

Enforcement Advisory Council

Solid Waste Management through Partnership

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

9:00am – 1:00pm

Virtual Platform: TEAMS

I. **Introductions:**

Norma Campos Bernal	Chair, Southwestern Roundtable
Arthur Surdilla	Co-Vice Chair, Bay Area Roundtable
Daron Warkentin	Co-Vice Chair (Outgoing), Southern City LEAs
George Kasikarin	Co-Vice Chair (Incoming), Southern City LEAs
Kim Haas	Northern Roundtable
Suzie Dawley	North Central Roundtable
Lindsay Hullinger	South Central Roundtable
Paul Harden (Absent)	Northern City LEAs
VACANT	Southern Roundtable
Jeffrey Marshal	CCDEH
Dr. Sara Levin (Absent)	CCLHO

Mark de Bie	CalRecycle
Paulina Lawrence	CalRecycle
Carley Bartlett	CalRecycle
Lea Gibson	CalRecycle
Jeff Hackett	CalRecycle
Wes Mindermann	CalRecycle
Martin Perez	CalRecycle
Cordero Rychard	CalRecycle
Mary Kay Shafer	CalRecycle
Alvin Votran	CalRecycle
Nevin Yeates	CalRecycle
Shane Lewis	CalRecycle

II. **Agenda Review (late additions):**

A. No late additions

III. **Approval of Previous EAC Meeting Minutes:**

- A. Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2023
 - Motion: Campos Bernal
 - 2nd: Surdilla
 - Motion to approve minutes passed by majority vote.

IV. EAC Resolutions, Status, and Updates:

- A. EAC Resolution 2024-01
 - (Campos Bernal) The EAC would like thank Darin Warkentin for his service as Co-Vice Chair
 - Motion to thank Daron Warkentin for his service as Co-Vice Chair:
 - Motion: Campos Bernal
 - 2nd: Haas
 - Motion to approve award passed by unanimous vote.
- B. Election of New Co-Vice Chair (EAC Resolution 2024-02)
 - (Campos Bernal) The EAC Would like to nominate George Kasikarin (Southern City LEAs) as Co-Vice Chair.
 - Motion to vote George Kasikarin as Co-Vice Chair
 - Motion: Campos Bernal
 - 2nd: Haas
 - Motion to approve Daron Warkentin as EAC Co-Vice Chair passed by unanimous vote.
- C. Jurisdictional Updates
 - Bay Area Roundtable (Surdilla):
 - Bay Area LEA Roundtable upcoming on 2.22.2024. RT is hybrid-style and hosted by Alameda County LEA.
 - No other jurisdictional updates.
 - South Central Roundtable (Hullinger):
 - South Central LEA Roundtable scheduled for February.
 - Would like to continue to have hybrid-style for future RT.
 - North Central Roundtable (Dawley):
 - North Central LEA Roundtable took place on 1.24.2024.
 - Next RT scheduled to be hosted in Yolo County in March.
 - Dawley will return for another term as there are no volunteers to take the RT Chair position at this time.
 - Northern Roundtable (Haas):
 - RT voted to continue with hybrid-style meetings but hopes to continue all in-person in the future.
 - Butte County: Has a full permit composting site with food waste. The County met with Planning department regarding zoning ordinance changes.
 - CCDEH (Marshal):

- CCDEH continues to meet hybrid-style.
- Next meeting connected with Technical Training Series in Long Beach on 4.16.2024.
- Southern Roundtable (Campos Bernal):
 - Southern LEA Roundtable had hybrid-style virtual meeting.
 - Questions about Gray Container waste definitions in Ventura County. CalRecycle will meet in March to get updates on this topic.
 - Land Application projects in Los Angeles County
 - Materials received on site look different than those recorded.
 - Street sweeping testing results were questionable.
 - Material sampling did not meet the standards/handled correctly.
 - Are these materials not allowed for land application?
 - Jeff Hackett (Follow-up to Land Application question):
 - Chain of custody for sampling
 - CalRecycle guidance – Working with LA County on this
 - CalRecycle will share with the group with more information
 - Mark de Bie (Follow-up to Land Application question):
 - Find out what went wrong with the chain of custody to prevent a repeat issue.
- Southern Cities Roundtable (Warkentin):
 - Emergency proclamations for recent storms.
 - EA notifications in progress for transfer stations in the City of San Diego.
 - Jeff Hackett (Follow-up):
 - Cody/Ben can help out with that.

V. CalRecycle Discussion Items: (EAC Meeting Talking Points plus additional commentary in blue)

A. Deputy Director's Report (Mark de Bie)

Department Updates- CalRecycle's Executive team has two new members!

- Clara Vazeix was appointed Deputy Director of the Policy Development and Analysis Office in November 2023. Ms. Vazeix has international public policy and legislative experience and is trilingual in English, Spanish, and French. Most recently, she served as a Policy Consultant at Californians Against Waste, focused on advancing policy and providing regulatory support in the areas of beverage container recycling, e-waste, and producer responsibility. Previously Ms. Vazeix served as a legislative consultant in the California State Senate for five years, including working for the then President Pro Tem, crafting policy and legislation on environmental, wildfire and immigration issues. Prior to that she was a legislative staff member in the French National Assembly.
- Katrina Leni-Konig was appointed Deputy Director of Environmental Justice, Tribal Relations, Education and Outreach in November 2023.

Prior to that, Ms. Leni-Konig worked at the California Energy Commission as the Deputy Public Advisor and Tribal Liaison, focusing on energy equity, tribal consultation and energy sovereignty, community engagement, and collaboration among diverse, interested parties.

She also served as a Supervisor of Technology Scale-Up and Outreach at the California Energy Commission, where she oversaw research and development initiatives focused on clean energy transitions to advance energy equity. She also led events to increase understanding of the state's energy policies and programs to enhance participation and benefits for under-resourced communities.

B. Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (Paulina Lawrence for Stephanie Becker)

- IDTAC General Meeting is scheduled for (today) February 21, 2024, at 12:30pm. This general meeting will cover IDTAC subcommittee updates, abandoned vehicles project updates, and additional illegal dumping topics (including vehicle types). All LEAs are welcome. If interested in attending, please email the IllegalDumping@CalRecycle.ca.gov for more information.
- DTSC's role regarding abandoned vehicles will be discussed in the presentation.
- Bureau of Automotive Repair will be included in the presentation.
- 4th annual Illegal Dumping Conference taking place May 2 and 3, 2024 in Oakland. Theme: *Best Practices to end Illegal Dumping*. Will be hybrid and CEU's (CECH) may be available.
- Partner Recognition Award with CalRecycle
- Some CalRecycle grants related to Illegal Dumping may be available.

C. New Legislation

- [SB 1046 – Senator Laird](#) Organic waste reduction: program environmental impact report: composting facilities.

SECTION 1. Section 42656 is added to the Public Resources Code, immediately following Section 42655, to read:

42656.

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery shall develop a program environmental impact report pursuant to Section 15168 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations to streamline the permitting process for small and medium compost facilities in the state. The program environmental impact report shall streamline the process with which jurisdictions can develop and site small and medium compost facilities for specified material types to ensure organic material in the state is processed to its highest and best use.

D. State Budget and Department (Paulina Lawrence)

- As you may have seen, the State's General Fund has been impacted with an estimated 38-billion-dollar deficit. With that State Agencies are working to address decrease funding in grants, and programs. CalRecycle's assistance to

LEA's has not been impacted, although this is a reminder to think about the future. LEAs should think about how future funding impacts their LEA program as some LEA programs utilize funding for their programs from the general fund. As this fund changes, LEA should look to other avenues to help fund their LEA programs. If this is a topic for future LEA Roundtables please let us know and we will add it to the CalRecycle portion of the agenda.

E. CDFA Animal Mortality Trainings (Paulina Lawrence)

- CDFA has finalized the dates for the USDA National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response program. (NADPRP) funded CDFA's three and half day training and exercise program on livestock and poultry carcass composting from **September 17-20, 2024**, at the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center (VMTRC), Tulare, CA. This training includes a half day VIP event on the afternoon of September 19th for the larger group of audience from the County LEAs, State and Federal regulatory agencies, UC Cooperative extension, livestock and poultry industry organizations and industry producers to create awareness on the carcass composting. As LEAs play a major role in issuing permits for carcass composting operations. CDFA will be attending the next set of LEA Roundtables to provide more information about this training.

F. Small/Medium Composting Permitting Study (Alvin VoTran)

- CalRecycle received an allocation of funds for a small/medium compost study. The goal of the study is to develop tools and resources to help local government entities and facility proponents identify appropriate locations for small to medium sized compost operations and outline potential pathways for permitting and site development.
Specifically, CalRecycle's goal for the study is to have the contractor complete the following deliverables:
 - Identify suitable locations and local/regional agencies permitting criteria,
 - Identify regulatory challenges, gaps, and barriers regarding siting, permitting, and pathways,
 - Identify associated costs for permitting and operating composting activities,
 - Develop best management practices for siting, permitting, design, California Environmental Quality Act(CEQA), and operation of small to medium composting activities, and
 - Provide solutions and guidance to assist with the design, operation and mitigating permitting challenges of small and medium composting activities.
 - Upon the completion of the contract, June 3, 2023, CalRecycle staff will use the deliverables in this contract as additional information for the development of future criteria in selecting projects to receive grant funding through the Compost Permitting Pilot Grant Program.
 - [Contract submitted on 10.10.2023 and approved 2024. Study planned for June 2024.](#)

- [Kim Haas – Asking about EA notifications size on small community garden composting. Could community composting be included under EA notifications. Up to 5000 cubic yards at one time.](#)

G. Status Impact Report (SIR) Update (Mary Kay Shafer)

- With the passing of SB 1383 on January 1, 2022, and per Title 27 CRR section 21695, the landfills were required to submit a Status Impact Report (SIR) to CalRecycle no later than one year from the effective date of the regulations. Our Engineering Support Branch was responsible for reviewing these reports upon submission. To date, eighteen landfills have failed to submit their reports to CalRecycle. On January 26, 2024, CalRecycle Enforcement Section sent a letter of non-submittal both certified and email to the operators and cc the LEA. We are asking if you received one of these letters that you reach out to the operator and remind them that their SIR is overdue to CalRecycle. Please ask them to reach out to Janelle Heinzler, Senior Waste Management Engineer or Cathy Blair, Manager Solid Waste Enforcement Section with the status, our contact information is in the letter.

H. Technical Training Series Update (Lea Gibson)

- Registration is still open, approaching limit for in-person, over 200 people have registered so far and CSUS is expanding the block [for hotel reservations as the block is currently full.](#)
- A networking event has been added on Monday evening for traveling attendees [\(drop by between 6-8, no check in needed prior\)](#)
- EAC speakers requested for opening session and Ralph Hunter Memorial Award presentation in person on April 16th. If they want to use slides, we will need those in advance so we can load them into the laptop (IT doesn't let us use flash drives). [Ralph Hunter Memorial Award to Dorcas \(Dee\) Hanson-Lugo. Norma Campos Bernal will be available to present the award.](#)
- Will be seeking a new keynote speaker, as Rachel Machi Wagoner is unavailable
- Link: <https://web.cvent.com/event/961cb76e-f72e-4e00-b8a5-a783bf7ff1d1/summary?locale=en-US&tm=EsVrj-3qxeYye4i9DTJ2rG5rUAIA9J97FOCTRkt2huU>

VI. Public Comment Period:

- A. No public comment submitted.

VII. Schedule Next EAC Meeting and Close Meeting:

- A. Next EAC Meeting will be combined CCDEH/EAC Meeting in Long Beach at the TTS on April 16. Room availability is set for 10:00AM. Virtual portion may be available via Teams Meeting Link which will be posted on the next meeting agenda.
- B. Close Meeting: 10:03 AM
- Motion: Campos Bernal
 - 2nd: Surdilla