



# Statewide Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (IDTAC)

Meeting Notes – Wednesday, Aug 31, 2022, 1:00-4:30pm PST

**Location:** Remote **Chat:** [Zoom Chat Log](#)  
**Platform:** Zoom **Streaming** was also offered.  
**Meeting Materials:** [IDTAC Google Drive](#)

## Item 1: Introduction

IDTAC Chair, Larry Sweetser, calls meeting to order welcoming attendees, directing individuals to introduce themselves in the [chat](#), provides a brief scope of the committee, and addresses members and vacancies. Housekeeping addressed. Currently recorded for note taking purposes only.

## Item 2: Summary of Previous Meeting

Quick overview of last meeting June 8, 2022 ([Meeting Notes](#)): Focused topic survey was unveiled – encampment project for subcommittees to work on, past/upcoming Statewide ID Conference was detailed/announced and recapped, updates from Caltrans Clean California program and others, including leg/reg update considering how judicial diversion impacts AB-2374.

## Item 3: Presentations

Chair acknowledges the great work being done statewide that involves many such as agencies, jurisdictions, community groups, nonprofits, even volunteers – some of this work is showcased in this section. The IDTAC continues to focus on managing waste/illegal dumping in encampments and is gleaning info from these presentations/others for examples on waste is being handled, particularly human/animal biological and medical/sharps/pharmaceutical wastes.

[Presentation](#) - Katie Sheehan, Executive Director [Clean Tahoe](#), small nonprofit serving the Lake Tahoe basin through litter abatement, proper trash management and public education presents on transient camp cleanups and how the group continues to perfect their process, which cover more rural areas.

Presentation highlights include:

- Communication with encampment residents,
- Practicing safety first (trainings, equipment, vaccines),
- Cleanup process (preplanning, permissions, coordination [w/ law enforcement]),
- Best cleanup strategies/tips (handling different types of waste, order of operations, labeling containers upon sorting and for pickup, consolidation tips),
- Common waste types found,
- Examples of potentially dangerous situations,
- Finding items with identification info,
- Tools/tactics to ease cleanup and make it safer.

Audience questions around: propane tanks, training contact, PPE, camps that may be relocated/reappearing post cleanup, how the Martin vs Boise decision affects cleanups, buried bio waste, barriers, techniques for cleaning up slopes, sharps container dissemination, and encampments being targets for illegal dumping. Further findings and info detailed in the IDTAC Toolbox {link forthcoming}.

Ken Houston, [Beautification Council Oakland](#) (a 501c3 with contracts with the city, county, and now the state), Executive “Working” Director, livestreams from a cleanup

with crews, showcasing stolen then dumped vehicles (which the owner comes to pick up). Beautification Council works behind Oakland Public Works taking proactive and reactive approaches, and work with sensitive populations, with justice involved such as people directly out of prison and homeless themselves. Wages pay well and training included, ex: how to daily report, bag, stock and tag. Presentation cut short as host presents in real-time.

[Presentation](#) - Ricky Ramos, Senior Project Manager, [Downtown Streets Team](#) (DST) shares the organization's unique model on a mission to build teams which will restore hope, purpose, and provide a path to recover from homelessness. Main/model purpose: change perceptions of homelessness by engaging our unhoused communities in beautifying communities. Supportive teams help members with barriers and to exit homelessness through case management, job placement, employment coaching, stipends, community recognition, peer support, one-on-one, and whatever else to ensure success. Low barrier to entry.

Peers manage volunteer teams resulting in supportive community, accountability, growth opportunities – work in contract with the city for hot spots while members feel accountable for even their encampment. DST supports members throughout their journey - enterprise model to hire directly, while building their resume for the next opportunity (outside of DST). To have 40 team members shortly, 20 currently. Members provided everything needed for cleanup: tools, PPE, sharps kit, etc. Work in up to 3-mile areas, with needle exchange programs, and call 311 for large items.

Removed over 135,000 gallons of debris, and 1,780 needles from Oakland's streets, parks, and waterways. Cleaning is contagious and seeing DSTs in action provokes many to get involved to seek/hire crews.

Oakland/urban encampments can be targets for other's trash/illegal dumping - lack of refusal service at encampments leads to accumulation. DST does not do direct encampment cleanups, as encampment cleanup sweeps can be traumatizing, and DST doesn't want to be associated with those events.

Street Teams Enterprises in collaboration with Alameda Co. DA's Office and others have designed two, full-time Illegal Dumping Coordinator positions to directly address the challenges of illegal dumping and the intersection of homelessness. This role will expand on current "3 E's" strategy (Education, Eradication, Enforcement), developed by the ACID Task Force. Chair appreciates this strategy toward Prevention.

Questions include: Funding - of which DST's is largely through city contracts although sponsorships, Chambers of Commerce, business association districts, philanthropy and fundraising is a piece. Streets Teams are in 16 different cities, mostly NorCal. Needle handling is monitored/primarily done through the Team Lead who is trained, tools used are primarily gloves and a picker. Safety trainings done internally, primarily focused on life-building elements for individuals. Working on identifying dumpers (businesses/people) and our role in the long-term strategy in how to alleviate – may be able to speak more to this later. Other cleanup crews don't really overlap, at least not yet, and people really know and appreciate us, but more hands the better. Cameras not really part of the day to day (Oakland has ~12).

Chair asks about challenges. Response: ultimately the urban environment doesn't have enough housing/services and providing a pathway may solve a decent number of things in this arena. Presentation material may be added to the IDTAC Toolbox.

Rob Hutsel ([San Diego River Park Foundation](#)) tapped for contributions on the bio/medical waste subject given the ~20 years of river cleanups, some suburban areas, no urban areas. Holds 300+ yearly cleanups, homelessness is a challenge in the

riverbeds. Few years ago, made headway, yet the pandemic somewhat reversed things, but looking at a rebound. Addressing encampments has evolved - app driven process w/ lot of data collection (national model) instead of paper maps. Happy to connect.

Jaron Brandon shares [1PileAtATime](#) community group.

#### **Item 4: Encampments**

#1 topic requested in [IDTAC Focused Topics Survey/Poll](#), for subcommittees to tackle. A very complex issue, our role is rather limited in terms of the scope in the overall problem (greater societal issues), but an important part as it overlaps with illegal dumping and waste management.

Currently updating the initial [Homeless Encampment Reference Guide](#) – enhancing the product, adds/changes since its inception needed. Group effort on this is fairly small – help wanted. Had various meetings/notes from the subcommittees, and the Strategies Subcommittee has updated definitions/terms to help clarify so complex issues can be addressed further. Definitions are being routed for review (amongst all subcommittees).

Sheltered and unsheltered encampment locations often have different issues – focusing on waste/dumping in unsheltered areas. Aiming to further educate/expand resources re current legal aspects, what enforcement/encampment cleanup ordinances look like (ex: [Martin v. Boise](#)). The encampment project may or may not wrap up by the end of this year.

Outreach/Education Subcommittee: Took a different approach more focused on reviewing the 2020 Work Plan, focusing on how we might support the IDTAC on outreach efforts overall. As deliverables come out of the encampment project, how we might share that resource to a wider platform. Draft Outreach Strategy created, for overall IDTAC efforts, but could also apply when sharing new resources. Open to further IDTAC recruitment, can expand now or later.

Enforcement SubCom mentions donation dumping, cameras, and legislation an option, and once the downtown streets team piece gets moving there should be opportunity/information. Standards SubCom discusses safety training and cleanup standards (sanitation issues), in general and regarding encampments. These two subcommittees can be difficult for encampment issues, not much movement on these fronts.

Comment from Sharon Anderson regarding water levels [Board Approves Two Ordinances to Prohibit Camping](#), could be a useful tool to drive purpose, help for jurisdictions, an enforcement piece (County of Sacramento). County took a stand on identifying critical infrastructure/creating a buffer, naming all the waterways and drainage courses within the unincorporated parts. The American River has two parts to the ordinance situation. Ted Horton hasn't been directly involved, but as a stakeholder following activity. Nothing to add besides what's publicly available currently. Challenges anticipated as one would expect, so tune-in and see what unfolds that could be applicable to you. Additional content in the [chat](#).

#### **Item 5: Updates**

##### *Mattress Recycling [Council](#)*

California stewardship program for mattresses, examples of illegally dumping mattresses mentioned earlier. Continually recruiting for the program. Taylor Grimes shares they'll be at [CRR](#), and have a panel showcasing author of MRC's [white paper](#) by Dr Calvin Lakhan on illegal dumping of durable waste (auto parts, appliances, furniture, e-waste, etc.) and distinct prevention/mitigation strategies.

In process of developing illegal dumping RFP for upcoming pilot projects in 2023, tentatively to be released mid-September – more to share as finalized. Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative ([IDMC](#)) continues – compensation program offered to solid waste facilities, nonprofits, municipalities, public agencies who collect dumped mattresses. \$15, \$20 for rural counties per unit. ~85 in participation.

Continued partnership with Caltrans Clean California events.

*Subcommittees* [[Work Plan](#)] – no detailed updates provided aside from agenda Item 4 Encampment. We welcome all interested parties and members to join subcommittees by emailing [IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov) or contacting a [specific member](#).

### *Regional Groups/Task Forces/Local Illegal Dumping Initiatives*

*Alameda County Illegal Dumping (ACID) Task Force* moving forward with the Statewide Illegal Dumping Conference April 19-21<sup>st</sup>, on Earth Day, hosted by Supervisor Nate Miley – third annual event, primarily in person, but also a virtual component which is important as not all can travel. Given accommodations, there'll be a fee. Excited to work with the IDTAC, Caltrans, and others, small task force dedicated to planning. Learn what it takes to produce a statewide conference. Looking to transition the conference outside of the supervisor's office for something more long term and sustainable. Echoes of its importance and need to continue. Request for proposals forthcoming. Remember: national/international audience. More information, tune into ACID Task Force meetings, third Thursday of the month. More details/updates forthcoming.

*Antelope Valley ID Task Force ([AVIDTF](#))* wanting resources for property owners that are the victims of illegal dumping of commercial waste (as truckers trespass/dump instead of going to lawful landfills). In other cases, property owners allow a fee to dump. Farm and Ranch Grant Program suggested, which could work. Tedd Ward mentions one can really cite those who are taking a fee ("operating" a solid waste facility without a permit = hefty fine). Current example: a criminal prosecution in a criminal court in LA County pending the dumpers, and the defendants, are completely ignoring the fact they face prosecution and continue - probably because the financial incentive is great/continue to make money under the table - additional properties owned. Chair hopes this to be used as ammunition to increase the penalties. It's an issue trying to identify/locate dumpers, then once found, not enough penalties to go after them.

Discussion around AB2374 ensues (also in agenda Item 7: Legislation and Regulation). Doug Kobold outlines bill and mentions properties operating as illegal landfills/illegal disposal sites fall into the local enforcement agency ([LEA](#)) realm (LEAs may receive funding and oversight via CalRecycle). Karen/LA County concurs all this and that investigations/cases are ripe and ongoing. Current administration's philosophy on punishment could be having an impact? Prosecution lead to jail time (option) but if property value exceeds cost of cleanup will likely become a superfund site – taxpayer funded w/ the property owner walking away. Some discussion around the Farm and Ranch Grant Program capability.

Jon Sakamoto asks has IDATC had any success in getting a standard set for limited Peace Officers that will be accepted by [POST](#) so LEAs can have an option to have officers with real authority, that are not sworn peace officers or LEOs? Perhaps: a local ordinance, code enforcement if they are involved/sworn or not, CalRecycle enforces statute and regulation, uncertain on sworn abilities. Get enforcement officers the tools they need. Gonzalo Barriga open to follow-up, as it's a detailed conversation - difference between regulatory enforcement and actual criminal enforcement, the closest thing is DTSC investigators that are post certified officers, and don't believe



CalRecycle/LEA's job toward illegal disposal sites entail much authority to go after illegal dumpers.

Rob Hutsel inquires AB2374 for any connection to encampments and unintended consequence of legislation for private property owners, as rural owners face encampment issues. Legislation efforts primarily focused on commercial entity dumping.

Tedd Ward mentions Thrift Store and donation/resell centers (property owners) that receive donations/dumping afterhours. For prevention they'll work with jurisdiction on signage and (afterhours) barriers to prevent people on the property. May waive disposal costs for these organizations. For large open properties, make sure landowner blocks access, although this can be hard for very big properties. Stephanie Becker mentions receiving calls from landowner's trespassing issues re the Farm and Ranch Grant and that [SayLove](#) may have certain approaches they use.

#### *Caltrans' [Clean California](#) program*

[Presentation](#) - Ken Johansson/Tiffany Mccallister, year one success: Exceeded litter collection target, hit 113% of goal. Level of service performance indicator (trash on the state hwy system) increase in service performed. Dump Day events well received/in demand, now at least monthly in their 12 districts (exceeded goal by 529%).

Maintenance support-low barrier entry level positions available for those transitioning back into society providing career ladder opportunities – exceed target by 166%/633 hired. Adopt-a-highway adoptions/volunteerism, augmenting highway forces, cleanup along with contracted work, exceeding expectations 212% - aims for volunteers to continue once the program sunsets. Butte County Office of Education Career Development program (aka Special Programs People program) another gateway program offered w/ over 1,000 jobs, 74 crews, more coming (program \$150M). Encampments serviced, 1,928 at 180% of goal (funds not used for displacement) - litter removal and haz waste contracts.

State Beatification Projects moving in full force with 26 completed (\$71M in capital value), more breaking ground next year. Focus currently: dump days and new adoptions. Work recognized by Governor's Office, so hosting a Day of Action/Community Day is another/next step! This day to highlight all elements of Clean California, and showcase/build community collaboration among all. There's a public education component, to generate awareness/change consumer and social behavior, needing an all-hands-on deck approach to execute. Aims to get California in the national spotlight, for what we can do to turn around the blight of trash, further beautify. Logistics/work plan being discussed – reaching out for collaboration. Events component for education (bring in partners), community fairs/other events to highlight investments/actions happening statewide, pollution impacts – open to many ideas. Date to be set, early Spring 2023. Additional \$100M for local grant programs (available FY23/24).

Tedd Ward comments on concerns about promising to have regular dump days in areas that don't have mandatory collection – this incentivizes behavior change to stockpiling/accumulation (associated w/ future dumping as they wait for the next dump day). Urges a more robust and continued partnership with solid waste programs/offices already on the ground/familiar with this work. Kens offers to chat offline and knows California is diverse, and there is no universal waste management. Caltrans alternates dump day locations to prevent routine and says they're working with people up North.

Rob Hutsel, thanks Caltrans for their work and looks forward to being apart if their day and acknowledges weather challenges in different parts of the state could be impactful (ex: fire season, wet season with river rise). Ken thanks Rob and has worked with the foundation and is experienced in stormwater matters.

Karen inquires about a Clean CA/Community Day contact sheet listing individuals involved. Also, LA County/AV Task Force appreciates the free dump days, thinking garbage disposal districts could coexist with free dump days (currently in process of creating service districts in places that don't have them). Ken mentions the Clean CA Coordinator list in existence, but it may not reflect new positions - contact us, publishing.

Chair voices appreciation and plans follow-up in a rural capacity. Ken mentions tires are a huge waste stream up North (6-7k tires diverted from landfill) and the tire derived fuel connection (Redding plant, cement manufacturing). Clean CA working with MRC, appreciates CalRecycle connections/pointing to resources.

Tiffany provides information on the Clean CA Legislative Report to be shared highlighting progress (targets exceeded) – report expands first slide info. Clean California Public Education Campaign fully executed through contract ([Sagent](#)), \$33M, largest that Caltrans has ever executed. Contractor will organize and coordinate a comprehensive statewide advertising campaign/marketing program, provide public relations activities to redefine and broaden current and past litter prevention campaigns, with a focus on educating the public about activities and a goal of changing consumer and social behaviors to reduce pollution, including trash, litter, illegal dumping, as well as promote the programs of clean California.

Campaign Advisory Committee developed that has a cross functional membership that provides a unique and diverse perspective to public affairs as this campaign's developed and carried out – we will share updates.

Chair comments on the statewide message to prevent illegal dumping that hasn't happened in sometime and could be a good way to create awareness and change behavior, and to be mindful of local nuisances – IDTAC/Chair open to working on this, making sure the right message gets disseminated, great opportunity. Community Day Annual? Clean CA noting underserved/all communities. When details/firm date confirmed, will share.

Tedd Ward comments having resources available to tackle this is great (campaign against litter and illegal dumping) but please consider the IDTAC/incorporate their input as you're doing that outreach campaign as a resource/experts who have been meeting regular on this subject for years/essentially part of their profession. Reminder that a repository of illegal dumping wisdom is essential given the complexities, so please collaborate and keep in touch with the IDTAC to house some/all of it.

Chair mentions there was a lot of partnering initially but looks like another opportunity is there. Ken/Tedd decide the focused opportunity would be having an IDTAC member be a part of the Campaign Advisory Committee.

Ken mentions Clean CA program incorporates other pieces besides illegal dumping but reiterates open to partnering.

Clean CA partnering with Caltrans Adopt-a-Highway program and creating a mobile app to update data process from Hwy Adopters (litter quantities, work progress, photos), pilot in Oct for certain Districts. Also, an Adopt-a-hwy database to identify adopted, available, and non-adoptable hways.

Doug mentions Clean CA's example project w/ big rock barriers, the Advanced Parkway Project (Samoa enviro sensitive area, NorCA) including beautification w/ benches – artist/kids painted, planning party, community success – taste of what's to come. Stephanie Becker reiterates that she's familiar with boulders as barriers, and that spiritual oms have also been a creative prevention measure she'd like to look into further.

More Caltrans Clean CA conversation in Agenda Item 6: Discussion/Inquires section.

## CalRecycle Grants

### Presentation - Bruce Berger, CalRecycle

Notice of Available Funds (NOFA) webpages published shortly for Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant ([SWC90](#)) - receives \$1M annually (recipient to receive up to \$500k per FY) & Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Partial Grant ([SWC91](#)) - receives \$1.5M annually (recipient to receive up to \$750k per FY) [First cycle due 10/5/22, second cycle 2/15/23]. Subscribe to the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program ([Listserv](#)).

Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program, [NOFA](#) ([Listserv](#)) - receives \$1M annually (recipient to receive up to \$200k per FY, ~\$50k per site) [Second cycle 11/10/23, third cycle 2/9/23]. What defines “Farm & Ranch” is broader than one may think. Clean Tahoe who presented today has a partnership with the City of South Lake Tahoe who is the actual grant recipient.

Contact info on slides. Reach out if you have a project, staff can handhold and assist unlike other grants.

### **Item 6: Discussion/Inquires**

Cameras - Samantha Carr wants insight/recommendations. Cameras are helpful, but PG&E didn't want them on their poles (likely concerned with liability?). Streetlights could be better since jurisdictionally owned, however metal harder to mount on. Look for other jurisdictionally owned hardware/stanchions. Michele Hunt - in Modesto, we own the light poles, so we put them there and pay the electricity fees to our Irrigation District. Some have luck with PG&E. Caltrans may have opportunities.

Tedd Ward advises on Caltrans Clean CA program further - receiving an enormous amount of illegal dumping resources and moving ahead accordingly, but urges recognition of those in this sphere daily, and upon sunset of funds hoping those on this call will not have to deal with any aftermath. Splinters of these funds could help CalRecycle create something even more sustainable for ongoing concerns, as Caltrans focuses on transportation mainly not necessarily pollution, as illegal dumping hits more than just roadways. More convo in [chat](#), stormwater connection. Local people are key in brainstorming/making this work instead of deciding the plan in Sacramento and then trying to implement regionally. In a few years, it's ideal to shift their overall focus a bit, action item. More partnership on the ground, instead of just vocalizing it.

Chair mentions him and Co-Chair initially met with Clean CA, but more is needed. Illegal dumping is expensive, complicated and it's nice to have the money out there – make sure used properly, and besides short-term plan, long-term. Program has worked well in some jurisdictions, but some hiccups. Feedback like this always appreciated. Agree let's get best product out there. Tedd mentions, glad to have this available/started via Caltrans but repository should not be housed there indefinitely. Doug Kobold mentions convo re more IDTAC/CalRecycle resources – some movement behind the scenes to fund this group and efforts (like Statewide ID Conference). Tried to solicit Clean CA funds initially but didn't receive traction. On program sunset, perhaps best timing to open up doors/further funding. Clean CA has highlighted the problem – what to do next; urge group to be involved.

Karen Tandler concurs with Tedd that the roadways-focus should be broadened, in many aspects. However, Caltrans does have equipment, labor, a lot of cleanup resources. Waterways need more focus, and there's rural areas with no roadways affected. Long-term plan, IDTAC to address?

Chris Huitt, [California State Lands Commission](#), introduces himself – hazmat illegal dumping, pipe activities on their lands, overseas, and owns/administers to a large group of land out in rural areas called the School Land Bank. Does granted land work,

working with several agencies in Central CA, delta, working on programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on abandoned derelict vessels, that will ultimately lead to hazmat, hazardous materials, petroleum-based product discharges. Not just desert areas, work up north, looking to do more/get more involved – cleanup days and/or support them, work with other agencies, jurisdictions, their own properties, sovereign, waterways, working on the Tijuana River. Looking to work on areas in state jurisdiction, sister agencies, etc. and on big ticket items, some hazmat stuff-keep it from getting in the environment, and even help counties on properties we don't have full jurisdiction over, but open. Commission's actions/activities placement/authorizing their commission to place materials to block areas (gates/fencing/boulders) - have funds to do that—don't advertise a lot. Do a lot of exclusion illegal dumping/illegal discharges since do all the HAZMAT for agency, contaminated groundwater. Farm and Ranch partners south desert, slab city, etc. Chair sees the applicability/connection right away and be in touch.

Rob Hutsel (SD River Park Foundation) re Department of Fish and Wildlife lands—small isolated properties and no money to manage them at all, and turn to foundation for cleanup. Another State Water Board example where they donated the dumpsters and foundation provides labor. Tide lands also peculiar areas.

Chris mentions a great slate on the commission, working w/ communities, outreaching, EJ communities, etc.

Chair also mentions wanting to address municipal stormwater permits that address trash amendments, future topic.

Frank Foster soliciting for information/experience as they revamp their rewards program for witnessing/reporting illegal dumping. Not necessarily looking to present on it yet, soliciting to see what works and doesn't. Doug mentions what Sacramento solid waste authority found that these programs are only somewhat helpful. Gonzalo mentions he did a study across the nation of reward programs/the like and able to share a lot of information.

Coastal Cleanup Day, Sept 17 mentioned/using [CleanSwell](#) app (Coastal Commission, California State Parks, Pacific Beach Coalition).

### *CalRecycle Illegal Dumping/Illegal Disposal Site Guidance Documents Presentation/Feedback Request*

Many residents and jurisdictions face illegal dumping issues and continue to look for resources, especially disadvantaged communities—recently some of these communities went to CalEPA for help. Thus, [CalEPA](#) in turn reached out to CalRecycle for help (to clarify their role/available resources). CalRecycle thought it best to put together guidance documents as a best way/first step when disseminating information like this to the general public and local government, and since Local Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are a prime linchpin for CalRecycle on the matter, corresponding LEA guidance doc is also being revised. Currently there are 3 docs created/being referenced: a doc overviewing general CalRecycle Assistance, a doc providing further detail on CalRecycle's Illegal Disposal Site Cleanup Assistance alternative, and the LEA guidance doc, which differentiates illegal dumping and illegal disposal sites most thoroughly.

The presentation/slides go over general verbiage/concepts in the docs in lieu of scrolling/screen-sharing the docs themselves Comments/review being requested, much appreciated. The presentation can also be seen as a continuation of the [2022 Statewide Illegal Dumping Conference presentation](#).

Addressing the difference between “litter”, “illegal dumping”, and “illegal disposal sites” is an initial focus—so the public/government know how to classify each, who may



be responsible for handling each/how to properly report, and what resources are available for each. CalRecycle does not have authority over solid waste issues directly, it is the responsibility of local government. However, CalRecycle has programs and assistance to help local government with these issues. CalRecycle provides some funding to LEAs who primarily handle illegal disposal sites although some may handle illegal dumping.

*Illegal Dumping:* local governments tend to view illegal dumping as a litter/nuisance abatement issue rather than a solid waste disposal site issue. Illegal dumping is typically handled by the Public Works and/or the Code Enforcement Departments and addressed differently depending if the incident is on private or public property. Local and State policing agencies can cite people caught illegally dumping, but those agencies are not usually responsible for cleanup. If litter piles and illegal dumping sites are not cleaned up, they often grow, attract more dumping, and if they become very large can be found to be illegal disposal sites. [Report Illegal Dumping](#) map highlighted in the guidance.

*Illegal Disposal Sites:* an illegal solid waste disposal site, or “open dump”, is a location that functions or has functioned as an unpermitted/unregulated disposal site with a significant amount of disposal/activity. Owner(s) or tenant(s) of these properties are often responsible and/or aware of the misconduct (and do not intend to comply with solid waste disposal requirements). Illegal disposal sites are usually larger than illegal dumping hot spots and pose a more significant threat to public health and safety and the environment. The guidance doc for LEAs further details characteristics to help them decide (LEA responsibility: investigate/inspect closed, illegal, and abandoned disposal sites ([CIA Sites](#))). LEAs can always contact CalRecycle for guidance/assistance. Sites requiring inspections/potential enforcement actions should begin to be investigated and begin to be classified ([SWIS](#)). Remediation/cleanup is the proper action for addressing illegal disposal sites. CalRecycle can aid local government/LEAs through grants, loans, and direct support.

CalRecycle-Managed Remediation/Cleanup is an alternative for sites beyond the local government's ability to address by themselves (instead of through usual grants and loans). This guidance doc provides detailed guidance on what cities, counties, or other agencies should have, consider, or may contribute before asking for CalRecycle's help, with a general explanation about cost recovery.

The CIA Sites Program shared for perspective—there are approximately 2,500 CIA disposal sites in California - most of these sites are old landfills that are no longer used. Buried waste at these sites can be problematic as prior to 1989, no minimum standards existed for these “legacy” sites. CalRecycle offers engineering and scientific support services to local governments and LEAs for investigating and remediating solid waste disposal sites. Staff can offer guidance, review investigation or remediation work plans, and attend meetings or site visits.

Other resources include [LCCs](#) and IDTAC, and it's noted CalRecycle continues to pursue a more circular and less disposable based economy, which should help alleviate some illegal dumping issues.

Some volunteers stepped up to take a deeper dive/review the material. CalRecycle will share this information when it's more finalized and/or published online.

## **Item 7: Legislation and Regulation**

Doug Kobold explains [AB 2374](#) (author Bauer-Kahan), currently the only bill that directly addresses illegal dumping. Presented to governor for signature - increases max fines on businesses (10+ employees) who illegally dump, bumping the first offense up to \$3K, second \$6K, and third \$10K, and \$10K for every subsequent conviction. Upon

conviction, requirement will be that business licensing entity notified. Judge to order convicted party to cleanup the dumping or pay for cleanup - outside of the fines. One's financial position/ability to pay taken into consideration.

Question: How do you find out if the company has 10 or more employees? Gonzalo Barriga mentions the importance of trained investigators to collect that information for a successful prosecution and having staff to be able to get trained to a somewhat standardized level - so DAs have what they need to prosecute. The training shall cover where they can get this information, tools, resources, etc. Enforcement important in illegal dumping sphere.

Many bills getting presented to the governor related to solid waste - a lot of changes moving forward.

Chair mentions DTSC is doing their hazardous waste management plan that could provide an impact in illegal dumping realm as hazardous waste is dumped – chair/others monitoring.

### **Item 8: IDTAC Business**

- Logo unveiled - to be made accessible.
- Election process, to be addressed at next meeting.
- Report Illegal Dumping Map ([GeoMap](#)), to be updated & may include environmental justice component. IDTAC recruitment – more forthcoming.

### **Item 9: Adjourn/Next Meeting**

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 1-4:30pm

## **Meeting Attendees**

### **Members Attending**

Larry Sweetser, Chair  
Doug Kobold, Vice Chair  
Mark DeBie, CalRecycle  
Alyce Sandbach, Alameda County  
Avneet Mahil, Manteca, SWANA  
Christine Flowers, KCB  
Erin Armstrong, Alameda County  
Frank Foster, City of Oakland  
Gary Harris, City of Los Angeles  
Gonzalo Barriga, Metro WaterDis SoCal

Heidi Sanborn, NSAC  
Taylor Grimes, MRC  
Nick Lapis, CAW  
Olympia Williams, City of San Jose  
Rob Hutsel, SD River Park Foundation  
Ted Horton, Sac County Waste Mgt  
Tedd Ward, Del Norte County SWA  
Veronica Pardo, RRCC

### **Members Absent**

Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove  
Derek Dolfie, League of CA Cities  
Eva Mann, City of Richmond  
Hasti Javid, CalEPA  
Kibbe Day, San Joaquin County  
Maria Ferdin, Monterey Co  
Mark Azzouni, CHMIA

Marr Christian, Riverside County  
Sara Weaver, CCC, Region III  
Traci Glaves, Public Member  
Trent Manning, Caltrans  
Vacant, CCDEH  
Vacant, CEAC  
Vacant, WM Industry Rep

### **Others Attending/Registered**

Adam Ridge, City of Carson  
Adam Gonzales, Madera County  
Adriana Ornelas, LA County PW  
Adrianna Perez, City of Carson

Amanda Duran, Merced County EH  
Amy Welch, Tuolumne County  
Becky Haworth, CalRecycle  
Ben Zarrabi, City of East Palo Alto

Bruce Berger, CalRecycle  
Chris McSwain, CalRecycle  
Christopher Huitt, CA Land Commission  
Christy Kehoe, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
Claudia Hirotsu, Fresno County  
Cristi Creegan, South Lake Tahoe  
Deanna Garcia, CalRecycle  
Dr. Cecile Carson, KCB  
Ed Ramirez, City of San Jose  
Elijah Marshall, City of 29 Palms  
Elvira Delgadillo, LA County PW  
Eric Will, RCRC  
Esther Canal, Merced County EH  
Gabino Arredondo, City of Richmond  
Gina Libby, Ventura County  
Heidi Niggemeyer, City of Salinas  
Hope Taylor, Sac County  
Imtiaz Ali Kalyan, Waterboards  
Izchel Pulido, San Ramon PW Env Svcs  
Jack Johnson, City of San Mateo  
Jaron Brandon, Tuolumne County  
Jeffory Mcdaniel, CalRecycle  
Jesus Jurado, LA County PW  
Jon Sakamoto, City of Carson  
Joris Eigirdas, City of Alhambra  
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