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SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK-FORCE (SWAT)
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2021

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MEMBERS PRESENT

John Davis-Chair (A)	City of Victorville
Joslyn Blakely (A)	City of Chino
Linda Ceballos (A)	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Thomas Coates (A)	City of Ontario
Abigail Gomez (D)	City of Fontana
Sharon Mitchell (A)	SBCo.SWMD
Susan Shaker (A)	City of Chino Hills
Alejandra Silva (D)	Cemex

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Suzan Garrido	SBCo.SWMD
Rhiannon Garza	SBCo.SWMD
Ariella Lewis	SBCo.SWMD
Araceli Sahagun	SBCo SWMD
Tawni Norberg	SBCo.SWMD
Crystal Chavez-Jones	SBCo.SWMD
Marc Rodabaugh	SBCo.SWMD
Kimberly Tra	SBCo.LEA
Rodney Tolosa	SBCo.LEA
Tamara King	SBCo.LEA
Jaime Caron	City of Hesperia

(D) SWAT Delegate

(A) SWAT Alternate

I. Call to Order and Self Introductions: Meeting called to order at 1:30 P.M. by **John Davis**. Roll call Taken. Quorum present.

II. Action Item:
Accept/Approval of minutes from Technical Committee meeting of September 23, 2020. Motion/Second: **Sharon Mitchell/ Alejandra Silva**.
Unanimously approved

III. Legislation update. John Davis

1. On February 16, DTSC provided an update on the roll-out of the Treated Wood Waste Variance Program. DTSC has been accepting disposal facility variance applications. The list of treated wood waste disposal sites with DTSC variances was posted on March 5th and is continually updated. Other variance types apply to generators and haulers. AB 332, introduced on February 28, is a bill that could help fix the current problems with management of treated wood waste.
2. CPSC, CAW, and RethinkWaste are co-sponsoring SB 289 (Berman) this legislative session, proposing a new EPR program for all loose and embedded batteries. This bill will help prevent battery fires and saves local government money.
3. AB 478 (Ting): Minimum content: Assemblymember Ting, author of last year's AB 793 (requiring minimum recycled content in plastic beverage containers), has introduced AB 478 to require similar standards in PET thermoform containers (i.e. plastic berry boxes).
4. AB 962 (Kamlager) California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: reusable beverage containers: Would add reusable beverage containers to the Beverage Container Recycling Program.

5. AB 881 (Gonzalez, L.) Plastic Waste: Diversion: Recycling: Export: Would reclassify the export of mixed plastic waste as disposal instead of diversion.
6. AB 1201 (Ting) Solid waste: plastic products: labeling: compostability and biodegradability: Would prohibit the sale of plastic products labeled "compostable," "home compostable," or "soil biodegradable" unless the product meets specified standards, including no added PFASs.
7. AB 1276 (Carrillo) Single-Use Food Accessories: Would amend the plastic straw ban statute to prohibit a food facility or a third-party food delivery platform from providing single-use food accessories to consumers unless requested by the consumer, or unless necessary to protect public health and safety or safe delivery.
8. SB 54 (Allen) Solid waste: disposable packaging and food ware: Beginning January 1, 2032, producers would be required to sell single-use, disposable packaging and food service ware that is recyclable or compostable.
9. SB 38 (Wieckowski) Beverage containers: Would require beverage distributors to establish a beverage container stewardship organization and implement certain components of the Beverage Container Recycling Program.
10. SB 343 (Allen) Recyclable labeling: SB 343 would ban the use of any misleading symbol or term claiming recyclability of a product if it is not truly recyclable, as determined by the state department.
11. SB 605 (Eggman) Right-to-Repair: SB 605, also known as the Medical Device Right to Repair Act, would require powered medical equipment manufacturers to provide parts and manuals for repair to authorized repair providers.
12. AB 1454 (Bloom) Beverage Container Recycling: This bill would establish the Beverage Container Recycling Program Advisory Board, consisting of 9 members in specified categories appointed by the Director of Resources Recycling and Recovery, and would require the department to consult with the board when initiating, reviewing, or expanding policies, guidelines, or budgetary changes impacting the beverage container recycling program. The bill would provide that board members are entitled to payment of necessary traveling expenses, to be paid, upon appropriation by the Legislature from the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, to the board for that purpose
13. SB 54 (Allen/Wiener/Stern/Gonzalez/Muratsuchi/Ting) [2]– Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act - SB 54 will ensure California is on the forefront of reducing pollution from single-use packaging and food service ware waste by keeping the most problematic disposable items out of the waste system, saving local governments millions of dollars in disposal costs, and protecting the environment. The bill requires producers to reduce disposables by right-sizing packaging and shifting to reusables where possible. It also sets ambitious recycling and composting requirements for the material that does enter the state, requiring all disposable packaging and food service ware to be truly recyclable or compostable by 2032.
14. SB 343 (Allen [3]) [3] – Truth in Labeling for Recyclable Material -SB 343 will reduce consumer confusion about which plastics are recyclable in California by building on California's "Truth in Environmental Advertising" law. This law prohibits the use of the word "recyclable" on products that are not. SB 343 will extend this prohibition to also include the chasing-arrows symbol, which most consumers believe denotes recyclability. This clarification will reduce contamination in the state's recycling system and enable consumers to make more informed choices.
15. AB 649 (Bennett [4]) – California Buy Recycler - This bill requires state agencies to adhere to the same minimum content standards for procurement as private industry. As California's state government is the largest single purchaser in the state, the focus on recycled products can only help grow the market-share of recycled content products. The bill covers not only the purchasing of products by agencies and departments, but service contracts with outside contractors as well.
16. AB 802 (Bloom) [5] – Microfiber Filtration in State and Commercial Facilities -In order to reduce the leakage of microfibers into our natural environment, AB 802 aims to identify the best available control technology for microfiber filtration and require state agencies as well as commercial and industrial facilities to adopt such technology.
17. AB 818 (Bloom) [6] – Wipes -Requires certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes to be labeled with the phrase "Do Not Flush" and prevents them from making flushable claims.
18. AB 1276 (Carrillo) [7]– Reduce Unnecessary Food Service Ware -AB 1276 will significantly reduce unnecessary waste and save businesses and local governments money. It expands the plastic straws upon request law to include other single-use food accessories, other food facilities, and third-party delivery platforms - including food that is taken away, delivered, or served on-site. Additionally, for specified restaurants, reusable food service ware is required for on-site dining.
19. AB 1371 (Friedman) [8] – Plastic Film in E-Commerce. AB 1371 will reduce harmful environmental and economic impacts of unnecessary single-use plastic by phasing out the use of plastic films — such as mailers, void fill and polystyrene peanuts — in e-commerce packaging.
20. AB 622 (Friedman) [9]– Microfiber Filtration in Consumer Washing Machines - AB 622 will reduce the flow of microplastics from washing machines into the environment by requiring all new washing machines sold in California to include a microfiber filtration device by 2024.
21. AB 881 (Gonzalez) [10] Recycling Export Reform - AB 881 would close the loophole in California law that enables exported mixed plastic waste to be deemed recycled even when it is landfilled, burned, dumped, or otherwise improperly managed. This would increase transparency and accountability for California's waste management to ensure recycling truly means recycled into new products.
22. AB 962 (Kamlager) [11] Returnable Beverage Bottles - AB 962 will pave the way for returnable beverage bottle systems in California by allowing returnable ("refillable") bottles to flow through the state's Beverage Container Recycling Program. Rather than being crushed for recycling, the bottles can be preserved to be washed and refilled by beverage producers.
23. AB 478 (Ting) [12] – Thermoform Minimum Content -This bill will support California's recycling industry by setting minimum recycled content requirements for plastic thermoform food containers (i.e. berry boxes). Similar to last year's AB 793, this bill would establish minimum recycled content using a phased approach – starting at 10% and eventually reaching 30%. The bill would also set penalties for manufacturers that do not meet the requirements, with the penalties increasing as the recycled content decreases.
24. AB 1201 (Ting) [13] – Compost - This bill bans the sale of plastic products that are labeled "compostable" unless it meets specified standards and criteria. Source URL: <https://sd26.senate.ca.gov/news/2021-03-09-ca-lawmakers-propose-package-new-laws-tackling-plastic-waste-reduction>

IV. LEA projects update: Kimberly Tra

1. In Process:

1. New: OES San Bernardino Digester- San Bernardino, CA- Enforcement Agency Notification. Research In-Vessel Digester.
2. New: Redwood Products- Ontario, CA – C&D Wood Debris Chipping and Grinding Operation- An Operations Plan has been submitted to the LEA.
3. Barstow Sanitary Landfill- Barstow, CA- Class III Disposal Facility- A Report of Facility Information (RFI) Amendment was received Phase 1B Liner Expansion.
4. Victorville Sanitary Landfill- Victorville, CA- Class III Disposal Facility- A Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision application was received by the LEA. Changes to the permit include correction to the site capacity to 93.4 million cubic yards and an update to the Joint Technical Document related to the handling and use of Construction Demolition and Inert debris and Green materials on site. The application packages were provided to CalRecycle for concurrence. January 2021

2. Completed: (July 2020- Current)

1. San Timoteo Sanitary Landfill- Redlands, CA- Class III Disposal Facility- A Permit Modification was accepted to make update to the SWFP. Changes to the permit included correction of the site capacity to 23,685,785 million cubic yards and an update to the estimated closure date to January 2041. The RFI was also updated to reflect operational changes related to the use of processed green material as alternative daily cover (ADC), handling and processing of green waste materials, and chipping and grinding activities on site, and the addition of the use of processed construction and demolition material as ADC. – Permit Issued December 28, 2020 Completed
2. Yucca Valley Transfer Station- Yucca Valley, CA- Large Volume Transfer/Processing Facility- A Solid Waste Facility Permit application was received and accepted by the LEA. A Transfer Processing Report was received with the application package. – Permit Issued March 2021 Completed

3. Incoming Projects:

1. SCOR Industries- Rialto, CA- Medium Volume CDI Facility- Facility currently permitted under a Registration Permit. Applying for a Full SWFP application.
2. Rialto Bioenergy Facility- Rialto, CA- In-Vessel Digester- A Draft Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision application to include Transfer Processing Report with pyrolysis were submitted to the LEA for review. Documents are under review. January 2021.
3. Victor Valley Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station- Victorville, CA- Large Volume Transfer/Processing Facility- A draft Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Application and Transfer Processing Report were submitted to the LEA. To increase composting materials to 200 TPD. The documents are under review. Official Submittal Pending. December 2020.
4. Inland Regional MRF and Transfer Station- Colton, CA- Large Volume Transfer/Processing Facility- CEQA documents were submitted to the LEA for review. Documents under review. Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision application package pending submittal. December 2020.
5. CEMEX EMSW Kiln 2- Apple Valley, CA- Engineered Municipal Solid Waste Conversion Facility- A draft TPR and CEQA documents were submitted to the LEA for review.
6. Fort Irwin Sanitary Landfill- Fort Irwin, CA- Class III Disposal Facility- A draft RFI update has been submitted. Pending official final RFI Amendment submittal.
7. New: Clean Street Highland Transfer Operation- Highland, CA- Limited Volume Transfer Operation- A draft Operations Plan has been submitted to the LEA. An official submittal of the final draft is pending.
8. Agua Mansa Landfill Inc- Rialto, CA- Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operation- Amendments to the Operation Plan are pending official submittal.
9. New: Circle Green – Composting Facility – A Draft RCS/OIMP package was received by the LEA. Documents are currently under review

V. Roster changes: Susan Shaker Was approved to be on the Tech. Committee

1. Jaime Caron of the City of Hesperia wants to be added SWAT Tech

VI. SWAT agenda recommendations/new business: SWAT is on April 21, 2021.

1. SB 1383 Implementation -presented by

1. Sharon Mitchell is going to reach out to CalRecycle to see if they are willing to present on this topic

2. Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling Recommendations – presented by

1. Presented by John Davis

VII. Next Technical meeting on September 15, 2021

VIII. Member Comment: None

IX. Public Comment: None

X. Adjourned at 2:44 PM.