

Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair David Clayton at 1:00 p.m. on May 19, 2021, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Clayton led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Holly Stuart
- City of Corona - Jacqueline Zukeran
- City of Lake Elsinore - Nicole McCalmont
- City of Moreno Valley - Angelic Davis
- City of Perris - Liset Hernandez
- City of Riverside - Christina Navaratnam
- City of San Jacinto - David Clayton (Vice-Chair)
- City of Wildomar - Les Chapman
- County of Riverside - Kathleen Utter

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (San Jacinto / Moreno Valley) 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A through 5.C were approved. The Cities of Banning and Riverside did not respond.

A. Summary Minutes from the February 17, 2021, Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the February 17, 2021, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

B. Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program - Cycle 4 Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. ReCollect Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. SB 1383 / SB 619 Implementation

Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG Senior Analyst, provided a status and timeline of implementation for Senate Bill (SB) 1383 and the potential delay on mandates due to COVID-19. With the collaboration of Cal Cities, local waste haulers, and Committee members, staff held a discussion on the potential extension of implementing SB 1383, which would allow agencies more time to recover from the pandemic. On March 1, 2021, WRCOG's Executive Committee directed staff to submit a letter to local Assembly members requesting extension of implementation on behalf of all WRCOG's member agencies.

SB 619 (legislation pending) was previously focused on moving the implementation of SB 1383 from January 1, 2022, to an unspecified later date but was amended to retain the original date and instead focus on protecting jurisdictions from penalties until two years after the effective date of regulations. This means CalRecycle would only be required to impose a penalty on local jurisdictions only if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort, as determined by CalRecycle, to comply with the regulations.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. Organic Capacity and Infrastructure Survey

Angelic Davis, Purchasing Division Manager with the City of Moreno Valley, provided the results and overview of a survey sent out to member agencies about Organic Capacity and Infrastructure. This survey will help WRCOG determine the status of each member agencies' current compliance and capacity planning in regards to SB 1383, AB 341, and AB 1826. With the results, staff plans to further conversations regarding Riverside County's Organic Processing.

Staff has asked that all agencies complete the survey by June 30, 2021.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG Senior Analyst, provided an update on the status of Oil Payment Program (OPP) cycle 12 and the Used Oil and Filter Voucher Exchange Program. Applications for CalRecycle's OPP Cycle 12 are due no later than June 30, 2021. WRCOG will provide a sample Letter of Authorization to all member agencies interested in participating in the regional Used Oil Program. A Regional Lead Participant must be designated to act on behalf of all participating jurisdictions. A Letter of Authorization is used for regional applications. WRCOG has served as the Lead applicant for the subregion since 2009. The Lead is the applicant who will be responsible for the performance of the OPP

and all required documentation. CalRecycle will direct all official correspondence and payments to the Lead. If a jurisdiction is a participant in a regional application, it may not apply individually.

WRCOG has developed a new process to engage the public on used motor oil recycling with safety and health in mind. Digital campaigns are being utilized to educate the public on where to properly recycle their used oil and exchange old filters for free new ones. Members of the public participate via Facebook by clicking an advertisement that will open an online survey to complete, at which time participants will receive a voucher upon completion. The voucher will provide the date, time, and instructions for participation and must be presented at the auto store to complete the filter exchange. Exchanges will be available on Saturdays and Sundays during available store hours. Staff corresponds with each auto parts store before events, confirming safety measures and procedures are in place.

WRCOG is offering the EcoHero show to member agencies' school partners. EcoHero is a helpful resource that introduces environmental topics such as used oil recycling and household hazardous waste through songs, dance, and music videos, while explaining to students how they can make an impact at home and school. EcoHero provides school partners with the option of in-person or virtual streamed shows. WRCOG staff will continue to utilize virtual education and outreach in the subregion; however, a member agency may request an in-person show. WRCOG enlisted EcoHero to conduct 30 additional virtual streaming shows throughout the remainder of the school year across the subregion, and staff will provide an updated calendar to member agencies once it becomes available. There have been 12 completed EcoHero Shows in 2021; a final report will be provided by the end of the 2020/2021 School Year.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. SoCal AltCar Live Event Recap

Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG Senior Analyst, provided a recap of the SoCal AltCar live event that took place on April 21, 2021. AltCar Expo Live, hosted by the WRCOG, brought together fleet managers, sustainability directors, business owners, legislators, industry professionals, and the public in a forum for alternative fuel vehicles and technologies. The event was hosted in partnership with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), the State of California Energy Commission (CEC), the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz). Event sponsors included the University of California, Riverside (UCR), the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), SoCal Gas, the Department of General Services, Clean Cities, the City of Riverside, Veloz, Plug-in America, and Southern California Edison (SCE). The first panel, moderated by Marco Anderson, Program Manager at SCAG, focused on state agency updates with an extended question and answer session. Panelists Tyson Eckerle, Deputy Director of ZEV Market Development at GoBiz, and Elizabeth John from the Advanced Fuels and Technologies Office of the CEC, shared the latest news regarding state agency funding, policy, and programs. The second panel focused on current best practices and case studies. Panelists included Tracy Sato, Power Resources Manager of Customer Strategies at Riverside Public Utilities, Aaron R. Dyer, Senior Project Manager of eMobility Strategy and Program Development at SCE, and Jonathan Palacios-Avila, President and Co-Founder of Stratos Fuel. The event also included video field trips and vehicle demonstrations, a networking session, and a raffle for an electric bike and other prizes.

WRCOG has hosted two other AltCar Live sessions that took place in June and October 2020. The AltCar series featured agency updates from CARB, AQMD, CEC, and more, with extended questions and answers from participants.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.