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SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK FORCE (SWAT)
Meeting Minutes of
04/15/2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Adelanto	Daniel Ramos (A)
Town of Apple Valley	Larry Cusack (D)
City of Chino Hills (Vice Chair)	Brian Johsz (D)
City of Colton	Kelly Chastain (D)
City of Grand Terrace	Jeff Allen (D)
City of Highland	Melissa Morgan (A)
City of Rancho Cucamonga	Ryan Hutchison (D)
City of Victorville	John Davis (A)
SBCo. BOS, Fourth District	Rebecca Boydston (A)
Burrtec	Michael Arreguin (D)
Athens	Randon Lane (A)

OTHERS PRESENT:

SBCo. DPW-SWMD	Marc Rodabaugh
SBCo. DPW-SWMD	Adriana Ramirez
SBCo. DPW-SWMD	Suzan Garrido
SBCo. DPW-SWMD	Sharon Mitchell
SBCo. County Counsel	Jolena Grider
SBCo. EHS	Noah Westbury
SBCo. EHS	Nicole Hernandez
Burrtec	Michael Heftman
Athens	Valerie Carrizates
City of Colton	Jessica Sutorus
City of Colton	Kelly Chastain
City of Chino	Xochitl Huerta
City of Chino Hills	Marlene Siu
City of Chino Hills	Susan Shaker
City of Loma Linda	John Trujillo
City of Hesperia	Tammy Pelayes
City of Rancho Cucamonga	Linda Ceballos
City of Rialto	Yazdan Emrani
Town of Yucca Valley	Jessica Rice
Town of Apple Valley	Julie Ryan
Helendale CSD	Cheryl Vermette
CAA	Saul Avila
CAA	Hashem Shokior
CAA	Daphne Hulse

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(D) = Delegate (A) = Alternate

I. Call to Order and Roll Call:
Meeting called to order by Brian Johsz-Vice Chair, at 1:30pm
Roll Call by Adriana Ramirez. Quorum is present.

II. Informational items including the SWAT Roster and Minutes, Technical Committee Roster, LEA Projects Listing, and Legislation update, Freepoint Eco-systems San Bernardino Unincorporated Jurisdiction NDFE Amendment, and SWAT Background/Purpose Information. If anyone has not received a copy of those materials and would like them, please send an email to Ms. Ramirez and they will be provided.

III. SWAT membership:

A. Public member appointments are for a two-year term. Vice chair requested for an updated roster. City of Rialto Public Works director Yazdan Emrani stated he is representing his city. Jeff Allen with the city of Grand Terrace inquired about changing the alternate.
B. SWAT Technical Committee: NONE

IV. Approve SWAT Membership Roster: No vote was taken.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes 04/15/2026
APPROVED
Motion/Second: Daniel Ramos /Jeff Allen
AYES: Unanimous

VI. Technical Committee:

A. Meeting Report - Linda Ceballos gave a brief update on the report and presentations.
B. SWAT Technical Committee Roster: No vote was taken.

VII. Legislation Update: Presented by Linda Ceballos

A. Linda Cabellos provided updates on: AB 762, AB 1153, AB 2076, AB 2100, AB 2245, AB 2253, AB 2462, AB 2559, SB 758, SB 922, SB 936, SB 1230, and SB 1371.
B. There was further discussion regarding AB 2462, AB 2559, and SB 922.
    a) *SB 2462:* There was discussion regarding recalled products, including Anker rechargeable batteries and bags with lead-based screen printing. These items had to be accepted at household hazardous waste facilities, resulting in additional costs for local jurisdiction
    b) *SB 2559:* There was discussion regarding the requirement for a city or county to return the full deposit when documentation demonstrates

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compliance with the diversion requirement. The documentation period would be extended to three years. There was also discussion regarding staff time and administrative fees. It was clarified that the permit or administrative fee must be separate from the deposit.

c) *SB 922:* There was discussion regarding fees for heavy vehicles. It was clarified that the provision applies to solid waste franchise rate structures and not individual heavy vehicles. The discussion also referenced the original lawsuit involving Redlands.

C. Melissa shared that CARB just released for 15-day comment advance clean fleet regulations. She stated in the past it excluded franchise agreements and that the revised regulations now include contracted fleets.

VIII. LEA Projects Update: Presented by Noah Westbury

A. Noah Westbury presented updates on projects in process: Rialto BioEnergy Facility, CEMEX Black Mountain Quarry, Freepoint Ecosystems, and Yucca Valley Transfer Station.
B. Completed Projects included: Victorville Sanitary Landfill, Trails End Transfer Station, Trona-Argus Transfer Station, Yucca Valley Transfer Station, Big Bear Transfer Station.
C. A question was asked regarding the change in feed stock related to the Rialto facility and its hours of operation. It was noted that the facility changed from operating six days per week to seven days per week and expanded its operating hours.
D. Noah also provided information such as new permits and permit revisions are updated and can be found on the LEA website.

IX. SWAT Formation Discussion - Sharon Mitchell

A. Presentation given about the formation and purpose of SWAT and the County's role to convene the local task force.
B. Discussions after the presentation involved comparing how other County task forces operate, the SWAT meeting frequency, whether or not having a more robust meeting or receiving approval to allow remote attendance would be beneficial, surveying SWAT members to ask what they want the scope of the SWAT meetings to be.
C. A question was asked about the history of the Zero Waste Communities and whether or not that type of collaborative group could be re-formed.
D. The Vice Chair asked that SWAT members and staff contact him or County staff with any ideas or recommendations about the SWAT meeting.

X. Presentation:

A. SB 54 - Circular Action Alliance (CAA) - Hashem Shokair

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a) There was a presentation on SB 54 and the role of Circular Action Alliance (CAA).
b) John Davis gave an example discussed at the Plastic Recycling conference about the recycling rates that will be required by SB 54. Hashem Shokair with CAA responded that the goal is lofty but that it's fully funded and there is no expectation that it's going to get done in five years.

XI. Member Comment: No Comment

XII. Public Comment: No Comment

XIII. Next scheduled meeting date: October 21, 2026

XIV. Adjourned 2:45 PM

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