

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Charles Russell via the digital platform, Zoom.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Members present:

Holly Stuart, City of Banning
Karee Keyser, City of Beaumont
Jacqueline Zukeran, City of Corona
Miguel Ramirez, City of Eastvale
Charles Russell, City of Hemet, Chair
Sean McGovern, City of Jurupa Valley
Angelic Davis, City of Moreno Valley
Louie Lacasella, City of Murrieta
Liset Hernandez, City of Perris
Stacey Biddle, City of Temecula
Les Chapman, City of Wildomar
Olivia Sanchez, County of Riverside

Staff present:

Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer
Casey Dailey, Director of Energy & Environmental Programs
Tyler Masters, Program Manager
Kyle Rodriguez, Staff Analyst
Suzy Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Linda Krupa, City of Hemet
Jasmin Rivera, City of Moreno Valley
Nancy Noriega, City of Moreno Valley
William Carrasco, City of Corona
Kathleen Utter, County of Riverside
David Davis, MSW Consultants
Girard Mobley, MSW Consultants
Glenda Chavez, Waste Management
Lisa Llamas, Waste Management
Rhiannon McCollough, CalRecycle
Ignacio Valdivia, CR&R
Loren Scott, MSW Consultants
Chen Newman, MSW Consultants

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. MINUTES (*Jurupa Valley / Wildomar*) 12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. Item 4.A was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Riverside, and San Jacinto were not present.

A. Summary Minutes from the February 19, 2020, Solid Waste Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the February 19, 2020, Solid Waste Committee meeting.*

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. California Recycling Requirements and SB 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants Update

Kyle Rodriguez provided an update on CalRecycle's revised draft of Senate Bill (SB) 1383. The Office of Administration Law (OAL) concluded its formal comment period and all comments were to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2020. The final regulatory text and rulemaking documents approved by the OAL will be posted on CalRecycle's Rulemaking page of its website.

To support the subregion's recycling and waste diversion goals and strengthen edible food recovery programs, WRCOG, the Rural County Representatives of California, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, and others are jointly supporting Assembly Bill (AB) 2612 (Maienschein, Reducing Waste Through Strategic Investment). WRCOG staff is working with local State Assembly members to support the legislation. If passed, AB 2612 will provide funding for local governments, with edible food recovery assisting the region meet SB 1383 requirements.

WRCOG's Public Service Fellowship Program has been postponed from July 2020 to September 2020, due to the impacts of COVID-19. All Fellowship applications are due from the requesting host agency and applying Fellow by July 31, 2020. The Fifth Round of the Program is set to conclude in May 2021. Please reach out to Rachel Singer, rsinger@wrcog.us with any questions. Fellows can work on a variety of tasks to support member agencies, including SB 1383 efforts, if it aligns with an applicant's interests.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. CalRecycle Electronic Annual Reporting Activities Update

Kyle Rodriguez reported that, on an annual basis, staff prepares the Electronic Annual Reports (EAR) on behalf of 11 member jurisdictions which request WRCOG to complete. Staff have begun requesting from member jurisdictions its diversion tonnage reports, program information on Mandatory Commercial Recycling / Mandatory Organics Recycling, and total covered business recycling; the data is then entered in an online database. Both the online tool and the EAR will allow WRCOG, local jurisdictions, waste haulers, and CalRecycle to draft a report well in advance of the submission due date of August 1, 2020.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Kyle Rodriguez reported that due to COVID-19 all oil and outreach events in the subregion have been postponed through June 30, 2020. WRCOG is changing its social media target goals and advertisements and is now promoting public announcements with online resources to help recycle used motor oil and other household hazardous waste. On April 17, 2020, WRCOG began a brand awareness campaign using short videos and made impressions online to more than 100k viewers.

Applications for CalRecycle's used Oil Payment Program (OPP) Cycle 11 are due no later than June 30, 2020. Staff will be providing a sample Letter of Authorization to all member jurisdictions that are interested in participating in the regional Used Oil Program.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, WRCOG has paused all school outreach efforts and has partnered with EcoHero to provide schools with a resourceful webinar that introduces eco-topics through song, dance, and music videos, on how students can make an impact at home and school. On May 13, 2020, Glen Avon Elementary, located in the City of Jurupa Valley, was the first to live-stream an EcoHero show in the subregion. The virtual show was a success and WRCOG will continue using the virtual shows and will provide notices for the upcoming schedule to its members.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Kathleen Utter shared that the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources has sent out informational lists of outreach events for 2020, HHW info sheets, and green waste disposal tonnages, to all jurisdictions. Please get in touch with her if you did not receive them.

Committee member Olivia Sanchez announced that the SoCal Waste forum will be held on May 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

8. NEXT MEETING: **The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., via the Zoom platform.**

9. ADJOURNMENT: **The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee adjourned at 1:31 p.m.**