



## Statewide Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (IDTAC) Meeting Notes

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024 12:30-4:00pm PST

Location: Remote Chat: [Zoom Chat Log](#)

Platform: Zoom Streaming was also offered.

Meeting Materials: [IDTAC Google Drive](#)

### Agenda Item 1: Introduction

IDTAC Chair, Larry Sweetser, calls meeting to order welcoming attendees, directs individuals to introduce themselves in the chat, provides a refresher of the ad hoc committee ([IDTAC overview](#)), goes over housekeeping—currently recorded for note taking purposes only.

*The IDTAC strategy to help combat illegal dumping is “PACE” Prevention, Abatement, Cleanup, Enforcement. Sometimes referred to as “PACE(O)” to incorporate the outreach/education component.*

- Recognize [3E’s Strategy](#) “Education, Eradication, Enforcement”

### Agenda Item 2: Summary of Previous Meeting

Nov 1, 2023 ([Meeting Notes](#)) - heard from National Cleanup Day Co-Founders—shared their history, work, partners/collaboration (on a global scale), resources, key cleanup events, a global cleanup map to use, and they continue to participate in the data conversation. California Tow Truck Association/Towing Regulatory Oversight Council (T-ROC) provides their experience on abandoned vehicles, and more including specific issues about the statewide problem of abandoned RVs/trailers and how the process is currently broken—issues w/ their removal, towing, storage and end-of-life dismantling—revision tactics and strategies needed. Suggested solutions and resources discussed including legislation. Additional information was shared around how (abandoned) RVs/trailers can impact the wellbeing among communities and the public nuisance and environmental problems those in dilapidated conditions can cause.

Presentation about the US EPA/CalEPA MOU “Collaborative Efforts on Enforcement and Compliance Assurance in Overburdened Communities” further focusing on the Environmental Justice Enforcement Action Plan—Enhanced, Sustained Community Engagement element. Certain communities in Fresno and Kern are focusing on how to get a handle on illegal dumping/illegal disposal issues as a primary environmental concern. Discussion around Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) and environmental justice efforts re existing/proposed facilities. Partner and subcommittees updates, including meeting follow-up/specific projects.

### Agenda Item 3: IDTAC Business

KAB Award: *CalRecycle/IDTAC received State Agency Partnership Recognition Award at the National Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Conference* previous week – picture/video available in [GDrive](#)—MRC accepted the award on behalf of Department/IDTAC. Conference had been in Washington DC for a while – first or longtime since held in CA—San Deigo. Monday of conference was state’s time to shine which included Clean CA, awards. Steve from National Cleanup Day attended sharing that a lot is happening in CA and that Keep America Beautiful (KAB) has a new CEO—dynamic w/ expansion plans for the US. Large launch forthcoming: Greatest American Cleanup that will conclude in 2026—to cleanup 25 billion pieces of litter nationwide. Huge effort involving various organizations, including those in CA—Clean CA initiative.

Emin also shares his attendance and that it was a great event.

### *Elections Results*

Incumbents continue, and appreciation for voting.

IDTAC Chair: Larry Sweetser (Sweetser & Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Rural Counties Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority)

IDTAC Vice Chair: Gonzalo Barriga (Metropolitan Water District of Southern California)

### *Focused Topics, Inquiries*

IDTAC made Abandoned Vehicles focus topic within last year, but continue to also address litter, illegal dumping, and illegal disposal issues through IDTAC Leadership and Subcommittees. Next focus topic around regional/community efforts (~Task Forces)—conversations have started about this effort, more details below and forthcoming.

IDTAC can advise on inquiries and often serves as a conduit directing issues toward key local contacts. Meetings, chat, inbox, and word-of-mouth are often ways the IDTAC receives inquiries.

### *Upcoming Events*

Reminder - **Earth Day April 22**. EarthDay.org place to find Cleanups (Events) that day/month. 2024 Theme: *Planet vs Plastics* (focus on “free range” plastics).

September: World Cleanup Day, National Cleanup Day – large launch including UN, KAB and National Cleanup Day.

To share others: [IllegalDumping@CalRecycle.ca.gov](mailto:IllegalDumping@CalRecycle.ca.gov)

The IDTAC [Work Plan](#) – adherence and relevancy continues—for specific details, questions, etc. please inquire. IDTAC visibility constitutes—CalRecycle Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program footer published [[webpage](#)]. [Report Illegal Dumping Map](#) continues to serve as a resource—updates, questions – please inquire. Member shares County of Los Angeles Report from 75 years ago—similar issues currently—some matters worsened, others matters have improved.

### **Agenda Item 4: Statewide Illegal Dumping Conference – May 2-3, 2024, Hybrid Event**

Organizer: Alameda County/Illegal Dumping Task Force (Supervisor Miley)

Theme: *Best Practices to End Illegal Dumping*

Zoom & In-person [[Register](#)]: Downtown Oakland, CA

Currently registration split between virtual and in person attendees. Like last year, in-person event appreciated and valuable to many—reception, dinner, and panel-type/educational event. ~17 presentations accepted—variety of content: eradication, education, enforcement, keynotes, nonprofits/for profits, community groups, government, and interactive sessions. Waste Management returning key sponsor. Conference attendees mostly hear about the event word of mouth. Continue to work on accreditation units for sessions.

California Association of Code Enforcement Officers ([CACEO](#)) President shares interest and how they can help promote.

## **Agenda Item 5: Legislation and Regulation**

No significant illegal dumping bills at this time. Chair mentions spot bill [AB 2878](#) re non-technical changes on safety standards for code enforcement officers—one for enforcement folks to watch.

An illegal dumping legislative update will also be given during the [Conference on Illegal Dumping](#) in May 2024.

## **Agenda Item 6: Abandonment Vehicles Presentations/Discussion**

Chair recaps project: now have more information available for residents re disposal as well as for jurisdictions—what they can do, options, what does prevention look like and reasons behind why vehicles get abandoned. Speakers today address resources for proper handling of parts (haz waste) upon disposal/dismantling and a potential prevention opportunity – to keep some vehicles from becoming dumped/abandoned in first place. Project also helps explain why vehicles (personal property) may take a while to get cleaned up/removed. Chair summarizes additional project points, that not one size fits all around the abandoned vehicle issue, different assistance already available, that metal markets can affect cleanup service costs and RVs significantly more difficult and costly to deal with. Findings can assist with legislation, etc. even though IDTAC cannot advocate directly.

[Status Recap Presentation](#) of project – facilitator shares background of project, updates on work that has been done and that is currently being done and the plan moving forward—view presentation for details. The project initially started as a basic webpage but has since grown to include a publication. Content gathered likely to be hosted on the CalRecycle website (IDTAC Illegal Dumping Resources Toolbox), but an additional plan is available. Reminder that when “cleaning up” abandoned vehicles it is not just “stuff” it is personal property/serialized property needing law enforcement support and may often require going through the lien holder process.

The IDTAC decided to include all types of vehicles that become abandoned, not just automobiles, thus recreational vehicles like trailers, motor motorhomes, and campers also apply. Types of watercraft get abandoned on land and in water, which entails a similar yet different process to consider when addressing this type of vehicle and solution. IDTAC may look at watercraft in more detail in the future.

Low Value Vehicles amount to \$500 or less in the lien sales process, however, to address the problem holistically and potentially prevent dumping/abandonment of them, a distinction must be made to consider the entire lower tier value market. Vehicles seemingly abandoned can also receive additional (overlapping) classifications, such as parking violations. However, if a vehicle has violated parking laws, it's not necessarily abandoned. Many types of violations can apply to dumped/abandoned vehicles.

Creating a framework to help identify issues, solutions and have conversations is key and has been attempted through the project draft publication, which members are to review in the coming months. The framework/publication includes identifying stakeholders, (specific) reporting systems, what removal/disposal/dismantling looks like and best practices. Does disposal translate to dismantling? RV issues are generally the most problematic type of vehicle with limited solutions. Urban, rural, and suburban communities may face different challenges. When tackling your local issue, suggestions shared: what questions to ask and how to measure your problem. Some strategies (solutions) and response options shared that some jurisdictions may be able to implement now. Understanding the circumstances that contribute to the problem help identify next steps.

Some proposed legislation cited that the group may want to investigate, advocate separately in their respective capacities.

([Unlicensed](#))/Illegal Dismantling slides - considering last few IDTAC meetings/presentations—many IDTAC participants continue to be aware of the environmental impacts that improper dismantling can cause. To address environmental concern, the **Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)** invited to meeting to clarify their role, as needed, and their relationship to dismantling.

Important reminder: vehicle dismantlers initially regulated/licensed through the DMV. A variety of illegal activity result from unlicensed dismantling including noncompliance with DMV requirements, theft, personal property issues/improper record keeping, tax evasion, poor employee working conditions, etc. Many abandoned vehicle “stakeholders” may be dismantling, yet:

‘What constitutes a dismantler is not straightforward. [DMV 1.000 \[VEH section 220\]](#) defines “automobile dismantler” yet [DMV 1.010 \[VEH section 221\]](#) shares many “automobile dismantler” exclusions that apply. For instance, Repair Shops are an exclusion and primarily regulated by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR).’

DTSC: Facilitator shares a slide around types of materials/substances that comprise a vehicle, and that “Some of these materials/substances are classified as hazardous or can become hazards when handled improperly.” Also, that “DTSC regulates the hazardous waste that is removed from (scrap) vehicles.” Thus, DTSC is regulating (“following around”) certain types of waste/material, and for the purposes of the project—a stakeholder/facility type cannot easily be classified as being regulated by DTSC or not since many types of stakeholders/facilities may/may not be dismantling, often case-by-case basis. To understand if one should be regulated, the slide/DTSC ([webpages available](#)) can share suggested next steps and may be able to assist.

DTSC doesn’t necessarily have a significant role in the abandoned vehicles issue. Metal reminder: vehicles are valuable sources of scrap metal. Scrap metal is not subject to be managed as hazardous in CA if it meets the regulatory definition and is recycled. However, metal should be managed correctly. Metal yards and recyclers may only deal with metal, though some combined with other types of scrap yards by association, will be regulated by DTSC should hazardous waste components be present.

DTSC Rep: Mentions the scrap metal exemptions and similar notions may not be top of mind/concerns when considering hazardous waste. Metal exceptions are more for like a chunk of lead, etc. Reminder that exceptions are not related to vehicle scenarios/parts and focus more on the metal specifically.

Before metal shredding, the other types of material to be handled appropriately.

Chair reminds group that DTSC oversees the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) program, and CUPAs have some role to play in this issue.

May circle back with DTSC should additional exploration be done around RV dismantling, facilities, etc. Chair/group appreciates DTSC making time and being available for questions.

**Bureau Automotive Repair (BAR) Assistance Programs:** Facilitator reminds group that BAR included today as a type of strategy toward to abandoned vehicles—options available to prevent vehicles from becoming low value and/or a burden faster.

Chair: reminds audience BAR not directly involved with illegal dumping and abatement but may have some key education and prevention elements for repair in lieu of dumping/abandonment.

**BAR Presentation:** *Consumer Assistance Program - Smog Check Repair Assistance and Vehicle Retirement.* Speaker: Denise Cunningham, BAR Program Manager. Background on BAR shared as bureau offers more than just consumer assistance program: registers and regulates approximately 35,000 CA automotive repair

dealers. Licenses break and lamp stations and adjusters (soon becoming Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program), as new program to include other measures like suspension, steering, etc. This program covers vehicles that have been totaled, considered scrapped/brought back to life—these types of vehicles need to also go through smog checks. BAR licenses Smog Check stations, repair technicians, and inspectors. BAR administers and enforces the Smog Check Program. BAR also administers the *Consumer Assistance Program* (including the Cars for Schools Program). Presentation slide 3 shares more about what BAR does.

Consumer Assistance Program purpose: reduce air pollution and assist consumers whose vehicles have failed the Smog Check test—two options to accomplish these purposes.

Repair Assistance (RA): program available for income eligible motorists (household income under 85% poverty level) whose vehicles have failed biennial smog check inspection. Up to \$1200 in emission related repairs for 1996 and newer vehicles. Up to \$900 in emission related repairs for 1995 and older vehicles. Regulation changes pending which would increase contributions.

Vehicle Retirement (VR): [Consumer Assistance Program (CAP)] vehicle retirement for vehicles failing last Smog Check test. Those under 85% poverty level - \$1500, otherwise \$1000 for failed vehicles.

Vehicle Retirement: Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP Scrap-Only) developed and managed in partnership with California Air Resources Board. Available to those under 85% poverty level. Potentially desired for very old vehicles. Programs been around close to 25 years. Last 5 years: repaired around 16,000 vehicles, retired around 200,000 vehicles. RA Programs available in all areas requiring biennial Smog Check inspection—over 600 test and repair stations that actively provided subsidized services for retirement last year. VR Services - contracted with 35 dismantlers statewide splitting up regions and had them competitively bid for participation—there is a value to the vehicles. Needing to be operable first. Again, value to old vehicles even if being junked.

Out of BAR's 20-50K vehicles retired, some CAP "better condition" vehicles diverted/retired/temporarily loaned through [Cars for Schools Program](#) that includes automotive repair training centers operated by public high schools, colleges, or regional occupational programs. Important to have a good supply of trained technicians.

Reminders from BAR: repair or retire only operational vehicles (given air pollution purpose). Program only accepts applications from private individuals (not vehicles owned by businesses or non-profit organizations – in regs).

Note: although the disposal of abandoned vehicles is not within BAR's jurisdiction, the Bureau would welcome the opportunity to provide technical assistance on any Committee proposals or inquiries. If modeling programs after BAR's may be able to assist.

Project considerations: consult with vehicle dismantlers and recyclers – can assist with disposal issues; many/all of their dismantlers have a common depollution process. Also, how to best leverage scrap resale and parts value—save in bulk perhaps and negotiate in one lump sum instead. Implement potential bidding process which creates dismantlers competition—with enough vehicles, it helps offset costs. DMV does have a list of licensed dismantlers statewide.

Questions/contact welcome (see presentation).

Chair: Presentation offers a form of encouragement that there are programs in place to help with assistance, to indirectly assist with preventing vehicle dumping/abandonment. Education to residents also seems available around repair,

scrap and reuse—major market for vehicle parts that many have used and continue to. Residents and jurisdictions have options and appreciate of what was shared today.

Q: Do you have any members or affiliates who operate tow and impound yards, dismantling operations, parts yards, or scrap vehicle management? A: We don't. We don't normally regulate tow trucks or tow companies. Some of them may be registered as automotive repair dealers if they also run a shop, so don't regulate them per se.

Chair: BAR could help with lists.

Denise: Some dismantlers have their own tow trucks.

Q/Comment: Up North certain centers/services may be further away than desired—participation encouraged in more rural counties? Focus is on air pollution and enhanced air pollution zones (w/ higher air pollution), and comprehensive/biennial smog check inspection—not all areas in the state are classified as such, and only require smog check when change of ownership. BAR doesn't actually contract with dismantlers in Humboldt or generally in that Northwest corner. As many dismantlers exist in that area, BAR contracts focus on operable vehicles, and should retirement be considered, BAR contracted dismantlers may not be in as close proximity as other regions.

Q: IDTAC does not lobby directly for legislation. These concerns regarding abandoned vehicles and their cleanup do not readily fit into the missions of the lobbying entities of which our members are affiliated. Are you aware of any trade association (perhaps BAR?) that might partner with IDTAC members to craft legislation to address ongoing concerns (tow and impound cost, cost to process, boats, end-market value, etc.)? A: There's a variety of industry lobbying groups and so forth, however BAR's are usually re automotive repair dealer lobbying groups. However, there should be dismantler trade associations, as CA has some large ones. Always open to help/research and provide technical assistance.

Facilitator noted: vehicle retirement and no cost inspection – may follow-up again.

Where to go next?: See last slide in [Abandoned Vehicles Presentation](#) for project Next Steps. Chair: okay to generally start to wrap up/present information that has been acquired. Asks participants to please advise on information/areas missing, otherwise to move forward respectively. May have City of LA present on issue too but will incorporate their publicly available abandoned vehicles work regardless.

## **Agenda Item 7: Updates/Resources**

### **A: Caltrans' [Clean California Program](#)**

Chair: Program updates have been given quite a bit since its inception and had opportunity to have many conversations. Appreciate the cleanup and education opportunity program offers. IDTAC continues to stress coordinating with local jurisdiction. As program dependent on the state budget, some activities may be curtailed, however they will still be messaging and IDTAC may work with them on transition message.

[Clean CA Update Presentation](#) played (pre-recorded due to scheduling conflict) – Clean CA Program received \$1.2 Billion for Litter Abatement, Beautification Program & Support, Local Grants, Public Education Contract, and support needed to ensure success. Much of program if not all housed under Caltrans maintenance division since inception in 2021. It is coming to an end June 30, 2024. Clean CA reports that program received great feedback, including locally, and made an impact statewide.

Special Programs People Crews transitioning down, included contract with Butte County Education—assisted those experiencing hardship find gainful employment with Caltrans and elsewhere. The Adopt-a-Highway \$250 stipend also coming to an end – program based on volunteers cleaning up certain segments statewide. Clean CA District Maintenance Agreements – will be amended in order to expend associated funds that

are with those agreements for 1-year time extension – provides successful assistance in litter mitigation and facility maintenance. Dump Day Events also sunsetting end of June—Caltrans working with locals on transition plan—reported that locals loved these events.

Beautification Programs total 153 that have been completed or are in construction. “Fabric of Life” San Juan Bautista mural example shared.

New/updated public education campaign started just a year ago, contract awarded to Sagent aiming to change the culture/ mindset that “Just One Piece” can ruin the picture or make the difference. Launching in conjunction: community designation and K-12 multimedia contest to educate youth on litter. Community Days happening again April 17-22, 2024, in conjunction with Earth Day, a bit more scaled down. [CleanCA.com](https://www.CleanCA.com) where all this information is housed—new website launched end of January. Caltrans also received State Agency Partnership Recognition Award via KAB.

Transit Partnership Awards October 2023 – 19 proposals \$14.5M – to beautify transit stop locations, pedestrian walkways, multimodal modes of transportation. Projects to be completed by December 2024 if not already.

Clean CA Local Grant Program ran in two cycles. First set of 105 projects to be completed by June 2024. Second set of 42 projects to be completed by June 2026. Humboldt Peninsula Beautification Project example shared—park was prone to debris and underutilized but was revived by program.

For questions, contact info shared in [presentation](#).

Chair: Appreciates presentation and mentions that many may not be surprised that programs like this could be coming to an end given funding circumstances. IDTAC involvement with Caltrans (Clean CA) to continue, including messaging and other needed elements.

## **B: Subcommittees**

Chair: shares subcommittees meet on regular basis to further refine discussions and help share workload. Groups continue to grow with drop-in contributing participants.

### [Subcommittee Updates Slides](#)

**Strategy Subcommittee** – primarily designed to work with other groups such as Clean CA—worked with them at beginning stages and continue. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Project continued through this committee—follow-up with CHP, T-ROC and with State Lands Commission. Surveys vetted through group, San Jose representation/examples, and beginning to vet next IDTAC focused topic—regional efforts/establishing local task forces; [Keep IOWA Beautiful Guide to Combat Illegal Dumping](#) identified and available to help frame. SB54 - Plastic Pollution Prevention & Packaging Producer Responsibility Act addressed—discussion how cleanup measures/illegal dumping may fit into this effort. IDTAC has overlapping members on Advisory Committee. Appreciation to Tedd Ward (Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority) who has stepped in since last IDTAC General Meeting to Chair this subcommittee.

**Outreach Subcommittee** – which has overlap in education efforts. Continues to ensure Abandoned Vehicles Project makes it over the finish line, and what this looks like. Review done on webpage content. Subcommittee Chair appreciates others on this call who have vocalized wanting to assist with this project as well and urges group to understand best and additional audiences for the project. Those in disaster debris situations could also use guide/publication (Red Cross, Cal OES, etc.) to help navigate vehicle cleanup, a result from floods, etc. Discussions around the prevention element of abandoned vehicles—dismantling versus “saving” a vehicle—crossover with today’s BAR presentation. Residents continue to want/appreciate a statewide campaign that

addresses litter/illegal dumping/illegal disposal—subcommittee discussed what resonates with which audiences and why? What ideal campaign to look like? What messages have worked thus far and already been disseminated. Where and how these messages to be implemented. Group researched different examples, including what the “water” community has already done. Additionally, how the group could piggy-back and further what Clean CA has done on this front or one of their own. Should it differentiate by region and how much so? Group also discussed that the statewide “Littering Fine” signs may not be working to their full potential and what this could look like—partner with Enforcement Program Subcommittee perhaps. IDTAC Chair really appreciates efforts Sarah has put in on this Subcommittee as Chair and seen much progress.

**Standards Subcommittee** – met on data and reporting systems. So much information out there, identifying each, how could they work together, perform better and how this data can be valuable. Illegal dumping Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools shared as well as drone systems that are and could better capture illegal disposal sites. Emin from Rubbish shares new tool they offer around recycling—snapping a photo of how to handle the item/image for proper disposal. Chair: unified statewide rules would be helpful, but glad different companies creating ease/tools to ensure proper information available to aid ideal “disposal”. Trash Monitoring Workgroup (past IDTAC presenter) continues to conduct work in the “data” space, with investigations into microplastics and further. Working on project around data and reporting systems

**Enforcement Program Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chair/IDTAC Vice Chair, Gonzalo Barriga, takes moment to acknowledge volunteer efforts and resources continue to be strapped in the illegal dumping industry—so whatever you can give/attend is appreciated—sharing info is key for this line of work and learning from each other. Lately understanding best avenues to provide some general information—training and other related items, including investigatory means, ticket best practices, report writing and referrals. Lately focused on camera/surveillance systems info—receive many inquiries from jurisdictions who want more information. Examples of communities with this experience shared briefly. Tips on what to consider w/ camera/surveillance systems shared on slide—specific project addressing this content in depth may be forthcoming. Those taking on camera efforts should know the difference steps (requirements) for public/private property, have a general record/access to this info and have a basic understanding of what to consider. Consider a plan before getting cameras to include maintenance, have staff trained in the best way to collect proper footage (and how to best sift through extensive footage), and ensure resources/partners will support/process collected evidence to potentially charge. Camera location and liability also to be considered.

Overall Enforcement Plan/Strategy needed for communities, especially re cameras—are you seeking administrative and/or criminal investigation, infraction/misdemeanor; can depend on what’s dumped. Cameras can be used as deterrents themselves, but for higher functioning ones, have a plan in place.

Overall plan suggestion includes having maintenance staff trained so when cleanups get done, any needed evidence gathering may be able to be conducted as well, to be shared with enforcement staff. Additionally, teams/individuals should know what authority they have? Ability to directly cite someone? Arrest authority? Common/uncommon codes that can be used statewide, what municipal codes to lookout for. Violation types, investigation tactics (something to consider).

Reminder: generally, illegal dumping enforcement often limited (w/ limited bandwidth), so those directly practicing (practitioners) may be urged to also meet separately in a different forum and report back—this endeavor in the works. Member



inquiries about Enforcement Program Subcommittee and some conversation ensues for follow-up – new things Gary may want to share. CACEO to also play a role in efforts and/or w/ subcommittee and to hold a follow-up meeting.

Subcommittees meet monthly – participation welcome. Email [IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov) for more information or subscribe to [Illegal Dumping Listserv](#) for updates.

### **C: Mattress Recycling Council (MRC)**

Illegally dumped mattress collection initiative—reimburse (\$15 per unit reported in urban areas, \$20 in rural areas) to cities, counties, nonprofits, and solid waste facilities statewide—help supplement and give back to those jurisdictions that are working towards mitigating illegal dumping. Closed 2023 reporting last week—coming out in July. Estimated results: 55,000 units reported, slight decrease from the previous year.

Reminder: 2024 Reporting System open – application renewal available. Chair: mentions these are great programs in which many participate, encourages participation, program not that difficult and can get paid for mattresses.

City of San Rafael case study publication planned for April. Two new pilot projects forthcoming and will be announced when contracts signed.

Illegal Dumping Conference '24 Interactive Session planned to focus on enforcement and regulation with a tie into technological solutions—somewhat similar but shorter timeframe concept to MRC (and [GIS](#)) previously hosted workshops ([Final Report 2019/2020](#))—open to suggestions/wants. Deliverable planned to be available from session.

Past workshop objectives: essentially gather and synthesize stakeholder input about different points of view on illegal dumping with the consideration of societal and economic causes, brainstorm solutions and create opportunities for stronger cooperation. Note: the 2020 workshop was held as a part of the [Central California Environmental Justice Network](#) Conference, and that was focused more on a local level to see what solutions might emerge – specific to underserved regions of the state. Been awhile since the workshop report has been shared and could potentially assist with next focused topic.

### **D: CalRecycle Grants**

[Presentation slides](#) – Julian Lopez, Grant Manager, provides program ([Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program](#)).

Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program awards a maximum of \$500k per applicant out of \$1M annually to mainly help public agencies with cleanup sites, public right of ways, or anything that may become a larger future issue, prevention (to abate public nuisance) may be included.

Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Partial Grant Program awards a maximum of \$750k per applicant out of \$1.5M annually to assist public entities to remediate environmental problems on legacy sites that were previously closed prior to Title 27 Regulations. Helps address violations, areas of concerns, and assistance toward meeting minimum standards. Matching component but does not have to be solely financial funds, but technical support, equipment, staff time, anything deemed acceptable—this just aids in grant application.

List of current grantees shared on slide, which range in variety statewide—welcome to reach out to them or Grant Manager. Previous cycle awards to be announced soon, recent legacy application submissions due last week—potential awardees forthcoming.

Suspect next grant cycle to open around August 2024, but team welcome inquires ahead of time, especially when unsure on eligibility. This grant really helpful with larger type cleanups. Engineers recommending this program as resource for communities more directly affected by Clean CA sunsetting.

Subscribe to the [SWC listserv](#) for grant announcements/updates.

[Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program](#) - subscribe to [FR Listserv](#) for announcements/updates. Last cycle, pilot program due April 2024—funds still available. Grant receives \$1M annually (recipient to receive up to \$200k per FY, ~\$50k per site). For sites located on “Farm & Ranch” property zoned or otherwise authorized for “ag” land, open spaces (definition is broader than one may think). Program running on four cycles again – quicker turnaround time for project reimbursement and awards, faster cleanup. Prevention opportunities available. Cities, Counties, Local [Resource Conversation Districts](#) (RCDs) may be open to assisting you with a project and are eligible to apply. Tribes eligible.

- Recent Grant Awardee San Benito County shares: encourage others to apply, applied for ~\$49K to complete clean up along one of county’s biggest illegal dumping rural road stretches. Application process was very simple and in many ways consistent with other CalRecycle grants. Grant Manager very responsive throughout the process. Notice to proceed received in January so still in very early stages. Recent kickoff meeting with the property owners and different contractors – sign, camera, and cleanup companies. Fencing, signage, and surveillance cameras included/covered in the project – plan to hopefully replicate in other parts of the county.

Reminder: Nonprofits/organizations who have bandwidth may be able to handle grant(s) on behalf of jurisdiction. [Clean Tahoe](#) example of this.

Chair: appreciates willingness for county to speak up and continues to be interested in hosting a forum where jurisdictions learn from others on grants, etc. including roadblocks, issues, successes, lessons learned, etc.

### ***E: Regional Groups/Task Forces & Local Illegal Dumping Initiatives***

- [AB 592](#); *commercial nonfranchise solid waste haulers pilot program (Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano)*

David Brockbank (Contra Costa County) provides quick update: County had already adopted a nonfranchise hauler ordinance maybe five or so years ago and have been working with counterparts to adopt their ordinances. However, theirs does need amending to accommodate pilot program, sunsetting dates, etc. County has been sharing what they’ve done with counterparts and how they do their permit process. Hoping program will yield some benefit and enforcement, which current ordinance lacks—ability to call out those types of haulers. Assembly member supportive for success of this project.

Chair: appreciates the update and interested in continual updates as things progress.

David: mentions this seems doable and that Environmental Health responsible for ordinance and permits and his solid waste programs manage the franchises—all a coordinated effort—what materials can be hauled in what areas. Something to capture for Illegal Dumping Resources Toolbox.

- *Regional/Jurisdictional Strategies/Plans?*

Contra Costa County has a Strategic Plan ([Strategies](#))—own illegal dumping initiative, collaborative inter departmental program that basically involves our sheriff's office, our code enforcement, public works, environmental health and as well as the DA's office for prosecution. Board of Supervisors has an ad hoc committee for illegal dumping. Believe this was shared at Alameda County TF meeting year or two ago.

- Round robin at meetings. Recently, community cleanups, cameras – including a pilot to test some and already caught someone and sheriff showed up, tracked the person down, and indicated to cleanup or ~prosecution which resulted in footage of the person cleaning up the mattress. Chair: Have enforcement person join Enforcement Program Subcommittee as able, working on camera best practices/strategies. Board of Supervisors support assistance at hotspots. Cameras purchased have not always worked too well. David open to continual contact/conversation.

Palmdale also has one as well perhaps, or something similar.

Chat: Monterey County has a local task force. We are also working on forming a San Benito IDLA coalition.

Tedd: I think it would be good to set the stage for any discussion of regional organizing to address illegal dumping to hear a more detailed presentation from David or someone else associated with a larger regional effort. ...Yes, I want to hear what challenges they faced and addressed and ongoing concerns.

Facilitator: Ideally regional illegal dumping representative would be key to check in now and again and be replaced as needed so all areas continue to be officially represented.

### **Agenda Item 8: Discussion/Inquires**

Chair: Reminds [chat](#) participants to consider grants—they may be able to aid in these various circumstances.

Facilitator: Technical issues with computer today and at beginning of meeting. Thus, will follow-up on inquires that may have not been addressed, especially in chat.

Members helped answer [chat](#) questions; main inquires:

- Sunny Pannu various inquires.
- Speaking of hazardous waste, is anyone able to speak with me about planning for and costs for cleanup of illegal dumping sites that have HHW or policies for when staff come across expected HHW during clean up?
- Is there a Q&A section on illegal dumping. I have a question about what constitutes it when it comes to placing waste in dumpsters.
- Does anyone in this meeting know about the dumping of construction demolition inert (CDI) fines? Who determines the action level for metals and pathogens? Is it a hazardous material? What agency regulates how and where it is disposed?

Kim Plehn: Received info about IDTAC from retired regulator in Orange County. There is illegal dumping next to her property/home for about 8 years now. It was unregistered/unpermitted for over 20 years—mountains of debris over 40 ft high, and over 110 acres. Refers to site as an illegal dumping poster child. Wanting organization(s) to take steps to address this illegal dumper who has impacted water resources (drinking water) and environment and feeling like this isn't the case. Looking to see if IDTAC has resources for her on the matter. Chair: shares his condolences and that we are open to picking this case back up later in the meeting during the inquires section, however during the break Chair carves out time to further conversation.

Mentions offline conversations may also be best as IDTAC doesn't necessarily have that type of authority. However, IDTAC always interested in local issues and Chair shares a reminder that to obtain 'ultimate/final' answer in this industry can take a while and be frustrating.

Kim goes on to explain that believe they are in the stage of closure—she's wanting to ensure proper closure and what this entails—to have this information provided to her. She is looking for resources and expertise. Chair thinks it best to email separately and IDTAC (or Chair/members) follow-up specifically.

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

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 12:30-4:00pm

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### **Meeting Attendees**

#### **Members Attending**

Larry Sweetser, Chair

Gonzalo Barriga, Vice Chair

Doug Kobold, CPSC

Avneet Mahil, Manteca, SWANA

Erin Armstrong, Alameda County

Gary Harris, City of Los Angeles

Jordan Wells, NSAC

Jason Phillippe, CCDEH

Jeff Lamoure, CCDEH

Mark DeBie, CalRecycle

Marr Christian, San Bernardino

Olympia Williams, Beautify San Jose

Taylor Grimes, MRC

Ted Horton, Sac County Waste Mgt\*

Tedd Ward, Del Norte County SWA

Tom Mattson, CEAC

Veronica Pardo, RRCC

#### **Members Absent**

Alyce Sandbach, Alameda County\*

Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove

Christine Flowers/Cecile Carson, KCB

Eva Mann, City of Richmond

Garen Kazanjian, Recology

Jaron Brandon, Tuolumne County

Kibbe Day, San Joaquin County\*

Maria Ferdin, Monterey Co

Mark Azzouni, CHMIA

Nick Lapis, CAW

Rob Hutsel, SD River Park Foundation

Sara Weaver, CCC, Region III

Traci Glaves, Public Member

#### **Others Attending/Registered**

Abigail Bunnell, APTIM

Alvin VoTran, CalRecycle

Amar Ezeh, Humboldt County

Amy Welch, Tuolumne County

Angie LePage, Kern County

Beatriz Hernandez Rivera, Merced County

Bruno Kirschbaum,

Cadie Bandy, Waste Connections

Celina Stotler, San Benito County

Chris McSwain, CalRecycle

Chris Robinson, San Deigo County

Chris Huitt, State Lands Commission

Christy Kehoe, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Darshan Patel, CalRecycle

David Brockbank, Contra Costa County

Denise Cunningham, BAR

Derek Crutchfield, Vallejo  
Dorcas Hanson-Lugo, LA Co. PH LEA  
Dustin Schiavo, CalRecycle  
Dylan Clark, DTSC  
Dylan Chiu, Contra Costa County  
Elvira Delgadillo, LA County  
Ed Ramirez, San Jose  
Emin Israfil, Rubbish  
Erica Warren, Sonoma  
Esther Canal, Merced County LEA  
Frankie Sanchez, San Benito County  
Gina Libby, Ventura County  
Heidi Niggemeyer, Salinas  
Howard Bunce, Marin County  
Jamie Lenos-Terfehr, CACEO  
(Carlsbad)  
Jared Carter, Madera County  
Jeff Bell, Solano County  
Jennifer Foster, Oakland  
Jodie Snowbarger, San Luis Obispo  
County  
Joris Eigirdas, Alhambra  
Jose Ramos, Sacramento  
Julian Lopez, CalRecycle  
Kim Sellards, CalRecycle  
Kim Plehn, Concerned Resident  
Kirk Blackburn, Ellison Wilson Advocacy  
Kumari Gossai, LA County EH LEA

Kyle Loreto, Merced County RWA  
Lindsay Hullinger, Kings County  
Maria Baker, LA County PW  
Mariaelena Ybarra- Frausto, Mariposa  
County  
Micala Barber, Moreno Valley  
Michael Mistica, Riverside County EH  
Nate Pelczar, CPSC  
Noe Garay, CalRecycle  
Patricia Montejano, CACEO (Newark)  
Paulina Lawrence, CalRecycle  
Peter Graves, BLM  
Rachel Brandon, Fresno County  
Robin Plutchok, StopWaste  
Sarah Sanders, Humboldt County LEA\*  
Sergio Arias, San Deigo County PW  
Seth Turner, San Jose Parks  
Shyenne Lewis, CalRecycle/CalEPA EJ  
Sunny Pannu, Recycle Depot (Hanford)  
Stephanie Becker, CalRecycle, IDTAC  
Steve Jewett, National Cleanup Day  
Tamara King, San Bernardino PH  
Tianna Nourot, CalPoly Humboldt  
Tim Kraus, Contra Costa Health  
Troy Hommerding, Kings County  
Wendell Minshew, Trihydro Corporation  
Zhenzhen Jiang, Santa Clara County  
Zoe Shoats, Monterey RWMD

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