



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

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12:30-3:30pm 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/informal committee ([IDTAC overview](#)), goes over housekeeping—currently recorded for note taking purposes, with presentations that may be edited/shared afterwards. Meetings may be subject to public records request act. Some IDTAC Leadership intros shared.

Committee continues to address and technically advise all things illegal dumping—a difficult and complex issue. The group aims to be a central source statewide—a place to share and house information/resources. Additionally, a forum to break down silos as many people are often charged with this task/duty locally, with not a lot of backing/guidance.

The IDTAC cannot lobby directly but urges lobbyists on the call and others to take on these issues and connect with the group for support—inquiries are welcome in advance or during (subcommittee) meetings.

*The IDTAC suggested 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”

It is suggested to have a similar strategy aforementioned locally (or even on a regional scale), making sure each element is addressed—noting communities’ (local gov) capacity. See Illegal Dumping Resources [Toolbox](#) & [IDTAC GDrive](#) for more/examples.

Chair Sweetser provides a bit of background around the decision behind more recent focus topic(s) efforts, and how the subcommittees have generally followed suit.

### Events:

- Northern California Household Hazardous Waste Information Exchange (HHWIE) & Special Waste Collection Center Tour - July 9—IDTAC represented: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gF\\_nQUa54bWLOoKMeEX74kif1CT-ICw5/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gF_nQUa54bWLOoKMeEX74kif1CT-ICw5/view?usp=sharing). Gathering helps to gauge levels of effectiveness and provide an opportunity to review regulatory requirements.
- California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) [Conference & Trade Show](#) Aug 3-6, 2025
  - Clean California Designated Communities and Keep California Beautiful Affiliates Meeting

Events (continued):

- CA Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) [Conference](#) Sept 15-17, 2025

New members:

- Clarissa Frias – resumes role for the City of Manteca. Currently she specializes in compliance and recycling legislation, but likely taking on mattress; recycling, equipment, grants and illegal dumping efforts toward their eradication.

New participants:

- Julie D'Ambruoso – San Joaquin County Public Works-Solid Waste
- Aaron Aceves – Riverside County Code Enforcement
- Judondi Bolden – Deputy City Attorney City of Oakland
- Courtesy mention: City of El Cajon & City of Oxnard subcommittee engagement

## **Agenda Item 2: Statewide**

*Member, Supervisor Nate Miley - [Letter to Governor](#)*

Chair Sweetser shares appreciation for this effort as well as their ability to have Alameda County host the Statewide Conference on Illegal Dumping for more than 4 years, with much support and vision from Advisor Erin Armstrong, who was slotted to speak about this letter but had a last-minute conflict.

Chair Sweetser concurs that illegal dumping needs to be dealt with at both a local and statewide level, and this letter vocalizes the desire for even higher-level statewide coordination/framework and enforcement. Chair Sweetser speaks to/appreciates the four actionable solutions suggested in the letter.

As the IDTAC cannot advocate as a whole, it's important to share this update, acknowledge what's going on and have a forum for any discussion. The letter is a tool for those who may want to take it and run with it (in a different forum). Pelczar shares using this letter to move the needle is wise and that the IDTAC Outreach Subcommittee may even be able to help with this—that creating awareness on the issue overall is key, and this letter is indeed one way, and CPSC also has some bandwidth. Ward also indicates the letter is a right direction, and that coalition building helps move this effort, so he advises those to note the information and contacts. He welcomes help bringing a rural perspective.

### *Members \*Project*

The IDTAC [Leadership] continues to assess its members—aiming for the right representation while maintaining weldability. Chair Sweetser reminds the group of the current roster and dynamics while considering where the group may (should?) be headed. Entities mentioned in the letter also help with further considerations.

The asterisk indicates a smaller project forthcoming where members are to provide their connection, resources and potentially their stance (and suggestions) toward the issue.

### *Elections*

Forthcoming – Elections for Chair will begin this summer. All meeting participants are eligible to participate in the nomination process. IDTAC members will vote on

submissions/desires received. No questions or comments were raised around these next steps/the process.

### **Agenda Item 3: Summary of Previous Meeting**

March 12, 2025 ([Recap](#)) – meeting addressed the current focus topic; (local) collaboration, task forces and an initial take of what this looks like. The meeting offered an opportunity to delve into the statewide Clean CA campaign/efforts—the governor’s push—which entails local stewardship, collaboration & partnerships, measuring the issue (to the degree feasible), materials management, education, enforcement & others means (reminder there is a checklist for this/Community Designation Pledge criteria available)—an update provided below.

Additionally, proper hazardous waste handling & resources were broached along with important movement around policy, legislative & regulation. The group was also advised to lookout & be prepared for illegal dumping in times of disaster. See recap for further details and a list of current & overlapping themes.

### **Focused Topic:**

#### *Tools to address illegal dumping through local cooperative efforts*

Chair Sweetser reminds the group of reasoning behind this focus—what has already been covered and what’s still ahead; including more tools, guidance and presentations in how to accomplish this—however additional thoughts, suggestions, and creative recommendations welcome.

Reminder that the [IDTAC GDrive](#) hosts a lot of this information and continues to expand daily – it is suggested that communities/jurisdictions peruse this content to help shape their efforts & local plan(s) an attempt to not reinvent the wheel.

#### *Sacramento Analysis & Recommendations [Report](#)*

This report is highlighted as a use case example to build from. Member Kobold was planning to run through this document—to provide some background, information and gaps, but had a last-minute engagement. A reminder link to the report was shared in advance. *This report is from 2018.*

Member Flowers shared she was part of this effort, recalling recommendations and interviews, but that those in Sac County would be the ones to opine. She mentions the report shares various examples from California and beyond.

She recalls some of her fieldwork: it’s not always easy to determine property ownership (whether private or public land), and if the land/road is located within the City or County. Roads often draw the boundaries between city and county jurisdictions so one side of the street can be noticeably cleaner—not all jurisdictions have the same resources/bandwidth. Residents and volunteers become frustrated not knowing who to call and by the lack of uniformity within the region. She also mentions some communities experience illegal dumping by outsiders—those that don’t live there.

She mentions that illegal dumping enforcement is difficult and that environmental courts exist but not necessarily in all regions and/or in California and are often specific to the jurisdiction.

Having a shelf-ready example(s)/strategy like this to implement for different communities/jurisdictions may be very desirable—the [Illegal Dumping Resources Toolbox](#) already does this to an extent.

Parts of the [Report](#) were shared during the meeting including:

“Although other parties are involved with the clearance of illegally dumped waste no one party is coordinating or monitoring activities.”

### 3.0 The Illegal Dumping Problem

- 3.1 Illegal Dumping Overall is Increasing Despite an Increase in Take-Up of Preventative Services
- 3.2 Illegal Dumping is Costly Compared to Preventative Measures
- 3.3 Incidents are primarily small in scale and emanate from residential properties.
- 3.4 Multiple Parties Clearing Illegally Dumped Waste
- 3.5 Enforcement Process Ineffective in Delivering Prosecution
- 3.6 Inequitable Access to Service
- 3.7 Link with Level of Poverty and Number of Rented Properties
- 3.8 Demand Exceeds Operational Capacity
- 3.9 No Service Standards
- 3.10 Low Take-Up of Preventative Services

### 4.0 Factors Impacting Illegal Dumping Activity

- 4.1 Limited Access to Free or Low-Cost Disposal Points
- 4.2 Access to, Availability of, and Knowledge of Free or Low-Cost Preventative Services
- 4.3 Lack of Deterrent
- 4.4 Ability or Willingness to Pay
- 4.5 Homelessness
- 4.6 Cultural Acceptance

Chair Sweetser emphasizes this is one example a jurisdiction conducted, there are some others, and that this report could help you brainstorm the direction and foundation your community/jurisdiction may want to create. He points out the charts & graphs can be key visual representations for elected officials.

## **Agenda Item 4: Examples to Urge Collaboration, Local Groups/TF Updates**

### *Dumpers*

The Outreach Subcommittee has started looking at handling each type of dumper differently. The aforementioned [report](#) (page 10) attempts to classify different types of dumpers and which type may contribute most to the problem.

*Unregulated/Unlicensed Haulers* – are often seen to be the biggest culprits in many communities [note [AB 592](#)]*—*data may be the next step to attempt to determine this. Jurisdictions have attempted different strategies around these types of culprits including local lists of recommended haulers and attempts at regulating them. If you are a community wanting to delve into this further with examples and more discussion, please advise. Member Kobold was also planning on sharing Sac County’s (past) examples/successes around these efforts but had a last-minute engagement. Chair Sweetser and Ward share that exclusive collection service/franchise agreements and mandatory collection may also be factors to be aware of when determining next steps to address these types of dumpers.

It's noted that entities with exclusivity to certain areas usually have contract clauses addressing illegal dumping to some degree. If not, perhaps something to consider. Ward mentions administrative citation ordinances is a worthwhile tool for rural areas outside of franchised areas.

*Terms* – deciding on specific terms/labels for the most common types of 'illegal dumpers' could help unify efforts and potentially lead to more streamlined and organized resources/notes. More discussion to unfold later as needed.

### *Supporting Volunteers*

It was decided to not delve into this topic much at this meeting but noting that the statewide Clean CA efforts/movement (addressed below) really tries to rally volunteers and provide support for those stepping up to steward their communities. Lake County has examples around this effort—how it continues to unite the community and actually make a dent in their bottom line. The City of Vallejo may present next meeting on how they navigate and support their volunteers.

### *Spotlight: [AB 617 Community Air Protection Program](#)*

Recently multiple Air Districts approached the IDTAC for advice. These communities often experience burning of dumped material, and find that continuous cleanup efforts may negatively impact air quality (dust from vehicles).

Formal objectives have been written in Community Emissions Reduction Plans (CERPs) to address illegal dumping. The South Coast AQMD Eastern Coachella Valley joins the meeting (Program Supervisor [Robert Dalbeck](#), Air Quality Specialist [Pami Mukherjee](#)) and relays that indeed their rural agricultural community has a significant amount of (agricultural waste) burning.

- [South Coast AQMD Eastern Coachella Valley CERP](#) is shared – main objectives include prevention and cleanup.

Adhering to their objectives, they've had some difficulty getting traction/connection/resources on the issue locally as no one entity seems to be responsible for handling the issue. Chair Sweetser echoes that generally this has been the case and lately the IDTAC is focusing efforts on improving coordination, collaboration and providing resources for regions, with hopes for better precedents. He appreciates them reaching out and acknowledges their comments helps build support for more resources around this issue. They were able to connect with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG).

Chair Sweetser urges IDTAC participants to potentially reach out to their Air Quality Management Districts to see if they have a CERP with objectives that include illegal dumping.

### *Illegal Dumping Task Forces/ReEnforcement Groups*

*Sacramento Task Force* – draft [Coordination & Cleanup guidance](#) example: Jason Baker & Rebecca Richardson had a last minute conflict. This guidance was introduced last meeting and essentially follows its title; identifying who's needed to better combat the issue for their region and what these roles may look like—cleanup of sensitive areas and hazardous waste as well as enforcement efforts are some examples. This guidance generally incorporates multiple jurisdiction participation. Baker may follow up later instead and explain more about their purpose and evolution.

Chair Sweeter hopes people appreciate being able to see what other jurisdictions are doing—guidance tools for collaboration.

*Contra Costa County* – [Strategy](#) – “Board of Supervisors’ Illegal Dumping Ad Hoc Committee [was formed in June 2019](#) to help oversee the implementation of the approved [Illegal Dumping Strategies \(PDF\)](#) recommended by the interdepartmental Illegal Dumping Think Tank team.”

Various elected officials are stepping up to help combat illegal dumping—Clean CA lists some too. This is an example of a local illegal dumping group(s). Their strategy is around “*educate, prevent, clean up, and enforce*”. They have a public outreach campaign to educate residents about dumping, street signs placed near dumping zones with information on how to report dumping activity, they remove abandoned recreation vehicles, and have dedicated law enforcement to investigate dumping crimes. The Ad Hoc Committee meets twice a year.

Does your community/jurisdiction have something like this? Contra Costa County reps may come on in the future to explain more about how this is going.

*Others* – San Benito update [[past presentation](#)]: Sanchez shares they recently completed work with the MRC—20+ signs at various ~15 hot spots. The signs deterred some illegal dumping but certain locations needed further deterrents—cameras have helped. However, they’re also considering if the dumpers have moved (further down or to different hot spots). At certain locations they’re hoping to implement more significant enforcement measures—to catch culprits.

Sanchez mentions they have stepped back from forming a task force type structure currently and instead are working with/improving programs already in existence, primarily due to bandwidth—decided not to add something new to already short staffed jurisdictions/departments. Sanchez mentions they’re likely ultimately aiming for a task force type structure in the future.

They are commended for their work and decisions.

*Local Plans (see above & recap)* - [ToolBox](#)

Chair Sweeter appreciates the update(s) and requests: if you come across examples that are helpful, feel free to let us know.

*Franchise Agreements, Funding, Reporting Systems & Data, [other topics](#)* – addressed elsewhere/earlier – likely key elements that may be addressed further in the future.

## **Agenda Item 4: Updates**

### ***Members***

#### ***KCB/Clean CA***

Reminder: [Clean CA Community Designation Pledge](#)

Flowers shares a general update around what Keep California Beautiful ([KCB](#)) is doing with the [Clean CA Program](#)/Caltrans and the [pledge](#) since last meeting ([notes](#)) included a deep dive.

Flowers reminds the group Governor Newsom directed this effort—to get 100 communities pledged by the end of this June—they’re almost there. She’s confident those on this call already meet a lot of the requirements so participants should take a

look—member Hutsel plans to follow up. The goal is now extended to 100 more by June 2026.

The current list of pledgees is shared—CBO stands for Community Based Organization. This list works in conjunction with the current focus topic and is being referenced on applicable inquiries.

KCB holds monthly calls to assist this work.

*Reminder: these efforts encompass overall beautification/stewardship (not just litter/illegal dumping/material management issues).*

Pending continued funding for Clean CA, participants likely/automatically become KCB affiliates.

Flowers also reminds the group Clean CA includes a youth education component and statewide demonstration projects. Data collection and litter assessment are included in these efforts which (attempt to) measure progress and can be key in helping understand issues before implementation. Case studies likely planned.

Chair Sweetser requests follow up on not the just results, but what worked, didn't work and why, and any lingering background stories/details, pending availability. He mentions that's often where the lessons are learned, and growth happens.

Flowers mentions their upcoming KCB/Clean CA Designated Communities meeting at CRRA and their past presentation with League of Cities—many were interested in being a part of the movement. Both Flowers & Chair Sweetser acknowledge sometimes people/groups end up being siloed and that there are still silos in industry.

Facilitator Becker shares [accountability.ca.gov](https://accountability.ca.gov) and wonders if there is overlap/opportunity. Flowers sees the potential. She also takes the opportunity to remind the group how important volunteers are in this effort, and that both local government and community members tend to feed off each other, as well as private entities.

Facilitator Becker also wonders if these efforts will lead to more formal written plans or strategies to be adopted in these communities. Flowers says they generally urge this but let the communities determine their best path given their resources. Flowers reminds the group that these efforts promote overall stewardship/beautification, which could mean gardens, graffiti, etc. and they try to offer support for all—each group may have their own focus.

Carson jumps on to add that demonstrations are going well and there is clear evidence showing areas with improvements are cleaner from litter and illegal dumping. She shares an example that a heavily dumped area changed after landscaping and installation—making the space more welcoming and a place for community connection really helps even though the site was next to a big box building. It can signal a different purpose, that these spaces aren't vacant, or if so, that they're being cared for. Having data on which measures are effective is key, and can be shared/used by elected officials.

Carson circles back to Supervisor Miley's Letter noting it's good timing and may create momentum given the budget status and potential paring down of Clean CA offerings. She also agrees state agency(ies) involvement is important.

Ask: Flowers urges participants to spread the word on information about the program/pledge designation. And, if you're not the one best aligned for this ask, please forward onward.

*Caltrans* – IDTAC may revisit the Adopt-a-Hwy program in more detail in the future. No specific updates were requested for this meeting.

#### *CalRecycle (Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery)*

*Emergency Illegal Disposal Regulations* – (LEA) [Training](#) & update [[News Articles](#)] – it seems as though (large) illegal disposal sites continue to proliferate. Regions such as the Antelope Valley have experienced these issues for years, but due to varying factors the issue is becoming more openly acknowledged and dire.

Chair Sweetser mentions this information is helpful and that some participants may be new to these concepts—types of illegal disposal activities are happening statewide like a rise in the abuse of land application; areas of land, sometimes agricultural, where green material is applied to facilitate providing nutrients back to the soil.

Currently there are cases where excessive amounts or unqualified material is being land applied—these circumstances are not “land application” but more so “illegal disposal”.

In short, these regulations aim to curb bad actors – revisiting current standards and potentially adding more teeth to enforcement.

VoTran provides an overall status update and general goals of the regulations:

#### [Information on Illegal Disposal Emergency Regulations & Permanent Rulemaking - IDTAC Presentation 6/18/25](#)

Be on the lookout: Chair Sweetser suggests those pretending to be “land application” operations or when land application operations have contamination—enforcement folks should take these cases on, use these regulations and work with local enforcement agencies (LEAs) for solid waste.

- [Archives] Illegal Disposal Emergency Regulations [webpage](#)
- Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Directory:  
<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/SolidWaste/LEA/Directory/>
  - [LEA Illegal Dumping/Disposal Site Guidance](#)

#### *Grants (CalRecycle)*

##### [Grants Update Slide](#)

Julian Lopez, CalRecycle Waste Management Engineer, provides updates on the [Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program](#). FY25-26 application period should be opening in August for both programs (funds appropriated annually):

[Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program](#) (\$500K max, matching suggested—opportunities besides dollars may be considered)

- Prevention measures (cameras) are eligible—limitations apply.

[Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Partial Grant Program](#) (\$750K max, matching suggested)

- Often used for pre-regulated landfills (circa 1988).

Applications/grantees are almost always public entities—see slide for a wide variety. Contact the Program Lead anytime for questions and to help build a potential project. These grants have a cost recovery element whereas the grant below essentially does not.

Guevara inquires about the award timeline and if feedback is provided. Lopez mentions that grants are generally reviewed after two months and that top ~5 ranking applicants not awarded will receive feedback about their scoring and why. Lopez mentions they usually award 3-4 grants but it can vary each FY, and depending on your ranking, you could receive the total fund amount requested.

Lopez reminds the group specificity is usually desired to better understand where the funding will get spent.

Facilitator Becker provides an update for the [Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program](#) (\$200K max, ~\$50 per site max) which is usually open all year with funding—the last cycle of each FY year still runs the “pilot program” which allows even more flexibility. She emphasizes to not be fooled by the name—and that a variety of land types are eligible and to work with your planning department (if needed) in the beginning to determine if the land is eligible/zoned correctly. Tribes are eligible for this grant. Your local [RCD](#) may be a great partner and/or can be the direct applicant.

Prevention measures (cameras) are eligible—limitations apply.

All (CalRecycle) grants: subscribe to [Email Updates](#) for announcements/updates. Suggested to reach out to the Grant Manager(s) in advance [CalRecycle cleanup grant reps can generally answer ongoing Q&As unlike other grant programs]. Monies to be focused on cleanup but can fund/incorporate overall illegal dumping strategies.

#### *Legislative & Policy updates ([CPSC](#) & [NSAC](#))*

- [AB 1153 Bonta](#) [[Bill Status](#)] – bill language includes funding for removal and disposal of recreational vehicles, funding for enforcement strategies and funding for developing local enforcement teams/illegal dumping enforcement officers. In its current state, the bill is expanding the CalRecycle Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program fund eligibility to include these needs.
- [SB 54](#) Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act – Chair Sweetser summarizes that this will help jurisdictions deal with diversion of plastics, especially pending reduction efforts. Illegal dumping overlaps a bit with all this.

Advisory Board Member Ward reminds the group about the [California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund](#), which includes funds allocated for cleanups and/or to address impacts in CA’s most affected communities. Ward urges gathering baseline data to start making the case about ways your community has been (most) impacted by litter and packaging related blight. Ward hopes funds will be wisely spent—various strategies to be considered not just never-ending cleanups.

Member Pardo suggests highlighting the amount—\$500M year for 10 years—[SB 54 statute](#). It’s noted groups like CDFA have been starting to look at these funds for various things like assistance re agricultural plastic—these types of approaches may be misaligned from the original intent. Preparation & recommendations will be key—let’s keep this in mind and be proactive to the extent possible.

Strategy Subcommittee Chair Ward has begun folding this into the subcommittee, which has an overlapping suggested objective.

#### CPSC

[Legislative update](#) available.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health ([CCDEH](#)) member reps were not available for the entire meeting but may have updates or be a resource.

#### *Mattress Recycling Council ([MRC](#))*

Chair Sweetser introduces Taylor Grimes, Special Projects Coordinator, who manages MRC's illegal dumping arm as well as other related programs/projects. He emphasizes that unfortunately mattresses are still a big part of illegal dumping and that MRC has official illegal dumping objectives as part of its creation. Grimes main update is to officially unveil the following report:

#### **[Collective Insights on Illegal Dumping Enforcement Report](#)**

The report was published at the end of 2024 and a follow-up to an interactive session during the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Illegal Dumping ([IDCon24](#)) where stakeholders come together to share insights and strategies around solving illegal dumping. Roughly 70 individuals participated in the report (in person & online) to essentially identify best practices and tools to mitigate illegal dumping with an enforcement focus.

Grimes shares that not much promotion of the report had been done previously since publication, but that's she's working in conjunction with the marketing team on further presentations around this to engage in possible further discussions—stay tuned and/or email [Tgrimes@mrc-us.org](mailto:Tgrimes@mrc-us.org).

A link to the report was shared in advance and the Enforcement Program Subcommittee also conducted a [pre-discussion](#) sharing several highlights. From the pre-discussion, some mentioned they may use this as a policy making tool to bring to their local government/elected officials. The report highlighted a need for enforcement training which will also be conducted again—back by popular demand. Vice Chair/Enforcement Program Subcommittee Chair Barriga went over the three main questions posted during the interactive session and is open to a further presentation during the subcommittee. He mentioned this report could also be used to justify resources, funding and collective issues—from a third-party perspective. Facilitator Becker mentions the report offers some new and creative ideas.

Grimes mentions this is the third workshop MRC has hosted around illegal dumping—and the other reports are available.

Grimes also mentions their Illegal Dumping Mattress Collection Initiative ([IDMCI](#))—a reimbursement program for illegal dumping reporting—every unit reported to MRC can get up to a \$20 reimbursement. She also mentions they'll be a software replacement forthcoming likely the end of this year.

Chair Sweetser hopes everyone collecting mattresses (and hopefully tracking them) is getting reimbursed through this program, and if not, to share their concerns.

MRC's annual [Reports](#) & [Budgets](#).

## **Subcommittees**

### **Update Slides**

#### *Strategy Subcommittee*

Subcommittee Chair Ward mentions a lot of this update has already been covered. The Zero Waste Plans (a statewide Zero Waste plan and a rural Zero Waste infrastructure plan) are under development through CalRecycle. He also mentions that illegal dumping and littering is not zero waste, it's a systematic failure, which should also be addressed in the plans. As these are being developed, he encourages participation.

He also acknowledges the inherent difficulty that can exist pending where piles/incidents reside—determining who's property/responsibility is it. He mentions this group is for the most part available and willing to help facilitate meetings/provide assistance around these types of circumstances. See [slide](#) for more detail.

#### *Outreach Subcommittee*

Subcommittee Chair Rebecca Richardson had a schedule conflict during this time, so the Facilitator Becker gave a brief update—see [slide](#). The group overlaps its work with what materials management education/outreach is being disseminated (MFDs, campaigns) and how illegal dumping fits into that and to what extent these tweaks to offer better prevention/eradication—ways to measure this? The group explores free/no-cost options/reuse and how residents may not realize these options are available. The group may start dialing up the “value of material” concept in its messaging aside or in conjunction with environmental messages—although true, these messages may not be enough to incentivize behavior as they once did or at least experiment how to balance both messages.

The group has discussed and works with the [Coordination & Cleanup guidance](#), and stormwater folks and/or their content continues to be considered/brought into the fold—one way the group is addressing the focus topic. Is making sure to address each type of dumper, specifically, the best way to make an impact? The group continues to explore this.

#### *Standards Subcommittee*

Chair/Subcommittee Chair Sweetser relays to the group the importance of quantification. The group has looked at systems for reporting and how people are reporting and collecting data. This notion also helps justify keeping or starting programs. The group has authored some templates which are available—these types of (data) efforts can be a key way to demonstrate the focus topic.

Artificial intelligence is helping ease the burden of collecting (detailed) data and estimating volumes. See [slide](#) for more detail.

#### *Enforcement Program Subcommittee*

Vice Chair/Subcommittee Chair Barriga shares the growth in the group and desire from others looking to amp up enforcement strategies. He is finding that folks are being asked to take on or expand their role in various areas like code enforcement and hazmat. He reminds the group that resources and tools are in high demand and that a common tool being relied on is surveillance/camera systems which aid enforcement within agencies/departments and the community at large. The group continues to have

this as an agenda item [[Surveillance System/Camera Project](#)] and urges those to determine whether cameras are being used as deterrents or actual evidence gathering mechanisms to hold culprits accountable—using administrative/civil fines or for criminal proceedings. The group continues to look at platforms available and may continue to invite reps to share their technologies.

Resources/grants available for systems also continue to be researched and discussed. The group also works together to help those just starting their journey with some coaching and implementation tips. Some agencies may even lend their cameras temporarily. Understanding best video feeds and resolution are also key as well as ensuring your camera strategy is ripe with proper authority, enforcement resources and bandwidth (for your provisions).

He urges the group to not spend a lot on cameras used as deterrents as often times they just get tamped with.

Examples of upcoming and continual projects include a library of various reference material like penitent codes (including local codes and examples), a signage template project, as well as refining the IDTAC Enforcement strategy to a more shelf-ready boiler plate plan/program.

*Training* – the group continues to look at what this may look like, what credits may be applied, type(s) desired and that some (practitioner training) may span multiple days while a more basic version may come to fruition (~accessible to the public) to help bridge any gaps.

The group also continues to expand their network with other organizations/associations, overlapping with the focus topic. Vice Chair/Subcommittee Chair Barriga is working toward a more core group to help shepherd and is currently seeking prosecutorial folks – contact [him directly](#) or [illegaldumping@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:illegaldumping@calrecycle.ca.gov).

Chair Sweetser commends all subcommittee work. Subcommittee Chairs urge guests/members to continue to share tactics working for them – subcommittee participation welcome; email [IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov) and/or subscribe to [Illegal Dumping Email Updates](#) for announcements.

## **Agenda Item 6: Additions/Inquiries continued, Open Discussion, Action Items**

### *Other Inquires*

- Chair Sweetser mentions he believes the US National Forest Service may be lessening or eliminating receptables. Carson who often works nationally mentions this becoming more common, or a joint container. KAB is working with them on more centralized locations instead of random containers. Hutsel mentions he's seen studies that may claim no bin is better than full ones with contents overflowing & surrounding the base. He mentions if funding is affected, this conversation may come up by default. Follow-up on this likely needed.
- Volunteer group [East Bay Trash Pandas](#) received a win for Grizzly Peak. News, their story/wants & timeline [here](#).
- Referral to IDTAC about a High School illegal dumping project in Fresno.
- Inquiry to IDTAC whether copper theft legislation overlaps with illegal dumping.

Various inquiries are received – IDTAC makes it possible for CA residents to get general assistance.

Flowers mentions CA's [Textile Stewardship](#) component [[Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024](#)] she's starting to work with and suggests keeping one ear on this for any illegal dumping overlap. Chair Sweetser agrees and has been following it a bit for various reasons. Facilitator Becker wonders if there to be default EPR illegal dumping text?

#### [In the News](#)

This Agenda item was not specifically addressed during the meeting.

#### *Job Openings*

This Agenda item was not specifically addressed during the meeting.

#### *Projects*

This Agenda item was not specifically addressed during the meeting.

- Continued Assessments & Recommendations/Focus Topic
- Abandoned Vehicles Project
- Homeless Encampment Guide

### **Agenda Item 7: Next Meeting/Adjourn**

Meeting announcement forthcoming. Date TBD.

### **Contact**

For further information about this meeting, and general questions/comments:

[IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:IllegalDumping@calrecycle.ca.gov)

Subscribe to the [Illegal Dumping Email Updates Listserv](#), including meeting announcements.

[Illegal Dumping Resources Toolbox](#) (IDTAC/CalRecycle)

### **Meeting Roster**

#### *Members Attended*

Larry Sweetser, Chair  
Gonzalo Barriga, Vice Chair  
Christine Flowers/Cecile Carson, KCB  
Clarissa Frias, Manteca  
Nate Pelczar, CPSC (Doug Kobold absent)  
Jay Ramos, Monterey ID & LA TF (Maria Ferdin absent)  
Jason Phillippe & Jeff Lamoure, CCDEH  
Mark DeBie, CalRecycle

Rob Hutsel, SD River Park Foundation  
Seth Turner, BeautifySJ (Olympia Williams/Hilda Morales absent)  
Tedd Ward, Del Norte County SWA  
Vinnie Esguerra/Audrey Milligan-Parrish, Caltrans (Ryan Farrer absent)  
Taylor Grimes/Layla Chamberlin, MRC  
Veronica Pardo, RRCC

#### *Members Absent*

Anayeli Rangel, CACEO

Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove

Gary Harris, City of Los Angeles  
Heidi Sandborn/Victoria Reiser, NSAC  
Erin Armstrong, Alameda County  
Supervisor Miley  
Eva Mann, City of Richmond  
Garen Kazanjian, Recology

Jaron Brandon, Tuolumne County  
Mark Azzouni, CHMIA  
Nick Lapis, CAW  
Sara Weaver, CCC, Region III  
Tom Mattson, CEAC  
Walter Yu, Clean CA

*Other Attendees*

Aaron Aceves, Riverside County  
AJ Sekhon, Santa Clara County EH  
Alvin VoTran, CalRecycle  
Amy Welch, Tuolumne County  
Bret Williamson, Santa Cruz County  
Catalina Valadez, LA County PW  
Chad Senior, Mono County  
Chris Huitt, State Lands Commission  
Diana Guzman, Burrtec  
Frankie Sanchez, San Benito County  
Jeff Bell, Solano County LEA  
Judondi Bolden, Oakland DA  
Julian Lopez, CalRecycle Engineer  
Julie D'Ambruoso, San Joaquín PW/SW  
Kaylyn Turnil, San Rafael WM  
Kelly Ables, DTSC

Kristen Sales, Zero Waste Sonoma  
Kristine Gonzalez, Waste Connections  
Liliana Myers, Torrance  
Mary Ann LoBalbo, Santa Cruz County  
Mona Martinez, Oakland Enviro Bureau  
Pami Mukkherjee, South Coast AQMD  
Paulina Lawrence, CalRecycle PAB  
Rebecca Guevara, Oxnard  
Robert Dalbeck, South Coast AQMD  
Sonia Wills, Santa Clara Co CCO  
Stephanie Becker, CalRecycle/IDTAC  
Steve Santa Croce, CalRecycle Sup  
Engineer  
Sunny Pannu, Recycle Depot  
Ted Martin, Tulare County

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