

# CalRecycle Statewide Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

**Date:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm PST

**Meeting Chat:** [Zoom Chat Log](#)

## Agenda Item 1: Summary of Previous Meeting

The Chair welcomed all attendees and members and gave a brief overview of the Statewide Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee and its work. He discussed the presentations given by Caltrans and Google at the December 1, 2021 meeting.

## Agenda Item 2: Presentations and Discussions

### A. Presentations

#### *Alameda County*

Erin Armstrong discussed the upcoming (April 19-21) Alameda County Statewide Illegal Dumping Conference and invited folks to [register](#). The conference will be focused on the 3 E's – Education, Eradication and Enforcement. Some conference items of note: a discussion on best practices for franchise agreements, an illegal dumping enforcement panel and a final keynote by California Attorney General Rob Bonta. Larry Sweetser will also have a short presentation on IDTAC and CalRecycle will have a short presentation on CalRecycle grants for illegal dumping. IDTAC agreed to be a community sponsor of the conference. Please email Erin at [Erin.armstrong@acgov.org](mailto:Erin.armstrong@acgov.org) with any questions about the conference.

#### *Caltrans*

Ken Johansson, Caltrans Program Manager, presented an update of the Clean California Program. He gave an overview of the program, funding, and upcoming events. Caltrans call for projects closed on February 1 and Governor Newsom announced 105 grant awardees on March 1 for the local Clean California grant program (a total of 329 applications were received). All chosen projects are in underserved communities.

The Clean California program has so far collected 7,407 tons of trash (440,000 cubic yards). Caltrans has held 50 Dump Day events statewide, which have collected over 10,000 cubic yards of trash; 1,300 mattresses; over 6,400 tires; 247 pallets of e-waste; and 644 appliances. There are more than ten events scheduled in March and a statewide event will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Caltrans website has an [online litter dashboard](#) tracking progress and tonnage of trash collected.

Ken discussed Caltrans work to divert the tire waste stream, and their coordination with the Tire Management Program at CalRecycle. Caltrans is working with partners to turn

tires into crumb rubber for asphalt concrete, tire derived fuel, playground surfaces, and building construction.

Ken also shared that Caltrans is working to advance an abandoned vehicle abatement program. They are currently planning a one-day vehicle removal event in Mendocino County. Ken asked IDTAC for any insight on implementing a program like this, including how to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Gonzalo Barriga, City of LA, offered to follow up with Ken and the IDTAC Enforcement Subcommittee. Tedd Ward, Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority, shared that vehicle abatement can be difficult/time intensive, especially in situations where ownership vehicle isn't clear.

Members of the IDTAC provided feedback and suggestions for Caltrans ongoing and future activities. Tedd Ward lauded the success of a free Caltrans event in Klamath, and the how critical it was that tire collection was available. Tedd described how having regular dump day events can negatively impact rural jurisdiction waste collection services and expressed preference for a more appropriate name for the events rather than "Dump Days". Jaron Brandon, Tuolumne County Supervisor, described that a recent dump day was over advertised, causing the event to exceed capacity as people from across the county showed up with saved material. He suggested that Caltrans tell jurisdictions how much capacity they have for future events. Tracie Graves, San Joaquin County, suggested that code enforcement should be involved in planning events and can identify specific areas/communities to target outreach for dump days. Doug Kobold, IDTAC Vice Chair, shared his thoughts that Californians will get used to holding onto material for the free dump day program, causing issues once the program funding runs out.

### *Mattress Recycling Council*

Taylor Grimes provided an update on the Mattress Recycling Council's (MRC) activities and programs. MRC is actively collaborating with seven districts this year and supported three Caltrans Dump Days. They are planning to support an event in Imperial/San Diego County around April 23 statewide event. Taylor also shared that the reporting season has opened for the Illegally Dumped Collection Initiative, for past participants to renew or new participants to sign up.

### **B. Discuss observations related to COVID-19**

The IDTAC will keep this item on the agenda for the next IDTAC meeting. Observations shared:

- Sharon Anderson, speaking as a volunteer with community cleanups, discussed the shift in business practices and coordination between local government and volunteer groups since the onset of the pandemic.
- Gonzalo Barriga shared that the City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance that deals with illicit disposal of PPE items.

### **C. Local Illegal Dumping Initiatives**

The City of Oakland worked closely with the Alameda County District Attorney's office to get ten cameras for their Illegal Dumping Surveillance Camera Pilot Program. More information about their [pilot](#) is available.

Peter Schultze-Allen, EOA Inc., asked for members to share any information on the annual average cost per ton of illegally dumped materials collected, or dollars per incident.

### **Agenda Item 3: Subcommittee Updates**

Gonzalo Barriga and Kibbe Day, San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, provide an update on the Enforcement Subcommittee. The Subcommittee held a successful training on February 1<sup>st</sup> with 230 attendees (not recorded). The subcommittee will meet soon to discuss next steps and future trainings. Gonzalo is assisting POST as a SME expert to work on their environmental crimes training.

The Strategy Subcommittee did not have an update, but Doug Kobold and Carlos Duque will be meeting soon to talk about subcommittee chair transition.

Veronica Pardo, Chair of the Outreach Subcommittee, asked for more responses to the one-question survey about incentivizing proper waste disposal. Once more responses are received, the results will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was no update from the Standards Subcommittee, and the subcommittee is still looking for a host for the illegal dumping data collection form.

### **Agenda Item 4: Focused Topics for Subcommittees**

To help direct subcommittee work, meeting attendees were asked to fill out a poll on what topics they believe should be prioritized by IDTAC. The options were unlicensed haulers, abandoned vehicles, surveillance cameras and encampments. Only twenty-five attendees participated, so the survey will be shared outside of the meeting to encourage more participating. The IDTAC will discuss further at the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item 5: Old Business/Updates**

#### **A. Legislative and Regulation Updates**

The IDTAC discussed AB 2374 (Crimes against public health and safety: illegal dumping). This bill increases maximum fines on illegal dumping and requires cleanup as a mandatory condition of the sentence, or money for cleanup. Contra Costa County sponsored this bill; Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley is also supportive. Gonzalo Barrigo and the enforcement subcommittee had feedback and planned to reach out to Contra Costa County. Kate Wilkins, CalRecycle, will inquire with CalRecycle Legal team to determine if IDTAC can draft a letter of support, or template letter of support for legislation.

#### **B. IDTAC Business Updates**

Kate Wilkins shared that website updates can be made to the CalRecycle illegal dumping webpages beginning in late March. Jaimie Huynh, CalRecycle, shared that she will be working to add code enforcement contacts to the CalRecycle [GeoMap](#).

### **C. CalRecycle Grants**

Stephanie Becker, CalRecycle, discussed the [Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program](#) and the [current active and awarded grants](#). Rebecca Oliver, CalRecycle, discussed the [Illegal Disposal Site](#) and [Legacy Disposal Site Partial Grants](#). Those grants are entering the scoring process of their latest grant cycle. The next application period will be this fall.

### **Agenda Item 6: New Business/Topics for Future Discussion**

The committee discussed options for the IDTAC logo. One option was the design developed by Doug Dearborn, which was used for the Enforcement Subcommittee's enforcement training in February. Another option was developed by Doug Kobold. The Chair and Co-Chair solicited feedback from the meeting attendees. No final decision was made, and the committee plans to reach out to CalRecycle's Office of Public Affairs for potential assistance on developing a suite of logo images the committee can use.

Tedd Ward solicited volunteers to review the draft report from the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling and provide guidance about what the Statewide Commission can do to improve illegal dumping recommendations. He asked for volunteers to look specifically at the [Waste Prevention Strategy](#) section. Peter Schultz-Allen, Larry Sweetser, and Doug Kobold volunteered to review.

Peter Schultz-Allen suggested the commission discuss litter v. illegal dumping, as there is a proposed bill (AB 1690) that bans single use tobacco filters and single-use cannabis products.

### **Agenda Item 7: Closing**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022 from 1 – 4:30pm. Topics for the next meeting may include but is not limited to:

- Litter v. illegal dumping
- Role of LEA's in illegal dumping enforcement
- Update from Google Litter Insights team

The meeting concluded at 3:46 pm.

### **Contact:**

For further information about this meeting, please contact the Illegal Dumping inbox at [IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov). To receive email updates about committee meetings and new illegal dumping resources, subscribe to the [Illegal Dumping listserv](#).

Please visit the CalRecycle website for more information about the [Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee](#) and [illegal dumping resources](#).

## Meeting Attendees

### Members Attending

Larry Sweetser, Chair  
Doug Kobold, Vice Chair  
Mark DeBie, CalRecycle  
Traci Glaves, Public Member  
Kibbe Day, San Joaquin County  
Kathryn Lynch, CA Waste Haulers Council  
Taylor Grimes, Mattress Recycling Council  
Marr Christian, Riverside County  
Veronica Pardo, RRCC  
Tedd Ward, Del Norte County Solid Waste Authority  
Alyce Sandbach, Alameda County  
Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove  
Gonzalo Barriga, City of Los Angeles  
Avneet Mahil, Manteca, SWANA  
Trent Manning, Caltrans  
Erin Armstrong, Alameda County

### Members Absent

Mark Azzouni, CHMIA  
Gary Harris, City of Los Angeles  
Derek Dolfie, League of CA Cities  
Maria Ferdin, Monterey Co IDTAC  
Ted Horton, Sac County Waste Mgt  
Justine Fallon, Mattress Recycling Council  
Rob Hutsel, SD River Park Foundation  
Frank Foster, City of Oakland  
Jamaica Moon, City of Oakland  
Christine Flowers, KCB  
Hasti Javid, CalEPA  
Nick Lapis, CAW  
Eva Mann, City of Richmond  
Heidi Sanborn, NSAC  
Sara Weaver, CCC, Region III  
Olympia Williams, City of San Jose  
Vacant, Waste Management Industry Rep  
Vacant, CCDEH  
Vacant, CEAC

## **Others Attending**

Jasmine Howard, Alameda County  
Katie Little, CA Farm Bureau  
Ben Zarrabi, City of East Palo Alto  
David Tolliver, San Joaquin County  
Hammer Sui, Caltrans  
Lisa Moretti, City of Sacramento  
Ed Ramirez, City of San Jose  
Richard Muhl, Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Nate Pelczar, CPSC  
R Shao  
Deidra Dingman, Contra Costa County  
Iranzu Morras, PaintCare  
Kumari Gossai, LA County  
Stephanie Mejia, City of Palmdale  
Dawn Carlson, Power Inn Alliance BID  
Jamie Smith, City of Fremont  
Ken Johansson, Caltrans  
Howard Bunce, Marin County  
Kaylan Imtiaz-Ali, Waterboards  
Marissa Garren, City of South San Francisco  
Jaron Brandon, Tuolumne County  
Peter Schultze-Allen, EOA  
Karen Tandler, Los Angeles County  
Zuna Barker, City of Pittsburg  
Julia Peterson, Caltrans  
Victoria Bonilla, Merced County  
City of Emeryville  
Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale  
Izchel Piulido, City of Santa Cruz  
Daniel Hill, Valley Water  
Tasion Kwamilele, Schnitzer Steel  
Bradley Davis, Santa Clara County  
Paulina Lawrence, CalRecycle  
Sharon Anderson, CalRecycle  
Stephanie Becker, CalRecycle  
Jaimie Huynh, CalRecycle  
Rebecca Oliver, CalRecycle  
Kate Wilkins, CalRecycle  
Chris McSwain, CalRecycle  
Melissa Vargas, CalRecycle  
Dustin Schiavo, CalRecycle  
Stephanie Fernandes, CalRecycle