

Enforcement Advisory Council

Solid Waste Management through Partnership

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

Virtual Platform: TEAMS

I. Introductions:

Kim Haas	Chair, Northern Roundtable
Dorcas Hanson-Lugo	Co-Vice Chair, Southwestern Roundtable
Absent	Co-Vice Chair, Bay Area Roundtable
Kimberly Tra	Southern Roundtable
Suzie Dawley	North Central Roundtable
Esther Canal	South Central Roundtable
Paul Harden	Northern City LEAs
Daron Warkentin	Southern City LEAs
Jeffrey Marshal	CCDEH
Absent	CCLHO
Mark de Bie	CalRecycle
Paulina Lawrence	CalRecycle
Mary Kay Shafer	CalRecycle
Stephanie Becker	CalRecycle
Kate Wilkins	CalRecycle
Wes Mindermann	CalRecycle
Martin Perez	CalRecycle
Cathy Blair	CalRecycle
Lea Gibson	CalRecycle
Nevin Yeates	CalRecycle
Carley Bartlett	CalRecycle
Kim Sellards	CalRecycle

II. Agenda Review (late additions)

III. Approval of Previous EAC Meeting Minutes

Kim Haas ran through the meeting notes from CalRecycle and Darron for the Nov 16, 2022 meeting. After a few edits, Kim Haas will combine the meeting notes and distribute.

IV. EAC Resolutions, Status and Updates

A. Ralph Hunter Memorial Award follow up

Discussion on the logistics for the award to be presented to Greg Reyes. He indicated that he wanted the plaque to be presented at one of his local meetings. Kim Tra volunteered to present it to him.

B. LEA Roundtable Training

Discussion about new LEA at Roundtables and the need for training. Kim suggested for new LEAs to go out with experienced LEAs to conduct inspections. Perhaps State Minimum Standards trainings. Martin mentioned that they are open to feedback for training, such as sending out surveys and getting those surveys back so they can get the needed data.

Lea provided training updates: Best Practice for Solid Waste Facilities was completed, and it will become an On-Demand training. Next in the works is State Minimum Standards training for different types of facilities. The trainings take from 6 months to a year to develop. Taken a long time for the vendors to publish the trainings and in the meantime CalRecycle is working on solutions to get the trainings out faster.

Kim H. mentioned that new LEA are so new that they don't know what questions to ask or to make topic suggestions. Will work with training liaison to come up with a training list.

Martin P. mentioned that instead of waiting for a training to come out, reach out to the LEA point of contact to find out what resources or guidance is needed in order to get the new LEA up to speed.

Paulina suggested and agreed with Kim H. and Martin P. on one-one training, mentorship and peer match.

Daron asked about the LEA advisories and if there were plans to update them. Paulina responded that their goal is to update and add new ones.

Some resources are not available online due to changes. Paulina suggested to reach out to LEA point of contact.

C. EAC Member Roundtable

Kim H. continue to have hybrid roundtable meetings.

Dee: the southern and southwestern roundtable will be virtual on May 10th or 17th.

Esther: Will have a hybrid roundtable.

Kim: suggested in person meetings to encourage new LEA to talk to other LEAs.

Susie: had a hybrid roundtable in Feb and suggested better microphones. Agreed with Kim T. that in person helps build relationships.

Susie asked if CalRecycle will continue to attend virtually or eventually in person. Martin P. responded that it is based on how the roundtable is being hosted.

Lea indicated that it is convenient to find trainers to present on virtual meetings rather than in person.

V. CalRecycle Discussion Items

A. Deputy Director's Report (Paulina)

SB 54 update – building a new team to craft and enforce the new regulations. Cut over 20 million tons of plastic waste in the next 10 years, building a renewable circular economy with less plastic trash and more recycling. Extended producer stakeholders' workshops, the 3rd one will be on March 30th. If interested, check CalRecycle website for the listserv.

Large animal producers may incur livestock mortality. Continue working with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and State Water Board on developing guidance to assist producers that may fall under an emergency proclamation.

Guidance for carcass composting during a declared emergency is online.

Continue working with CDFA and State Water Board to provide an avenue for an onsite carcass composting due to producers' inability to render or transport to an accepting landfill. (non-emergency type)

CDFA has a request for proposals for locations that will have carcass composting research operations. Once the recipients are known, CalRecycle will inform the LEA.

B. Regulation and Legislation Update (Paulina)

SB 367 – Pilot project on Illegal Disposal on Farm or Ranch properties. It is a grant program to be run by CalRecycle. The bill would require counties to administer the program including several specified counties and they usually rank not in the come along the side of Southern California the bill would require counties to administer the program including reimbursing local waste facilities. The department would then reimburse those counties after the report.

AB 909 – Solid Waste Disposal and Co-disposal site clean-up program, expand to include hazardous waste and household hazardous waste. The bills requests that CalRecycle to collect and properly manage illegally disposed Hazardous Waste and Household Hazardous Waste as defined, disposed or co-disposed with solid waste. Department of Toxic

Substances Control (DTSC) is interested but there are many questions about the bill and the authority.

C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Clean California (Paulina)

CalTrans Clean California events. LEAs are wondering about the limited tonnage at their Enforcement Agency Notifications. CalRecycle's in discussion with CalTrans on the guidance and options to support the events. When CalTrans has these events, the material is separated by the type of material and those items will be marked as a recycling center. They would not count toward the incoming tonnage. CalRecycle recommended for the site to notify the LEA.

Kim T. had an event, but the tonnage was not exceeded. Will these events be permanent? She asked.

Paulina, they are looking at a budget change proposal to expand the timeframe, since right now it's only for one year. They are considering a legislative proposal so they can take the material.

Kim H. some of her sites had a concern with having the public enter their site. They used a side gate and placed dumpsters along the way so that the public would not enter the site.

Jeffrey M. mentioned that CalTrans was not using permitted sites and had concerns about vehicle counts.

Paulina mentioned the CalTrans website where all the dumping locations are posted.

D. Biosolids Sampling Protocol (Martin)

CalRecycle received an inquiry from a stakeholder about sampling. 17868.1 (d) the EA can approve alternative sampling methods. CalRecycle wants documentation about any facility that utilizes different type of feedstock to keep a record and any alternate approvals. Will further discuss with those LEAs involved with this type of composting operation.

E. Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (Stephanie):

Discussion on impacts of illegal dumping on stormwater by Water Board.

Annual elections resulted in a new vice president Gonzalo Barriga (Metropolitan Water District of Southern California), and new members Jeff Lamore from Imperial County and Jason Philipe from Placer County is the alternate.

Discuss the upcoming April conference (in person and virtual) and the presenters and topics. The event agenda is available. The illegal dumping site guidance documents were finalized and published and distributed to the LEA.

F. Status Impact Reports (SIR) (Wes Mindermann):

Gave a brief background on the SIRs. CalRecycle expected 129 facilities to submit, 108 were received and 97 were approved. Twenty-one facilities have not submitted. Discussion will start with those sites and depending on the response, enforcement will ensue.

G. Site Visit Update: Senate Bill 1383 Sampling Collaboration (Catherine Blair)

Mentioned that at the last EAC meeting, CalRecycle would be contacting the LEA to discuss the reporting and measurement requirements at transfer stations. There is a top 100 list of transfer stations that are not reporting or incorrectly reporting. Will collaborate with the LEA to conduct follow up inspections to observe the measurements and reporting. The data collected will be used to create reports within CalRecycle.

H. CalRecycle Web Page Updates (Martin)

Ongoing effort in updating the pages. Permittrainingassistance@Calrecycle.gov for any support questions. Replaced the CEQA Toolbox to just a CEQA webpage and consolidated the downloadable documents and is now published. Next priority is the Permit Toolbox.

I. Training Updates (Lea)

Mentioned the Technical Training Series Steering Committee meeting where session topics were discussed and narrowed down. The conference will be at the Hyatt in Long Beach in the middle of April 2024. The plan is for two days virtual sessions, take a two week break and then have the in person at the Hyatt.

Discussed the DTSC training at the Winter roundtables. One hour training was provided and received positive feedback. The evaluation is needed in order to get the certificate.

Will continue to work with vendor to publish the pending On-Demand trainings.

VI. Public Comment Period

No public comment submitted.

VII. Schedule Next EAC Meeting and Close Meeting (Kim H.)

The next EAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2023 and will be virtual.