

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Olivia Sanchez on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sanchez led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Members present:

Holly Stuart, City of Banning
Jacqueline Zukeran, City of Corona
Charles Russell, City of Hemet
Angelic Davis, City of Moreno Valley
David Clayton, City of San Jacinto
Rodney Tidwell, City of Temecula
Olivia Sanchez, County of Riverside (Chair)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (San Jacinto / Moreno Valley) 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. Items 5.A through 5.C were approved. Representatives from the Cities of Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, and Wildomar were not present.

A. Summary Minutes from the November 18, 2020, Solid Waste Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the November 18, 2020, Solid Waste Committee meeting.*

B. Residential and Commercial Rate Survey 2020/2021

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program – Cycle 4 Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. California Recycling Compliance Guidelines

Jill Larner of CalRecycle provided a presentation on compliance updates and an overview of CalRecycle's website updates. CalRecycle has resource pages that include FAQs related to the implementation of SB 1383. The website also has a procurement calculator tool which has been released for stakeholders' use. This Tool will help jurisdictions plan and track procurement activities.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. SB 1383 Implementation

Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG Senior Analyst, reported on the implementation surrounding SB 1383, which has specific target goals of 50% reduction of organic waste by 2020, 75% reduction of organic waste by 2025, and 20% edible food recovered for consumption by 2025. As of January 1, 2020, cities should already have 50% reduction in organic waste disposal. In January 2022, regulation takes effect and the State begins enforcement. By January 1, 2024, regulation requires local governments to begin enforcement. Staff is seeking direction from member agencies to draft a letter to local Assembly members requesting an extension of SB 1383 implementation requirements.

Cal Cities has been collaborating statewide with jurisdictions about the concerns of the SB 1383 implementation date. Cal Cities performed a survey with 194 cities, and 92% responded indicating they will need to do a rate increase for organic recycling in the next three years. SB 1383 implementation was the number one cost driver identified and number two was the lack of organic recycling infrastructure. Cal Cities is requesting a one-year delay for implementation.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Pollution Prevention Initiative

Kyle Rodriguez provided information on the collaboration effort of a Pollution Prevention Initiative with the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. The Initiative will support marketing and awareness on illegal disposal and littering, using online platforms. Program goals include quantifiable results tracking litter removal, increased pollution prevention, meeting objectives with the MS4 Permits, and complying with California mandates related to solid waste, recycling, and household hazardous waste, which aligns with WRCOG's Energy & Environmental Programs.

This initiative is County-wide, and the tools will be provided to cities to host clean-up events in a COVID-19-friendly environment.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no items for general announcements.

9. NEXT MEETING: The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee adjourned at 1:38 p.m.