

**Enforcement Advisory Council (EAC)
and
California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)
Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Committee**

JOINT MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

10:00 am – 11:30 am

In-person EAC meeting at Hyatt Regency Long Beach,
in part with the CalRecycle's Technical Training Series (TTS)

I. Introductions:

Norma Campos Bernal	Chair, Southwestern Roundtable
Arthur Surdilla	Co-Vice Chair, Bay Area Roundtable
George Kasikarin	Co-Vice Chair, Southern City LEAs
Kim Haas	Northern Roundtable
Suzie Dawley	North Central Roundtable
Lindsay Hullinger	South Central Roundtable
Paul Harden	Northern City LEAs
(VACANT)	Southern Roundtable
Charles Genkel	CCDEH
Lars Seifert	CCDEH
Justin Malan	CCDEH
Jeffrey Marshal	CCDEH
Dr. Sara Levin	CCLHO

Krystal Acierto	CalRecycle
Paulina Lawrence	CalRecycle
Jeff Hackett	CalRecycle
Wes Mindermann	CalRecycle
Martin Perez	CalRecycle
Cordero Rychard	CalRecycle
Mary Kay Shafer	CalRecycle
Alvin VoTran	CalRecycle
Nevin Yeates	CalRecycle
Shyenne Lewis	CalRecycle

II. CCDEH Meeting

- A. C. Genkel called the joint meeting to order @ 10:09 AM.
- B. J. Malan gave CCDEH legislative update; 2024 Legislation handout provided.
- C. C. Genkel reminded everyone the availability for purchase of the CCDEH *Disaster Field Manual* on their website.
- D. L. Seifert discussed researching into broader environmental health issues.
 - The current issue of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, PFAS
 - Redefine lab tests for biosolids to look at the significance of other constituents that may affect the environment.
 - <https://ehjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12940-023-01008-4>

III. EAC Agenda Review (late additions):

- A. No late additions

IV. CalRecycle Discussion Items:

- A. **Deputy Director's Report (Paulina Lawrence)**
 - There was a good turnout for the virtual TTS on March 19-20, 2024.
 - Krystal Acierto was the Acting Director of CalRecycle at the time.
 - The list of High Diversion Organic Waste Processing Facilities will be on the CalRecycle's website soon.
- B. **Siting of composting facilities to meet the organic waste reduction goals (Martin Perez)**
 - Discussed studies and pending legislations:

SB 1045 seeks to outline and identify sites suitable for small and medium volume composting to support the organic waste reduction goals of SB 1383.

Current law establishes a goal that statewide landfill disposal of organic waste be reduced from the 2014 level by 75% by 2025. This bill, on or before June 1, 2026, would require the Office of Planning and Research, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, to develop and post on the office's internet website, a technical advisory, as provided, reflecting best practices to facilitate the siting of composting facilities to meet the organic waste reduction goals. The bill would require the office to consult with specified entities throughout the development of the technical advisory.

SB 1046 seeks to prepare and certify, by January 1, 2027, a program environmental impact report that streamlines the process with which jurisdictions can develop and site small and medium compostable material handling facilities or operations, as defined, for processing organic material.

Current law authorizes the department to provide incentives to facilitate progress towards the reduction targets if the department determines that sufficient progress has not been made. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect, as provided. This bill would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to prepare and certify, by January 1, 2027, a program environmental impact report that streamlines the process with which jurisdictions can develop and site small and medium compostable material handling facilities or operations, as defined, for processing organic material, as specified.

Small/Medium Composting Study to be submitted to CalRecycle by June 3, 2024.

C. Gray Container Follow-up (Martin Perez)

- City of Vernon, composed mostly of commercial businesses and few residential populaces, presents a challenge to successfully implement a three-container organic waste collection service.
- CalRecycle continues to work with the City of Vernon and would like the haulers to take the trash to a High diversion organic waste processing facility.

V. EAC Minutes Approval, Report, Status, and Updates:

A. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2024

- Motion: Campos-Bernal
- 2nd: Harden
- Motion to approve minutes passed by majority vote.

B. Jurisdictional Updates

- Bay Area (Surdilla):
 - Raised concerns with future housing development near closed, illegal and abandoned (CIA) solid waste sites.
- Northern City (Harden):
 - Also experiencing issues with housing development near closed, illegal and abandoned (CIA) solid waste sites.

- The City wants to develop vacant sites, some of which are CIA sites, for homeless housing.
- P. Lawrence stated that she will work to M. Perez to raise the issue of housing development near CIA sites as a possible future agenda for the Roundtables.
- No other jurisdictional updates.

C. Digitizing Records of Important Historical Events from Past EACs

- Proposed to request the assistance of Greg Pirie (Marin County) and past EAC Chairs in recollecting, recording and digitizing important events from past EACs to create a manual that will serve as guidelines for the present and future EAC Chairs.

VI. Public Comment Period:

- A. No public comment submitted.**

VII. Schedule Next EAC Meeting and Close Meeting:

- A. Next EAC Meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Location and format TBA.**
- B. Next CCDEH Meeting was scheduled to be on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.**
- C. Close Meeting: 11:05 AM**
- Motion: Campos-Bernal
 - 2nd: Surdilla