

Enforcement Advisory Council

Solid Waste Management through Partnership

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

Virtual Platform: TEAMS

I. Introductions:

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| Kim Haas | Chair, Northern Roundtable |
| Dorcas Hanson-Lugo | Co-Vice Chair, Southwestern Roundtable |
| Beronica Slattengren | Co-Vice Chair, Bay Area Roundtable |
| Kimberly Tra | Southern Roundtable |
| Suzie Dawley | North Central Roundtable |
| Esther Canal | South Central Roundtable |
| Absent | 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 |
| Wes Mindermann | CalRecycle |
| Martin Perez | CalRecycle |
| Lea Gibson | CalRecycle |
| Carley Bartlett | CalRecycle |
| Dana Hachigian | CalRecycle |
| Nevin Yeates | CalRecycle |
| Alvin VoTran | CalRecycle |

II. Agenda Review (late additions)

Bay Area (Beronica Slattengren) requested to add a topic: In-Vessel Digester and Removal frequency.

Southwestern (Dorcas Hanson-Lugo) – Dee has completed her term as Southwestern Chair.

Northern (Kim Haas) – Term ending in November 2023.

Bay Area (Beronica Slattengren) – Term as Bay Area Chair ending in June 2023.

III. Approval of Previous EAC Meeting Minutes

Kim Haas ran through the meeting for the March 15, 2023 EAC 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

- i. 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. Kimberly Tra volunteered to present it to him.
- ii. Treasurer - Funds balanced – Raised \$200 for the 2021 award and the 2022 award plaque. Fund balance remaining \$132.16 for the 2022 Ralph Hunter Memorial Award plaque.
- iii. 2022 – Ralph Hunter Award Nomination will be opening. Southern (Kimberly Tra) – Due to the turnover in LEA what if there are no applicants? Lea – CalRecycle may put together an application packet. Martin Perez – There has been a time when there was no winner. Jeffrey suggested a retired LEA could also be nominated.

B. Late Addition Topic: Bay Area (Beronica Slattengren) In-Vessel Digester – BioTech Technology – Any experience with Digester considerations. Southern (Kimberly Tra) Southern Roundtable provided experience with feedstock considerations and ensuring the digestate still meets the requirements via testing and going to an approved location.

C. Late Addition Topic: Bay Area (Beronica Slattengren) Removal Frequency – A large public area (stadium) has trash pick-up daily. The compactor is serviced every 8 days. Has there been anyone who has experience with removal frequency waivers? Must be serviced every 7 days.

D. Late Addition Topic: South Central (Esther Canal) CDFA Composting – Currently permitted research animal mortality composting operation. Facility that is looking for an alternative to dispose of chicken blood with the closure of East Bay MUD. Request to incorporate chicken blood into the research composting facility. South Central will be reaching out to their point of contact with CalRecycle. CalRecycle will be working with CDFA to provide further updates.

- E. Late Addition Topic: South Central (Esther Canal) – LEA Staffing Concern/LEA Evaluations
- With the large turnover amongst LEA how will the short staff be reflected in LEA evaluations? Mary Kay Shafer – Continue to work with CalRecycle contact and will be included in the consideration during the LEA Evaluation

F. **EAC Jurisdiction Updates**

- i. **Kim Haas- Northern** – Radioactive waste was transported from a transfer station to Oregon for landfilling. Recommended LEA review Load Checking program with the transfer station, and Hazardous Waste issue with facility.
- ii. **Beronica – Bay Area** – Losing Staff. Several Permit Actions.
- iii. **Kimberly Tra Southern** – Losing Staff. New proposed tire facility with “gasification/EMSW”. New permit for Cement Kiln EMSW Transfer stations. Waiting on determination from DTSC.
- iv. **Suzie Dawley- North Central**– Hybrid Meeting, Closure of POTW rendering permit finding an outlet. CDFA chicken blood composting.
- v. **Esther Canal – South Central** –
 1. Spring South Central Regional Roundtable on June 14th in Kings County (Hybrid)
 2. Two proposals for two new biosolids composting facilities in Merced County.
 - a. One existing ag material composting facility expanding to include biosolids.
 - b. One new biosolids composting facility.
 3. Merced County currently has a permitted research animal carcass composting facility. Operations are set to begin at the end of June this year.
 4. Merced County LEA is currently handling an emergency waiver issued to the CDFA for a temporary composting facility in response to an emergency declaration for the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.
 5. A new composting facility that proposed to include animal mortality. The project fell through due to the lack of CDFA guidelines for the project applicant to meet CDFA/Rendering Facility License requirements.
- vi. **Dorcus Lugo – Southwestern**
 1. Pet carcasses composting inquiry was received.
 2. Post Closure Land Use issues with a CIA landfill adjacent to an active permitted landfill and they plan to excavate the new cell and stockpile the soil approx. 400,000 cubic yards for 100 years on top of the CIA landfill (closed pre regulations).
 3. Illegal dumping cases where we filed a Cease and Desist were not issued SWIS numbers unless the site needed remediation, but new guidance indicates that we should for all cases.

- vii. **Daron Warkentin – Southern Cities** – Move composting location. Within landfill boundaries, larger landfill complex, is the project description vague enough to allow the change. Daron promotion to Program Manager.

V. CalRecycle Discussion Items

A. Deputy Director's Report (Paulina)

- a. Introduction of New Division Branch Chief Maryam Khosravifrad, our new SB 54 EPM II. She will work with her new team on the enforcement aspects of SB 54. SB 54 establishes a new extended producer responsibility (EPR) program to manage packaging products across every sector of the economy.
- b. **Coordination Meeting** - Provide updates with CDFR, State Water Board – Animal mortality composting.

B. Legislation & Regulation Update (Paulina)

- a. [AB 592 \(Wilson\)](#): Vehicles: nonfranchise solid waste hauling. Existing law authorizes local authorities to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding specified matters, including, among other things, the methods of deposit of garbage and refuse in streets and highways for collection by the local authority or by any person authorized by the local authority. This bill would authorize the County of Contra Costa and any other county to create a program to regulate nonfranchise waste hauling operations within the county. A county to adopt an ordinance to regulate the transport of solid waste by nonfranchise solid waste haulers on public roads in unincorporated areas of the county, as provided.
- b. [AB 573 \(Garcia\)](#): Solid waste: organic waste disposal reduction targets. Organic waste: meeting recovered organic waste product procurement targets. Existing law requires, no later than January 1, 2018, the State Air Resources Board. This bill would require the department's regulations to allow a local jurisdiction, until December 1, 2039, in procuring recovered organic waste products to meet the target procurement requirements. This bill would amend that legislative finding to instead state that achieving organic waste disposal reduction targets requires significant investment to develop the necessary organics recycling capacity.
- c. [AB 1705 \(McKinnor\)](#): AB 1705, as amended, McKinnor. Solid waste facilities: health protection zones. This bill would prohibit a person from establishing or expanding a transformation facility or an EMSW conversion facility within an above-defined health protection zone. Until the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery has determined that the state has achieved the above-described solid waste and organic waste policy goals of the state for 3 consecutive years.

- d. [AB 849\(Garcia\)](#): AB 849, as amended, Garcia. Community emissions reduction programs. Existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare, and to update at least once every 5 years, a statewide strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden.

C. Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee Update (Stephanie)

- a. [Statewide Illegal Dumping Conference](#) last month.
- b. Next IDTAC Meeting is planned for the end of June or beginning of July. Last meeting March 29, 2023.
- c. IDTAC plans to focus energy and resources on abandoned vehicles--this type of illegal dumping issue. The IDTAC also continues a working relationship with CalTrans Clean CA, primarily in re to their Dump Days or some choose to call them Dump Diversion Days.
- d. Subscribe to the [Illegal Dumping Listserv](#) for IDTAC updates and for Qs/Inquiries email IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov.
- e. IDTAC is open to advising and serving as a resource for illegal dumping issues.

D. Solid Waste Information System Update (Jeff)

- a. **SWIS Updates:**
 - i. Homepage – New panels to show recently uploaded documents
 - ii. LEA Draft Documents – More flexibility to delete any documents prior to publishing.
 - iii. LEA DRAFT reports – May see older reports with red due dates. LEA’s will be asked to clean up/delete any unnecessary DRAFT reports lingering.
 - iv. EPP Document/Agency – New feature to add EPP documents to the portal for CalRecycle to review.

E. Webpage Updates: Permit Toolbox (Martin)

- a. Permits & Assistance staff will review the LEA Central.
- b. Dana Hachigian and Alvin VoTran are the new senior environmental specialists in the Training & Assistance Section.
- c. Next Roundtables, LEAs will be notified of the project objectives and will be kept up to date via the all-LEA email announcement.
- d. Any issues with accessing webpage information, LEAs can reach out to staff at PermitTrainingAssistance@calrecycle.ca.gov.

F. Technical Training Series & Training Update (Lea)

- a. Hybrid TTS – Hyatt Long Beach. Which will include virtual sessions, then an in-person portion two to three weeks later.
- b. Dates are April 15-17. April 15th will be a registration day for traveling attendees, then April 16th & 17th will be live sessions, hands on learning, networking events, and field trips.

- c. There will be no cost for the virtual sessions. Cost for in person is to be determined.
- d. Two on demand trainings to CSUS for publication,
 - i. New LEA Orientation
 - ii. 3 Part Test.
- e. Working on on-demand versions of Solid Waste Facility Permits, Best Practices for Solid Waste Facility Inspections, State Minimum Standards training.
- f. We're working with CSUS to develop in person Load Checking Training courses, dates and locations are to be determined

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, August 23, 2023, and will be virtual.