

Enforcement Advisory Council

Solid Waste Management through Partnership

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

Virtual Platform: TEAMS

I. Introductions:

Kim Haas	Chair, Northern Roundtable
Absent	Co-Vice Chair, Southwestern Roundtable
Beronica Slattengren	Co-Vice Chair, Bay Area Roundtable
Arthur Surdilla	Bay Area Roundtable
Norma Campos Bernal	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

Paulina Lawrence	CalRecycle
Mary Kay Shafer	CalRecycle
Stephanie Becker	CalRecycle
Wes Mindermann	CalRecycle
Martin Perez	CalRecycle
Lea Gibson	CalRecycle
Carley Bartlett	CalRecycle
Alvin VoTran	CalRecycle
Catherine Blair	CalRecycle
Maryam Khosravifard	CalRecycle

II. Agenda Review (late additions)

No late additions.

III. Approval of Previous EAC Meeting Minutes

May 2023 was already approved during the last EAC meeting.

IV. EAC Resolutions, Status and Updates

A. Election of new EAC Co-Vice Chair

- Arthur Surdilla volunteered to be the new Co-Vice Chair to replace Beronica Slattengren.
 - Beronica made a motion and Daron seconded
 - EAC Resolution 2023-02: A resolution confirming Arthur Surdilla as the EAC Co-Vice Chair was passed by majority vote.

B. Ralph Hunter Memorial Award

- Deadline October 2, 2023,
- Kim- requested LEAs to mention at the Roundtables and encouraged to communicate to the LEAs to nominate LEAs previously nominated

C. Senate Bill 1383 Organics Sampling at Transfer Stations

- Kim- In Northern California, Butcher waste with meat scraps from wild game going from the custom slaughter butcher shop. Normally meat waste would go to landfill in Oregon, transported there directly and recently have been showing up in Transfer Station. Are the meat scraps allowed to go through transfer station and if yes, would it be subject to SB1383 Organics Sampling?
 - Butcher waste from residential sources can be placed in organics bin destined to transfer station.
 - Paulina- CDFA regulates packing house waste.
 - Martin- Asked if any contact were made with CDFA. CDFA regulates this packing waste, they should be contacted.
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/MPES/pdfs/Inedible_Food_Materials_Flyer.pdf
 - Packing house waste should not be received at Transfer station CDFA can follow up with the generator. Does not include plate scraping from residential.
 - Paulina - Recommended the LEA to reach out to CDFA to discuss CDFA regulation of packing house waste..
 - <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/docs/web/118791>
 - <https://web.cvent.com/event/51fab693-1e39-4228-a8e9-380e2f445a5a/summary>

D. EAC Member Jurisdictional Updates

- Kim (Northern)- Discussion regarding fire debris
- Esther (South Central)- Foster Farms needed to find new home for poultry blood, received emergency waiver to add composting site, went smoothly, was able to process material on site. Not much going on.
- Arthur (Bay Area)

- Verifying compliance strategies for looking at records and possible topic for further training or field training for LEA. Have new LEA staff
- Regulations of junk haulers AB592 different jurisdictions
- Arthur is the new Chair
- Angeline is the Co-Chair
- Suzie (North Central)- next meeting -9/21
 - Discuss new LEAs and topics that will be helpful for them
- Daron (Southern Cities)
 - Request for discussion for regulatory landfill for pre-regulated landfill Open discussion about ceasing post-closure maintenance and inspections. Looking for guidance on this. Are their existing guidance on CalRecycle and any thoughts on training?
 - Wes Mindermann- No support on the website about criteria to cease post-closure maintenance. Not a lot of guidance on it at this point. Seen seminars put on by consultants on how they think that would work.
 - Daron- Guidance documents for Operators and LEA would be helpful
 - Wes- Have had bad experiences with site with lowering inspection frequency from quarterly to lower frequency.
 - Jeffrey (Kern)- This topic was discussed. Recommend public meeting recommended, talk to county counsel and potential liability.
 - Lea- In her experience as the LEA of the Sacramento County, had to prove that there is no potential health and safety, ball is in your court, landfill gas monitoring is working.
 - Wes- important to work with Planning and alert them to notify LEA.
- Jeffrey Marshall (CCEDH)- 2023 disaster field manual available for purchase
 - CCDEH has a paper that will be published on Env journal
 - Disaster debris management workshop- please speak to direct to participate <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12940-023-01008-4>
- Kim Haas proposed a Resolution to thank Beronica Slattengren for serving as Co-Chair of EAC. Kim Haas made a motion and Arthur Seconded.
 - EAC Resolution 2023-01: A resolution thanking Beronica Slattengren for serving as the Co-EAC Chair was passed by majority vote.

V. CalRecycle Discussion Items

- A. Deputy Director's Report (Paulina)
 - Recognize there are changes to LEA just like CalRecycle. They are available to aid when personnel changes occur. CalRecycle has been seeing several changes statewide. Providing a heads up to CalRecycle, including Mary Kay, can help with discussions for jurisdictional inspection workload, timing for permit items, training, and LEA Evaluation. CalRecycle can assist with ideas to peer match and/or coordinate help from surrounding LEAs. CalRecycle is working with our HR team to help LEA's in recruitment postings through CalRecycle's network.

- Recognizes Training needs, including on CIA, CDI measurements and regulations and Refresher course in CDI.
- New courses are available for new LEAs
- CalRecycle is working with HR team to how CalRecycle can promote and help with recruitment. Can share recruitments with Paulina and your point of contact to assist in getting the word out.

B. Legislation & Regulation Update (Paulina)

- [AB 573](#), **Garcia D- Organic waste: meeting recovered organic waste product procurement targets.** Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to approve and begin implementing a comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve a certain reduction in statewide emissions of methane, including a goal of a 75% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve these organic waste reduction goals, that provide for, among other things, the calculation by the department of recovered organic waste product procurement targets for each local jurisdiction, and that may include penalties to be imposed by the department for noncompliance. This bill would require the department, for purposes of those regulations, to allow a local jurisdiction, until December 1, 2031, in procuring recovered organic waste products to meet the target procurement requirements, to use California-derived recovered organic waste that the local jurisdiction sends for processing at a facility or operation outside of the state that meets certain conditions, as provided.
- [SB 367](#), Seyarto R: **Farm, ranch, and public lands cleanup and abatement: grant program.** Current law creates the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Account in the General Fund to include money appropriated from specified revenue sources, including tire recycling and used oil recycling fees, and authorizes the department to expend the money in the account for the grant program upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act. This bill would rename the grant program the Farm, Ranch, and Public Lands Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program and extend its purposes to cleaning up and abating the effects of solid waste that is illegally disposed of on public lands owned by the state or federal government. The bill would create the Public Lands Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Account in the General Fund and would authorize the department to expend the moneys in the account for these extended grant program purposes upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.
- [SB 613](#), Seyarto R **Organic waste: reduction goals: local jurisdictions: low-population waiver.** Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to approve and begin implementing a comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve a certain reduction in statewide emissions of methane, including a goal of a 75% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations that achieve those targets for reducing organic waste in landfills that may include, among other things, different

levels of requirements for local jurisdictions and phased timelines based upon their progress in meeting the organic waste reduction goals, and penalties to be imposed by the department for noncompliance. This bill would, for a local jurisdiction, as defined, waive those requirements and regulations until December 31, 2028, if the local jurisdiction does not qualify for other specified waivers, disposed of fewer than 5,000 tons of solid waste in 2014, and has fewer than 7,500 people, as provided.

C. Battery Fires at Solid Waste Sites (Maryam)

- Presentation provided regarding fires at Solid Waste Facilities related to lithium-ion batteries.

D. Water Board & California Department of Food and Agriculture Emergency Composting Consultation Process

- During the past few years, CalRecycle has been working with CDFG and Water Board to address challenges with the management of animal carcasses resulting from an emergency.
- While many producers manage their carcasses by sending them to landfill disposal, other producers must explore alternative methods when landfill disposal is not feasible.
- In April 2022, CalRecycle staff provided a guide summarizing regulatory pathways for the management of animal carcasses which included temporary composting activities under an emergency waiver and composting under EA notification process.
- While this guide provides pathways for producers, the guide also indicates that these pathways are contingent upon source approval pursuant to section 17855.2 – composting of unprocessed mammalian tissue.
- CalRecycle, in consultation with Water Board and CDFG, must approve the source of the unprocessed mammalian tissue.
- CalRecycle, Water Board, CDFG, has worked together to streamline that consultation process so that future proposals are handled as efficiently as possible.
- Reminder that CalRecycle has the guidance and email information available on the LEA Central toolbox.

E. Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (IDTAC)

- Continues to focus on and explore the abandoned vehicles, RVs, camper and boat issue. Covered a decent amount already if you recall presentations from CHP and various jurisdictional examples. Last meeting was July 12th – received a presentation from Schnitzer Steel (Radius Recycling) and subsidiary Pick-n-Pull. I'll add the detailed notes and basic recap link in the chat. Essentially learned about backend process of abandoned autos, metal markets, dismantling, how industry can ultimately affect removal costs, and got a basic overview of Pick-n-Pull role and similar licensed competitors. Discussion re mobile metal crushing and who has authority to write enforcement slips. Autos and light weight trucks seem to be handled relatively well statewide, but no real avenue for RVs, campers and boats currently, which we plan to explore next meeting afternoon Nov 1st.
- Subcommittees in different stages currently, please advise if interested. Strategies, Outreach, Enforcement, Standards.
- Strat: working relationship/advice Caltrans' Clean CA, understanding pro/con CHP AVA program and working with partners/guests like KAB.

- Outreach: researching abandoned auto process, etc. in different jurisdictions. Understanding what a statewide messaging campaign about abandon autos would look like. Humboldt LEA part of this subcommittee.
- Enforcement: Getting back into training of various enforcement folks and understanding to what extent the hazardous waste component fits. May also compile an illegal dumping ordinance repository.
- Standards: Also understanding how hazardous waste fits in, as this type of cleanup guidance is important (cleanup groups). Looking into conducting a statewide illegal dumping survey again, like the one in 2006.
- As subcommittees take on different shapes, may seek experts to opine on various subjects.
- Also, worth mentioning seems to be the resurgence of regional illegal dumping/environmental-pollution task forces, especially in disadvantaged communities. CalEPA is part of assisting/coordinating some of these. May share some of this information at our next meeting.
- IDTAC appreciates CCDEH representation/participation from (Jeff Lamoure, Jason Phillippe). Also, thank you to those with bandwidth who attend meetings and the LEAs.
- Thank Arthur for mentioning AB592- Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano County
- For chat: IDTAC Past Meeting Notes, Next Meeting Nov 1 - [listserv message](#). Qs/inquiries email IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov.

F. Technical Training Series & Training Update (Lea)

- We have signed the contract for the 2024 Technical Training Series and sent out a Save the Date email to LEAs. The dates for the virtual sessions are March 19-20, 2024. The in-person section will be at the Long Beach Hyatt from April 15-17, 2024. 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. There will be no cost for the virtual sessions and we are working with CSUS to determine the cost for the in-person portion. Scholarships will be available. We are seeking speakers for the TTS, so please reach out if you are interested.
- The 3 Part Test training is now available on demand and we are in the process of posting an EPP video. The New LEA Orientation training and 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher were posted yesterday and an email will go out to the LEAs today or tomorrow.
- Coming up, we are working on on-demand versions of Solid Waste Facility Permits and Best Practices for Solid Waste Facility Inspections. Carley is working with the Enforcement and Evaluation Branch on a State Minimum Standards training, which will be instructor led through Zoom. We are also working with our vendor on a Load Checking Training, which will be held in several locations throughout the State. We may reach out to the LEAs for assistance in finding locations.
- CDI and CIA sites are included in the TTS can talk further.

VI. Public Comment Period

No public comment submitted.

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

The next EAC meeting will be Nov 8th.