



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

AGENDA

**Wednesday, August 21, 2024
1:00 PM**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
3390 University Avenue, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92501**

Remote Meeting Locations:

**City of Lake Elsinore
Conference Room B
130 S. Main Street
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530**

**City of Menifee
CSD Conference Room
29995 Evans Road
Menifee, CA 92586**

**City of Murrieta
City Manager's Conference Room - 2C
1 Town Square
Murrieta, CA 92562**

Committee members are asked to attend this meeting in person unless remote accommodations have previously been requested and noted on the agenda. The below Zoom link is provided for the convenience of members of the public, presenters, and support staff.

[Public Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 879 5661 0348
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The Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Andrea Mejia, Chair)**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **SELECTION OF SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

A. Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair

Requested Action(s):

1. Select a Solid Waste Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public can address the Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. Action Minutes from the February 21, 2024, Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s):

1. Approve the Action Minutes from the February 21, 2024, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

B. Approval of the Solid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule for 2025

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve the schedule of Solid Waste Committee meetings for 2025.

C. Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized items at the time the item is called for discussion.

A. Recycle From Home Presentation

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

B. SB 1383 Activities and Food Rescue Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Committee meetings.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Committee.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in WRCOG's office at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

11. ADJOURNMENT



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair
Contact: Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: August 21, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Select a Solid Waste Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Summary:

The Chair and Vice-Chair serve on an annual basis, with a term that runs through the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). This meeting is the first one for this fiscal year; therefore, the Committee must select a Solid Waste Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to select leadership for the Solid Waste Committee leadership for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. This item supports WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

WRCOG would like to recognize outgoing Chair Andrea Mejia, City of Jurupa Valley, for leading the Solid Waste Committee meetings during the previous fiscal year. Staff appreciates her hard work and dedication in leading the meetings.

WRCOG's Committee leadership positions are selected at the start of each fiscal year. The leadership for the Executive Committee for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 is as follows:

Chair: Rita Rogers, City of Perris
 Vice-Chair: Brenda Dennstedt, Western Water
 2nd Vice-Chair: Jacque Casillas, City of Corona

Although there are no requirements for this pattern stipulated in WRCOG's JPA or Bylaws, historically, the Committee positions have coincided with those of the Executive Committee.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The actions of this item has no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.

Solid Waste Committee

Action Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Solid Waste Committee was called to order by Chair William Carrasco on February 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in WRCOG's office.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Carrasco led the Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Beaumont - Sue Foxworth
- City of Calimesa - Mari Shakir
- City of Corona - William Carrasco
- City of Eastvale - Simone Blackwell
- City of Hemet - Dan Cortese
- City of Jurupa Valley - Abigail Gomez
- City of Menifee - Kori Jones
- City of Moreno Valley - Anna Chacon*
- City of Murrieta - Isaac Bravo
- City of Perris - Liset Hernandez*
- City of Riverside - Christina Navaratnam*
- City of San Jacinto - Ruth Montoya*
- City of Temecula - Rodney Tidwell*
- County of Riverside - Janet Moreland

*Arrived after Roll Call

Absent:

- City of Banning
- City of Canyon Lake
- City of Lake Elsinore
- City of Perris
- City of Wildomar

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Jurupa Valley
SECONDER:	County of Riverside
AYES:	Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Riverside, Temecula, County of Riverside

A. Action Minutes from the November 15, 2023, Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the November 15, 2023, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

B. Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Regional Food Rescue & Technical Assistance Program Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. Environmental Department Program Overview

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Residential and Commercial Rate Survey Regarding Fees and Programs from Local Waste Haulers

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Janet Moreland announced that the County of Riverside was awarded \$1.2M in the ORG7 Organics grant to build a composting facility at the Badlands Moreno Valley Landfill. Additionally, flyers were mailed to households with information regarding resources for the disposal of sharps and medications. Lastly, there is an oriental fruit fly quarantine in place in which fruits and vegetables cannot be moved from properties where they are grown, nor compost that material.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in WRCOG's office at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of the Solid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule for 2025
Contact: Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: August 21, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Approve the schedule of Solid Waste Committee meetings for 2025.
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Summary:

All Solid Waste Committee meeting dates are proposed for the third Wednesday, quarterly, at 1:00 p.m.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to approve the schedule of the Solid Waste Committee meetings for 2025. This aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

Following are the proposed 2025 meeting dates for the Solid Waste Committee.

Committee	Day	Time	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Solid Waste	Quarterly, 3rd Wed.	1:00 p.m.	DARK	19	DARK	DARK	21	DARK	DARK	20	DARK	DARK	19	DARK

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Recycle From Home Presentation
Contact: Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: August 21, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

This item is a presentation by staff from Recycle From Home on its services and activities available in western Riverside County.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide a presentation on recycling from home. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments) and Goal #6.3 (Continuing to support the Solid Waste & Recycling Program).

Discussion:

Background

The waste diversion goals set by the State of California under legislation (AB 939, AB 341, AB 1826, AB 827, and SB 1383) require local jurisdictions to implement techniques that promote resident and business recycling and organic recycling. To regionally address these measures, WRCOG formed the Solid Waste Committee (SWC), comprised of participating WRCOG member agencies.

Present Situation

Recycle From Home offers a convenient recycling service for California residents in which CA CRV-labeled recyclable containers are collected directly from homes or businesses. Users can schedule a pickup online, and the collected items are processed with payments made electronically or by mailed check. The service covers Irvine, Corona, Riverside, and more, aiming to make recycling easier while providing financial incentives.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Solid Waste activities are included in the Agency's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 under the Solid Waste Fund (130).

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: SB 1383 Activities and Food Rescue Activities Update
Contact: Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: August 21, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

WRCOG's Environmental Department assists member agencies with addressing state mandates requiring education and outreach programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The waste diversion goals set by California under legislation (AB 939, AB 341, AB 1826, and SB 1383) require local jurisdictions to implement techniques that promote resident and business recycling and organic recycling. To regionally address these measures, WRCOG formed the Solid Waste Committee (SWC), comprised of participating WRCOG member agencies. This report highlights the collaborative efforts of WRCOG, MSW Consultants, and participating cities to develop a sustainable food recovery program that addresses environmental and social challenges.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an overview of the Environmental Department Programs. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region) and sub-goal #6.3 (Continuing to support the Solid Waste and Recycling Program).

Discussion:

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 mandates a 50% reduction in organic waste disposal from 2014 levels by the year 2020 and a 75% reduction by the year 2025 in California, as well as recovering 20% of edible food for human consumption by the year 2025. WRCOG, in collaboration with MSW Consultants, developed a regional food recovery program involving multiple cities to comply with these requirements. Site visits and inspections were conducted as part of the program, resulting in food donations. Moving forward, cities must enforce program requirements and penalties, with annual inspections and ongoing education, to ensure continued compliance with SB 1383.

SB 1383, also known as the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) Reduction Act, was enacted in California to address the significant impact of short-lived climate pollutants on global warming and public health. Local jurisdictions are responsible for implementing programs to achieve these goals, including providing organic waste collection services, education, and outreach. The regulation also emphasizes the importance of infrastructure development for composting and anaerobic digestion. Compliance with SB 1383 is crucial for meeting California's broader climate change and waste management objectives.

SB 1383 also mandates local jurisdictions to assess and plan for the necessary organic waste recycling capacity to achieve the mandated reduction targets. Jurisdictions must conduct capacity planning to ensure sufficient facilities for composting, anaerobic digestion, and other organic waste recycling methods are available. This planning includes identifying potential facility expansions or new facilities, collaborating with other jurisdictions, and reporting progress to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

WRCOG staff worked with MSW Consultants to assist in the capacity planning for the participating cities in the Regional Food Rescue Program. MSW also assisted Riverside County with this task. Reports were due to Riverside County on July 1 for submission to CalRecycle by August 1, 2024. Reports were finalized and provided to the County on July 1.

The WRCOG Regional Food Rescue Program was developed and implemented to assist member agencies in complying with SB 1383 edible food recovery requirements. This Program aims to educate commercial edible food generators (CEFGs) about their food donation obligations, increase access to food recovery organizations (FROs), monitor compliance, and identify gaps in food recovery capacity.

The Program includes five participating cities: Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, and San Jacinto. The team leading this effort includes WRCOG staff, MSW Consultants, DeGrave Communications, and Mariposa Eco Consulting. The online platform and database Careit were utilized to memorialize the rescue efforts, tonnages of food donations, and record inspections for both the CEFGs and the FROs.

DeGrave Communications led a multi-lingual public outreach and education campaign, producing various materials such as flyers, newsletters, social media posts, and a communication plan tailored for each city. A virtual workshop was conducted to train FROs on SB 1383 requirements. The workshop recording and outreach materials were widely disseminated to ensure broad participation and compliance.

The inspection program, developed with detailed written procedures, focused on educating CEFGs and FROs and establishing a compliance baseline. Inspections were conducted in 2023 and 2024, with CEFGs automatically onboarded onto Careit during visits. FROs were verified and trained on the platform, ensuring all food recovery entities were prepared to meet SB 1383 requirements.

In the first year, the team conducted 194 site visits, resulting in 148 inspections of CEFGs and 18 inspections of FROs. This reduced the number of CEFGs from 148 to 133, with 17% achieving compliance. Non-compliance was often due to inadequate on-site recordkeeping, which was addressed by introducing Careit as a solution. Site visits also helped distinguish regulated FROs from unregulated pantries, enhancing the accuracy of the database.

The Program has successfully increased food donations and the pounds of food recovered through

Careit. Since the Program started in 2023, 66 tons of food have been recovered from donations. Staff efforts have laid the groundwork for a robust food recovery program, enabling participating cities to meet SB 1383 requirements effectively.

For the Program's second year, cities must enforce food recovery program requirements and assign penalties to non-compliant generators, which started January 1, 2024. Annual inspections and ongoing education will ensure that new and existing Program participants comply with SB 1383, maintaining positive trends in food donation activities.

In addition, WRCOG staff also completed the electronic annual reports for 12 member agencies, which were submitted for the August 1 deadline.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to SB 1383 are included in the Agency's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 under the Solid Waste Fund (130).

Attachment(s):

None.