of other presentations at the conference.

D. CalTrans – Overview of Clean California Initiative

Committee heard a [presentation](#) by CalTrans staff regarding the Clean California [Initiative](#). Please request a copy of the meeting recording for detailed discussion and the presentation dialog by sending a note to IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov. Separately, Anand provided an overlay of the program including grants to local governments. Members queried staff at CalTrans on specifics such as free dump days, or using coupons. District 7 would prefer to see more enforcement. Committee members stressed the importance of segregation of recoverable and recyclable materials. The key would be to for CalTrans to coordinate with the local jurisdictions. Frank Foster mentioned how the City of Oakland helps with source separation and processing of debris at their bulky block parties. Tedd Ward asked about how CalTrans will divide resources among districts and how to engage with CalTrans to work with them on cleanup events. Approximately \$290M available for local governments for cleanup and beautification projects. CalTrans encouraged people to attend workshops. CalTrans has Clean California coordinators in each district. Trent Manning mentioned how to find the coordinators via reaching out to Public Information Offices instead. Hammer Sui mentioned that CalTrans has done free dump days based on heavy concentrations of trash, and asked for specific contact information for CalRecycle grant programs.

E. Google – Litter Insights Platform

Three staff from Google, Raina Saboo, Sujit Sanjeev, and Robert Little explained Google's platform to help identify and quantify litter on streets. They provided background on impacts of litter and waste on streets, and the scope and scale of the litter problem. The platform intends to help municipalities solve the problem and take action. Three parts of the problem: Where, How Much, and What is the type. Find the [presentation](#) on the IDTAC's Google Drive.

Questions: How often are maps updated? Cadence roughly every six months. However, users can upload additional information. What about rivers and other areas not on streets? Start with street view, and potentially include aerial information from satellite, drones, planes as well as voluntary images uploaded. Are intensity maps translatable to volume and weight? Google is exploring inclusion of features to identify metrics.

Google posed several questions to gather input to help inform their platform. Please request a copy of the IDTAC meeting recording for detailed discussion by sending an email to IllegalDumping@CalRecycle.ca.gov

F. 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. The committee also indicated a need to share files quickly amongst themselves. Nate explained how to gain access to Google Drive and the [folders](#).
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 camera surveillance and possibly legislation.
 - b. *Strategy(s)* for cleanup, prevention, education and reporting, case studies – Doug Kobold mentioned they had no new updates.
 - c. *Outreach* – messaging, promotion of subcommittee recommendations/results. Veronica Pardo looks forward to using the IDTAC toolbox for messaging the CalTrans efforts.
 - d. *Standards/Training/Data* – Larry Sweetser continues to work on the data form, and continues to seek ideas on disseminating it through a free or subscription-based method. Many are interested in testing the form. The Subcommittee is compiling resources for individual cleanups.
3. Discuss mission of potential statewide organization. The Committee tabled discussion on a possible statewide illegal dumping oversight entity.

V. Old Business/Updates

A. Legislative and Regulation Updates

Doug Kobold presented status information on legislation related to illegal dumping. Of note, AB 246 (Quirk) Contractors Disciplinary Action Law adds illegal dumping to the list of violations that constitute a cause for disciplinary action against contractors (eff 1/1/22). Other legislation discussed included an urgency bill, **AB 332**, headed back to assembly for concurrence, then to the Governor for signing and immediate implementation. All the alternative management standards for treated wood waste will be in the bill. **AB 659** (Mathis – dumping on private property, now a 2 year bill), **AB 684 (Fong)** in suspense, and SB 557 (Wieckwski) died in appropriations. SB 1383 implementation continues and the committee may want to watch for impacts on illegal dumping. One other note, the Department of Toxic Substances Control will become a Board. DTSC is looking to develop regulations of auto shredder fluff.

B. IDTAC Business Updates

No updates.

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

CalRecycle staff provided updates on CalRecycle’s cleanup grants.

Disposal Site Grants

Rebecca Oliver presented the status of the Solid Waste Disposal and Site Cleanup [Grants](#) program. Applications for the current cycles are due September 29, 2021. \$500,000 available per public agency. 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 (partnerships are encouraged)
- 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.

VI. New Business

A. Additional Items/Updates

Doug asked that we update our membership to show Ted Horton representing Sacramento County Solid Waste. Also, Doug asked that we share the current vacancies – County Engineers, CCDEH, and Industry. Tedd Ward indicated that the Recycling Commission would like the IDTAC to help develop a policy statement on illegal dumping. The Commission provides policy documents that the legislature or CalRecycle can work with. Further, a policy proposal on illegal dumping would aid the work of the commission. Larry mentioned that the Strategy or Outreach Subcommittees could work on this subject.

Additional topics for next meeting:

1. Encampments and cleanup
2. Abandoned vehicles and boats
3. Non-franchised private haulers (recirculate old document)
4. Updates from CalTrans and Google Litter Insights Platform

B. Next Meeting – December 1, 2021

Continue meeting quarterly