

Enforcement Advisory Council

Solid Waste Management through Partnership

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2024

9:00AM – 1:00 PM

Virtual Platform: Zoom

Meeting Link:

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I. Introductions:

Attendee	Affiliation
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 (Absent)	South Central Roundtable
Paul Harden	Northern City LEAs
Alphonso Andrade	Southern Roundtable
Jeffery Marshal (Absent)	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
Sheyenne Lewis	CalRecycle
Dana Hachigian	CalRecycle
Kim Sellards	CalRecycle
Stephanie Becker	CalRecycle

II. Agenda Review (late additions):

A. No late additions

III. Approval of Previous EAC Meeting Minutes:

A. Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2024

- Motion: Surdilla
- 2nd: Haas
- Motion to approve minutes passed by majority vote.

IV. EAC Resolutions, Status, and Updates:

A. Ralph Hunter Memorial Vote

- Three applications were submitted, but only one of these applications was complete (John Lewis).
- Mark de Bie indicated that only the complete application should be considered for review for the award.
- Group discussion on John Lewis achievements led to the EAC voting unanimously along with a vote from Charles Ice w/CCDEH (Solid Waste Chair) and Mark de Bie voting in favor as well. John Lewis will be the recipient of the Ralph Hunter Memorial Award for this award term.
- The other two applications were not reviewed and not considered for the Ralph Hunter Memorial Award at this time.

B. Jurisdictional Updates

- Bay Area Roundtable (Surdilla):
 - Bay Area LEA Roundtable topic came up about medical baseline or exit medical surveillance requirements or guidelines in 14CCR or 27CCR or through CalRecycle
 - Mark de Bie indicated that there are no medical screening requirements in regulations or any specific CalRecycle guidelines. It is the responsibility of each LEA program to keep their employees healthy and safe. CalRecycle has a program for inspectors to protect field staff since there is a potential for exposure to toxins through the work performed at sites. Suggest that LEA's should be talking with health

and safety staff to provide the program outlines available to CalRecycle Field Staff.

- Southwestern Roundtable (Campos Bernal):
 - Southwestern LEA Roundtable has no concerns or updates at this time.
- Northern Roundtable (Haas):
 - Northern LEA Roundtable suggested a New Agenda Topic for their Fall Roundtable: Solid Waste Sites Discussion. This would include their roundtable participants to share pictures and ask questions. Photos were shared virtually on composting sites/Falcons from landfills. This sparked a discussion for newer LEA's to get more exposure to sites. If the newer LEA's have questions about their sites, this would help them to discuss what the different LEA's would consider as a Violation, or not a Violation, or an Area of Concern. The Northern RT is hoping to continue to move forward with this as it will be a good idea.
 - Mark de Bie asked if the LEA's could provide a report of the LEA to LEA discussion on these topics so that CalRecycle can be aware of the concerns and discussions to create future trainings/discussion topics.
 - Kim Haas indicated that they have a composter that is experiencing heavy contamination. The facility is starting to charge a contamination fee or refusing the contaminated loads altogether. The composter has a depackager to manage some of the contamination. The depackager has assisted with lowering the contamination issues.
- Southern Roundtable (Andrade):
 - Southern LEA Roundtable has an issue with no good outlet for digestate disposal from anaerobic digestors.
 - Mark de Bie indicated that he has heard a little about issues with the outlets for digestate. It is unclear whether it's the liquid or the solid portion of the digestate that is the issue. There are options for identifying the disposal facilities, but the operators need to do the work to find them. Level of the contamination affects the digestate which is an operational issue. There are ways to clean it up through post-processing, but this is costly. CDFA has an avenue to have the material certified for alternative use. There is concern about stockpiling of the digestate and it

must be stored in sealed containers. Sites may run out of space and hopefully this will not lead to an issue for illegal disposal. LEA's need to watch out for this. CalRecycle does not want the materials to go to landfills but they also do not want material to be land applied in a manner that would constitute illegal disposal.

- Northern Cities Roundtable (Harden):
 - Northern Cities LEA Roundtable brought up how digestate is managed at one of their facilities (ZWED). ZWED digestate is brought to ZBEST and is reused in the anaerobic digestion process. No issues at this time with this process. Solid portions go into the composting piles. They do this because there are a lot of sensitive receptors in the area. The digestate material is processed by ZBEST because of odor issues and it's brought to the southern facility within the City of San Jose.
- North Central Roundtable
 - North Central Roundtable will have a tour of a landfill at their next RT meeting in February. At the most recent RT, there was a conflict in scheduling that prevented the tour this time around. There were LEA to LEA conversations regarding county owned and operated landfill using the LEA as an internal enforcing arm rather than the contractor doing their own internal enforcement.

C. Reducing the Number of EAC Meetings

- The LEA's of the EAC are discussing reducing the number of the EAC meetings. Below is a paraphrase of the discussion between the EAC members:
- Norma – In agreement with reducing the number of meetings. She referenced the EAC Binder that “approximately six (6) meetings may occur.” The meeting before and after the Technical Training Series (TTS) must occur. She is not sure if these changes require a resolution to be adopted.
- Kim – Do you want to make it a formal reduction?
- Norma – Question: Is a formal resolution required for this change? Would like to propose Bi-Annual meetings. Before the TTS and one in Fall/Winter.
- Kim – TTS is every 18 months so the seasons may not properly fall into place for the EAC meetings.

- Norma – EAC can meet in spring or fall or whatever falls with the TTS. Boils down to two meetings annually.
- Arthur – The EAC can hold additional meetings as needed. There aren't any issues having less meetings, but we should be okay having the ability to host a meeting when necessary throughout the year.
- Kim – If issues are brought to the EAC, these funnel down to the LEA Roundtables. Would you include information in the EAC binder to identify when a special meeting would occur?
- Norma – We currently hold four (4) meetings a year. We can reduce to two (2). We don't need to make a change to the EAC Binder. Doesn't need to be formalized since it's still within the requirements.
- Mark de Bie – May want to revise the EAC Binder language for clarity for an EAC Chair in the future. I think you can edit this with consensus without vote and resolution. Lobby for putting verbiage of the new paradigm so people in the future will have an understanding.
- Norma – Kim would like to change the verbiage. I think it should be flexible as possible. Kim and I will work on new verbiage.
- Arthur – Do we need to make a motion or can we just work via email to get the language clarified. I would like to see minimum and maximums to try and make it clearer.
- Mark de Bie – Sounds like there will be work between this meeting and the next and then the verbiage for the binder will be made available.
- Lea Gibson – We're reusing a lot of material that we are disseminating at the EAC meeting at the RT's. CalRecycle wants to see what's most efficient for the EAC.

V. CalRecycle Discussion Items:

- Deputy Director's Report:
 - Some LEA's aware of illegal disposal of mulch. Three community members from Antelope Valley and scale of illegal dumping in their area. Deputy Director asked CalRecycle to lean in with guidance to LEA how to approach situation. Heard from LEA that this is overwhelming, so CalRecycle strategized with LEA. First step after call between CalRecycle and LEA, met with community members, went through information and documentation from past months. Agreement that CalRecycle will view sites most concerned about. Fact Finding and internal conversations

about what can be done as CalRecycle in addressing situations. Looking at amending regulations to throttle down and harder to start dumping illegally as land application. Seeing regulations and modifications that can be made in public process. Tighten regulations and make it straightforward to address illegal dumping as land application.

- Tighten relationships with any agencies to help processes. Fewer and fewer enforcement task forces so it helps to build relationships with local agencies. Longer term goal – Looking at training/guidance for illegal dumping. Updating and adding more information to this guidance. Schedule for training is mid 2025 with new LMS training software.
- South Central Roundtable Chair:
 - Lindsay Hullinger stepped down. No one stepped up to fill position. Email sent to South Central LEA's to fill chair last week. No response. Next RT in Jan 2025. Possibility for someone to fill chair by then but may have no chair or EAC representative from the region. Does EAC want to follow up with that RT to fill chair. Will need to reach out to LEA's directly through SWIS report for LEA's within a region. Possible to rotate a chair in. Generalist counties so time to be chair is minimized. Lots of new/younger LEA's still learning to be an LEA. Suggest joint meetings for those in this region to join them virtually to continue to get experience. Jeffery will reach out to directors in the area to get someone to take on the role.
- Avian Flu Update:
 - Flu strain (zoonotic) in cattle that can be transferred to humans. Incident command response with CDFA and CDPH to the public and dairy operators. CalRecycle as agency member assisting LEA's with guidance. LEA's will be contacted by CDFA when there is an infected poultry flock. Transmission to dairy workers from cattle. Dozen dairy workers obtained H5N1. Poultry is destroyed if they have H5N1. Fatal for the poultry if they contract the virus. Kern county has 2 million chicken tested. Tests are for only mammalian flesh. CalOES meeting weekly with all agencies. Any questions can be forwarded during these meetings.
- Training Update: Lea Gibson
 - Kick off meeting for new software for on demand training for LEA's. Excited about it. Start with 101 level courses (inspection basics/SMS) then develop 201 level courses (in-

vessel digestion, land application). Want to start new training courses for new LEA's to learn from. If EAC has ideas for direction on training programs, would appreciate it. Information taken from evaluations from existing trainings and TTS.

- Working on illegal dumping and land application training. Case studies – mostly Southern California.- Will go deeper on what actions to take once you identify illegal disposal. Must go through subject matter experts and CalRecycle legal team to make sure its ready to go.
- Will have for next set of RT's based on how the review process goes.
- Live trainings will eventually become on demand trainings with new software.
- Allows more interactivity and gain engagement and interest from people.
- Haven't heard back from CSUS for info on the TTS in Monterey area (checking hotels). Approximately Late Fall/Early winter 2025. Difficulty with hotels due to State Rate.

VI. Public Comment Period:

- A. No public comment submitted.

VII. Schedule Next EAC Meeting

- **Next EAC Meeting will Be Wednesday, March 19, 2025**