

# Enforcement Advisory Council (EAC) and Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

9:05 AM – 9:58 AM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

## 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 (Absent)	North Central Roundtable
Lindsay Hullinger	South Central Roundtable
Paul Harden	Northern City LEAs
Alphonso Andrade	Southern Roundtable
Jeffrey Marshal	CCDEH
Dr. Sara Levin (Absent)	CCLHO
Jeff Hackett	CalRecycle
Paulina Lawrence	CalRecycle
Martin Perez	CalRecycle
Nevin Yeates	CalRecycle
Kim Sellards	CalRecycle
Lea Gibson	CalRecycle
Carley Bartlett	CalRecycle
Alvin VoTran	CalRecycle
Dana Hachigian	CalRecycle
Cordero Rychard	CalRecycle
Blake Sequeira	CalRecycle
Stephanie Becker	CalRecycle
Mary Kay Shafer	CalRecycle
Shyenne Lewis	CalRecycle

## II. EAC Agenda Review (late additions):

### A. No late additions

## III. Approval of Previous EAC Meeting Minutes

### A. Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2024

- Motion to accept: Kim Haas
- 2nd: Paul Harden
- Motion to approve minutes passed by majority vote

## IV. EAC Report, Status, and Updates

### A. Jurisdictional Updates

- Northern Roundtable (Haas): proposed adding a new solid waste related topic, preferably with pictures included, to every future roundtable agenda to help train new LEAs and help refamiliarize the regulations for the current LEAs.
- Bay Area (Surdilla): raised concerns of solid waste companies taking advantage of their political connections for personal gains; the ongoing investigation and the recent FBI raid of the homes of the owners of California Waste Solutions, Inc. (a recycling company serving East & South Bay communities) and the home of Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao was brought up.
- Southwestern Roundtable (Campos-Bernal): raised concerns about an operator not performing sampling procedures demonstrated in the guidelines for *Measuring Organic Waste Sent to Disposal from Compostable Material Handling Facilities and Operations* and the operator is using inadequate calculations at Tajiguas Landfill (42-AA-0015) Compost Management Unit (CMU).
- South Central Roundtable (Hullinger): her roundtable members wanted to know the result of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health's (CCDEH's) poll regarding the retention rate of Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) in the public health field.

## V. CalRecycle Discussion Items

### A. Deputy Director's Report (Paulina Lawrence)

- Zoe Heller was appointed Director of CalRecycle in May 2024.
- The study to site small and medium compostable material handling facilities and operations was completed and the results are being reviewed.
- California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announces the availability of emergency waivers in collaboration with response agencies to protect the

safety of farm animals from heat-related illnesses and mortality.

**B. Siting of composting facilities to meet the organic waste reduction goals (Martin Perez)**

- The study to develop and site small and medium compostable material handling facilities and operations was completed on June 3, 2024. CalRecycle's Executives are being briefed on the findings and the results of the study should be released later in the summer.
- The results of the short-term study should help validate the proposed legislations (SB 1045 & SB 1046) for permitting small and medium volume composting sites in the future.

**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 (PEIR) 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 (PEIR) 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.

**C. Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee Update (Stephanie Becker)**

- The 4th Annual Statewide Conference on Illegal Dumping (IDCon24), hosted by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley and the Illegal Dumping Task Force was held this past May 3-4, 2024.
  - City of San Jose's Recreational Vehicle (RV) Bio-waste Pollution Prevention Pilot Program - RVP3
  - Working with Caltrans on graffiti, litter and waste removal around unhoused encampments.

**D. Jurisdiction Compliance Findings Report (Lea Gibson)**

- For any questions, please email Ashlee Yee at [ashlee.yee@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:ashlee.yee@calrecycle.ca.gov)

**E. Training update and TTS Follow-up**

- Virtual State Minimum Standards 101 Training w/ CEUs offered in July. If your preferred session(s) is full, please email [carley.bartlett@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:carley.bartlett@calrecycle.ca.gov) to be put on a waitlist.
  - Session 1: Thursday, July 18, 2024, 9am-12pm
  - Session 2: Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 1pm-4pm
  - Session 3: Thursday, July 25, 2024, 9am-12pm
- Submission for the Ralph Hunter Award nomination is still open and nominations can be extended upon request for anyone that needs additional time beyond the August 31, 2024 deadline.
- Video trainings from the recent TTS will be published soon; CEUs are offered.
- Next TTS location is to be announced (TBA). More information at the next EAC meeting.

**VI. Public Comment Period**

- A. There were no written or submitted public comments for today's EAC meeting. Also, no one from the public was virtually present at today's meeting.**

**VII. Schedule Next EAC Meeting and Close Meeting:**

**A. Next EAC Meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.**

- Location and format TBA.

**B. Close Meeting: 9:58 AM**

- Motion to end meeting: Surdilla
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kasikarin

