

Solid Waste Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee was called to order by WRCOG Program Manager Olivia Sanchez at 1:00 p.m. on August 17, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - James Grunewald
- City of Corona - William Carrasco
- City of Eastvale - Simone Blackwell
- City of Hemet - Charles Russell
- City of Jurupa Valley - Andrea Mejia
- City of Lake Elsinore - Nicole McCalmont
- City of Menifee - Kori Jones
- City of Murrieta - Louie Lacasella
- City of Riverside - Christina Navaratnam*
- City of San Jacinto - Caleb Hargis
- City of Wildomar - Robert Howell

*Arrived after Roll Call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. SELECTION OF SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023

A. Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Action:

1. Selected Caleb Hargis, City of San Jacinto, as Chair, and Andrea Mejia, City of Jurupa Valley, as Vice-Chair.

(Wildomar / Hemet) 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. The City of Banning did not respond. Item 5.A was approved.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Hemet / Menifee) 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. The City of Banning did not

respond. Items 5.A through 5.C were approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the February 16, 2022, Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the February 16, 2022, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

B. EcoHero Shows Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Solid Waste Legislative Update

Doug Kobold, Executive Director of the California Product Stewardship Council, provided a review of signed assembly and senate bills that effect solid waste, packaging, California refund value programs, hazardous waste, PFAS and energy conservation.

There were 4,442 bills introduced to the Legislature; 135 solid waste-related bills are making their way through the Assembly and Senate.

Bills to watch include solid waste, grants, and local jurisdiction assistance.

AB 332 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials. Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards) does not require all treated wood waste as hazardous.

AB 504 (McCarty. Solid waste: commercial and organic waste: recycling bins) adds the requirements of organics recycling bins at a business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste.

AB 707 (Quirk. Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2021) encourages the proper disposal of mercury thermostats by providing a \$30.00 rebate per thermostat.

AB 962 (Kamlager. California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: reusable beverage containers) added reusable / refillable glass bottles to the program.

AB 1201 (Ting. Solid waste: products: labeling: compostability and biodegradability) requires the manufacturers of compostable materials and products to certify that that are.

AB 1311 (Wood. Recycling: beverage containers) added language for bag drops to the funding mechanisms.

SB 54 (Allen. Solid waste: reporting, packaging, and plastic food service ware) allowed for the three signers of the plastic initiatives to remove this item from the ballot measure.

SB 158 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. Hazardous waste) established the Board that is now governing the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

SB 343 (Allen. Environmental advertising: recycling symbol: recyclability: products and packaging) requires that items with the chasing arrows must be proven by the manufacturer as recyclable.

SB 619 (Laird. Organic waste: reduction regulations: local jurisdiction compliance) set March 1, 2022, as the date in which Notification of Intent to Comply had to be filed with regard to SB 1383.

Bills to watch include AB 1749, AB 1857, and SB 45.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. SB 1383 Capacity Planning Activities Update

Olivia Sanchez, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that WRCOG has worked with MSW Consultants to provide assistance for the required capacity planning activity for organics and edible food recovery as required by Senate Bill (SB) 1383.

Dave Davis and Lucas Arias, MSW Consultants, reported that the purpose of SB 1383 is to keep organics out of the landfill. The goal is to reduce organics to landfills by 50% and to reduce the loss of edible food by 20%. The purpose of capacity planning is to support the goals of SB 1383.

MSW calculated recoverable edible food disposed from commercial edible food (tier) generators and created a report that was submitted to Riverside County on the amount of capacity for organics and edible food, which was then incorporated in a report to CalRecycle, per SB 1383 regulations. It should be noted that SB 1383 requirements do not include residential recoverable edible food.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Kobold, Executive Director of the California Product Stewardship Council, announced that the California Supreme Court recently made a decision regarding Zolly vs. the City of Oakland regarding franchise fees. Olivia Sanchez will email information out to the Committee.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 1:00

p.m., on the Zoom platform with the option for Committee members to attend in-person.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee adjourned at 2:19 p.m.