

Enforcement Advisory Council (EAC)

Solid Waste Management Through Partnership

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 08, 2026

09:05 AM – 09:56 AM

Online Meeting (Zoom)

I. Introductions:

Norma Campos-Bernal	Santa Barbara County/ Southwestern Roundtable & EAC Chair
Alphonso Andrade	Imperial County/ Southern Roundtable Chair
George Kasikarin	Los Angeles City/ Southern City LEAs Chair & EAC Co-Vice Chair
Allen Chiu	San Mateo County/ Bay Area Roundtable Chair & EAC Co-Vice Chair
Hany Benjamin	Calaveras County/ North Central Roundtable Co-Chair
Chad San Juan	Kern County/ South Central Roundtable Co-Chair
Mark de Bie	CalRecycle
Nevin Yeates	CalRecycle
Martin Perez	CalRecycle
Carley Bartlet	CalRecycle
Alvin VoTran	CalRecycle
Cordero Rychard	CalRecycle
Stephanie Becker	CalRecycle
Dana Hachigian	CalRecycle
Eric Yee	CalRecycle
Kim Sellards	CalRecycle
Lea Gibson	CalRecycle
Wes Mindermann	CalRecycle

II. Agenda Review (late additions):

A. No late additions

III. Approval of Previous EAC Meeting Minutes

A. EAC Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2025 (TTS Monterey, CA)

1. Motion to approve: Campos-Bernal
2. 2nd: Kasikarin

IV. EAC Resolutions, Status and Updates

A. Jurisdictional Updates

1. No new jurisdictional updates

V. CalRecycle Discussion Items

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

1. Robert Carlson replaced Paulina Lawrence as the new Branch Chief of the Permitting and Assistance Branch
- Zack McCormack - SWES Inspection and Enforcement Agency Compliance Unit A supervisor
 1. Zack McCormack accepted the position of Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor for the Inspection and Enforcement Agency Compliance Unit A in the Solid Waste Enforcement Section.
 - Elizabeth Vaughan-Pfand - SWES LEA Evaluations supervisor
 1. Elizabeth Vaughan-Pfand promoted to the position of Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor for the LEA Evaluation Unit in the Solid Waste Enforcement Section.
 - 2.
 3. Legislation update
 - a. **AB 411** – Approved by Governor
 - i. Current law prohibits a dead animal hauler or any other person from transporting a dead animal to any place, other than to certain specified facilities or destinations, unless a certain waiver is granted by the State Veterinarian, as specified. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt and revise minimum standards for solid waste handling, transfer, composting, transformation, and disposal, as prescribed. Pursuant to this authority, the department has adopted a regulation that prohibits the composting of unprocessed mammalian tissue except when received from certain sources. This bill would, notwithstanding those prohibitions, authorize any part of a livestock carcass resulting from a routine livestock mortality event or on-farm processing to be composted if certain requirements are met, including, among others, that the composting is conducted in accordance with best management practices for livestock composting adopted by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, as specified.

Language in the bill speaks to adopting Best Management Practices, to include collaboration with LEAs and establishing procedures for noticing LEAs.

CDFA has started working with CalRecycle and the Water Board on the BMPs.

b. **SB 279** – Approved by Governor

- i. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt and revise regulations setting forth minimum standards for composting, in accordance with law. Current regulations require all compostable materials handling activities to obtain a permit prior to commencing operations and to comply with specified requirements. Current regulations specify 4 regulatory tiers for composting operations, with different requirements for each tier. The 4 tiers are excluded, enforcement agency notification, registration permit, and full solid waste facility permit. In the excluded tier, existing regulations specify the “excluded activities” that do not constitute compostable material handling operations or facilities and, therefore, are not subject to permit requirements or other regulatory requirements. One of the excluded activities is the composting of green material, agricultural material, food material, and vegetative food material, alone or in combination, if the total amount of feedstock and compost onsite at any one time does not exceed 100 cubic yards and 750 square feet. This bill would expand this excluded activity exemption for composting activities by eliminating the maximum square-foot condition and authorizing a total amount of feedstock and compost onsite at any one time of up to 200 cubic yards, or 500 cubic yards for a composting activity owned by a public agency, as defined.

These bills will require revisions to regulations, CalRecycle will look into rulemaking in 2026.

4. Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations will be amended to include the newly promulgated bills from above.

a. ...

B. Illegal Disposal Permanent Rulemaking (Martin Perez)

1. Check LEA Toolbox for updates on Land Application rules and regulations.
2. ...

C. Conference on Illegal Dumping (IDCon5), Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (IDTAC) Update (Stephanie Becker)

1. IDTAC continues to participate in and promote member Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley's Statewide Conference (IDCon5) on Illegal Dumping happening April 30 to May 1, 2026. Now 5 years strong with past content available, the IDTAC helps disseminate this information and continues to work on their own illegal dumping toolbox which continues to be revamped and has been a needed asset and repository for many.

D. Technical Training Series Discussion and Training Update (Lea Gibson)

1. Online On-Demand Training of the recent TTS will be available only until June 30, 2026 due to contract limitation. Please utilize immediately to get the CEUs before the link expires.
2. Next TTS may possibly be in San Diego County – TBA soon.
3. Met with CCDEH and asked EAC members to budget for attendance at TTS.
4. More training coming in 2026.

VI. Public Comment Period

- A. No one from the public was present at today's meeting.**

VII. Next EAC Meeting and Close Meeting:

- A.** Next EAC Meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.
- B.** Close Meeting: 9:56 AM