



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

AGENDA

**Wednesday, September 16, 2026
1:00 PM**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
1955 Chicago Avenue, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92507**

Remote Meeting Locations:

**City of Banning
Civic Center
99 East Ramsey Street
Banning, CA 92220**

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

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

**City of Moreno Valley
City Hall
14177 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92553**

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

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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 (Jacqueline Zukeran, Chair)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. 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.

5. SELECTION OF SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

A. Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair

Requested Action(s):

1. Select a Solid Waste Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

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 May 20, 2026, Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s):

1. Approve the Action Minutes from the May 20, 2026, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

B. 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 agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion.

A. Proposition 218 and Solid Waste Rates

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

B. Use of Property Tax Roll for Solid Waste Charges

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

C. Approval of the Solid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027

Requested Action(s):

1. Discuss and provide direction regarding the Solid Waste Committee's 2027 meeting schedule and proposed meeting format, including the potential transition from quarterly Brown Act meetings to one annual Brown Act meeting and three regional workshops or roundtables.

D. City of Riverside Edible Food Recovery Program 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 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in WRCOG's office at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Riverside.

11. ADJOURNMENT



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair
Contact: Dr. Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: September 16, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Select a Solid Waste Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

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 new Solid Waste Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to select leadership for the Solid Waste Committee for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. 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 Jacqueline Zukeran, City of Corona, 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 2026/2027 is as follows:

Chair: Jacque Casillas, City of Corona
 Vice-Chair: Mike Lara, City of Beaumont
 2nd Vice-Chair: Christian Dinco, City of Eastvale

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 Jacqueline Zukeran at 1:00 p.m. on May 20, 2026, in WRCOG's office.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Alexa Esparza
- City of Beaumont - Siomara Giroux
- City of Calimesa - Kyle Coney
- City of Corona - Jacqueline Zuckeran (Chair)
- City of Eastvale - Simone Blackwell
- City of Jurupa Valley - Abigail Gomez*
- City of Meniffee - Kori Jones*
- City of Moreno Valley - Diana Vargas
- City of Perris - Liset Hernandez
- City of Riverside - Victor Keroles*
- City of San Jacinto - Ruth Montoya
- City of Temecula - Rebecca Kiser
- City of Wildomar - Daniel Torres*
- County of Riverside - Kathleen Utter

*Arrived after Roll Call

Absent:

- City of Canyon Lake
- City of Hemet
- City of Lake Elsinore
- City of Murrieta
- City of Temecula

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	San Jacinto
SECONDER:	Beaumont
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Eastvale, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, County of Riverside

A. Action Minutes from the February 18, 2026, Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the February 18, 2026, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. ReCollect Update and Outlook

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. Senate Bill 1053 - Carry Out Bag Prohibitions and Implementation

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Self-Hauling Under SB 1383: Regulatory Framework and Local Implementation

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. Electronic Annual Reports Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

E. Love Your Neighborhood Program Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Zukeran asked for an update on Senate Bill (SB) 54. Dr. Olivia Sanchez reported that WRCOG hopes to hold an online SB 54 workshop in the fall. Cities are required to ensure haulers are collecting the recyclable plastic packaging materials designated by the State, and that gaps in hauler processing capability could raise compliance concerns. Dr. Sanchez also noted that funding flows back to cities through the Producer Responsibility Organization, though further details on that mechanism are still needed.

Dr. Sanchez added that the Californian's Against Waste and the Natural Resources Defense Council are

suing CalRecycle over loopholes in SB 54, though implementation is continuing, and further stated that staff are working to schedule a special SB 54 presentation, tentatively targeted for September.

Committee member Siomara Giroux asked for a presentation on Proposition 218 rate increases, noting a shift among jurisdictions in how they approach rate increases, and suggesting discussion of why practices vary.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Abigail Gomez announced that CalRecycle has requested informal meetings.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in WRCOG's office located at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Riverside.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program Activities Update
Contact: Mei Wu Nguyen, Analyst II, mwu@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6734
Date: September 16, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

WRCOG administers a regional Used Oil Program funded through CalRecycle's Oil Payment Program (OPP) to provide public education, promote proper used oil and filter recycling, and coordinate filter exchange events at participating Certified Collection Centers. During FY 2025/2026, WRCOG conducted 32 filter exchange events, resulting in 2,628 used oil filters exchanged, 2,109 participant surveys completed, and more than 1.8 million online impressions. For FY 2026/2027, a total of 17 filter exchange events were scheduled from July through December 2026 throughout the WRCOG subregion, and staff will continue coordinating additional events through the end of the fiscal year.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update of Used Oil Program activities. 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

WRCOG administers a regional Used Oil Program funded through the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Oil Payment Program (OPP). OPP funding supports local and regional efforts to promote the proper management and recycling of used motor oil and used oil filters. WRCOG utilizes these funds to provide education and outreach, coordinate used oil filter exchange events, and support participating member agencies with used oil recycling resources.

WRCOG continues to conduct digital outreach campaigns promoting used oil recycling and used oil filter exchange events. Members of the public participate through Facebook advertisements that direct them to an online survey. Upon completion of the survey, participants receive a voucher containing the date, location, and participation instructions for a scheduled filter exchange event. The voucher may be

redeemed for up to two free replacement oil filters when used filters are brought to a participating Certified Collection Center (CCC). Residents may also bring used motor oil to the participating CCC for recycling, subject to the location's available storage capacity. Exchanges are generally available on Saturdays from the time the participating auto parts store opens until 5:00 p.m.

Staff coordinates with WRCOG's marketing consultant and participating CCCs to schedule and promote the filter exchange events. Prior to each event, staff confirms event procedures, safety requirements, and other logistical considerations with the participating location. Promotional flyers are also provided to participating member agencies for distribution through their social media channels, websites, and other outreach platforms. The digital voucher format allows residents greater flexibility to participate throughout the day while continuing to reinforce proper used oil and filter recycling practices.

In addition to filter exchange events, WRCOG promotes the availability of CCCs for year-round used oil recycling and provides reusable used oil collection containers to member agencies upon request for distribution at community events and other outreach activities.

These CalRecycle-funded activities support member agencies' efforts to provide public education and convenient recycling opportunities for used oil and filters while assisting jurisdictions in meeting applicable waste reduction and household hazardous waste education and outreach requirements.

Oil Payment Program (OPP) 15 Program Activities

The table below outlines the completed activities for FY 2025/2026.

- Between July 2025 through June 2026, WRCOG hosted 32 events for exchanging used oil filters. A total of 2,628 used oil filters were exchanged for new ones, and 2,109 participants completed surveys on used motor oil and filters. Online impressions totaled 1,848,601, representing the cumulative number of times event ads were viewed. The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the event specifics.

Date	City	Number of Oil Filters Exchanged
7/1/2025	Calimesa	52
7/26/2025	Banning	112
8/2/2025	Corona	85
8/2/2025	Eastvale	66
8/9/2025	Jurupa Valley	105
8/16/2025	Lake Elsinore	20
8/16/2025	Menifee	86
9/6/2025	Murrieta	92
9/13/2025	Norco	120
10/4/2025	San Jacinto	42
10/4/2025	Perris	71
10/11/2025	Riverside - Ward 1	159
10/18/2025	Beaumont	53

11/1/2025	Temecula	56
11/1/2025	Hemet	54
12/13/2025	Calimesa	46
12/13/2025	Banning	48
1/24/2026	Corona	168
1/31/2026	Eastvale	143
1/31/2026	Jurupa Valley	103
2/21/2026	Lake Elsinore	36
2/21/2026	Menifee	67
2/28/2026	Murrieta	91
3/14/2026	Norco	137
3/21/2026	San Jacinto	73
3/21/2026	Perris	81
4/11/2026	Riverside - Ward 3	131
4/18/2026	Riverside - Ward 6	76
4/25/2026	Riverside - Ward 4	81
5/16/2026	Beaumont	52
5/16/2026	Hemet	47
5/30/2026	Temecula	75

OPP 16 Program Activities

The OPP 16 cycle will run from July 2026 through June 2027. WRCOG staff have initiated outreach to schedule Used Oil Recycling and Filter Exchange Events, with dates confirmed through the end of the calendar year.

The below table summarizes completed and upcoming activities for FY 2026/2027.

- The table below presents Filter Exchange Events completed to date.

Date	City	Number of Oil Filters Exchanged
7/18/2026	Calimesa	47
7/25/2026	Banning	56
8/15/2026	Corona	152
8/15/2026	Jurupa Valley	92
8/22/2026	Eastvale	118
8/22/2026	Menifee	74
9/5/2026	Murrieta	72

- The table below reflects upcoming scheduled Filter Exchange Events through December 12, 2026.

Date	City
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9/12/2026	Lake Elsinore
9/26/2026	Norco
10/3/2026	San Jacinto
10/3/2026	Perris
10/10/2026	Riverside - Ward 1
10/25/2026	Beaumont
11/7/2026	Temecula
11/7/2026	Hemet
12/12/2026	Calimesa
12/12/2026	Banning

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to Used Oil are included in the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget under the Used Oil Fund (140).

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Proposition 218 and Solid Waste Rates
Contact: Dr. Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us (951) 405-6721
Date: September 16, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

Proposition 218 governs how California local governments adopt or increase property-related fees, including residential solid waste rates. Cities that set rates directly generally use a majority protest process supported by a cost-of-service analysis, while others rely on franchise adjustments or private subscription models. As service costs and SB 1383 requirements increase, all jurisdictions must ensure solid waste rates remain legally defensible and cost-based.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide information on Proposition 218 for solid waste rates for WRCOG member jurisdictions. 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

In 1996, California voters approved Proposition 218, known as the "Right to Vote on Taxes Act," which added Articles XIII C and XIII D to the California Constitution. Proposition 218 was intended to increase public oversight and accountability over local government taxes, assessments, and property-related fees by establishing procedural and substantive requirements before those charges may be imposed or increased.

For local governments, Proposition 218 is particularly important because it governs many utility-type services, including water, sewer, and refuse (solid waste) collection.

Unlike taxes, refuse collection charges are considered property-related fees because they are imposed as an incident of property ownership. However, refuse collection services are unique under Proposition

218 because they are exempt from the voter approval requirement that applies to most other property-related fees. Instead, cities must comply with the majority protest process before increasing rates.

The Proposition 218 Process: Before adopting new or increased solid waste rates, a local agency must generally:

- Prepare a cost-of-service analysis demonstrating that revenues will not exceed the cost of providing solid waste services.
- Mail written notice of the proposed rates to all affected property owners at least 45 days before the public hearing.
- Conduct a public hearing where written protests are accepted.
- Count all valid written protests.
- If a majority of affected property owners submit valid written protests, the rate increase cannot be adopted.
- If a majority protest is not achieved, the governing body may adopt the rates by ordinance or resolution.

Unlike an election, property owners do not vote "yes" or "no." Instead, the proposed rates are approved unless a majority of property owners submit written protests.

Present Situation

Across California, cities use different methods to establish and collect residential solid waste rates. Those differences largely determine whether Proposition 218 applies.

Many jurisdictions establish residential refuse rates directly through their city council or governing board. Because the city is imposing or increasing a property-related fee, Proposition 218 procedures generally apply when rates are increased. These jurisdictions typically contract with a franchise hauler, establish collection rates by ordinance or resolution, and bill customers directly or through the property tax roll. The Proposition 218 process provides affected property owners an opportunity to review proposed rates and submit protests before the governing body considers adoption of the increase.

Jurisdictions may not conduct Proposition 218 proceedings when the city itself does not directly establish the customer rate. Instead, franchise agreements may include predetermined annual rate adjustment formulas based on factors such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fuel, disposal, and labor costs. When the franchise agreement and its rate adjustment methodology have already been approved, annual adjustments may be implemented administratively rather than through a new Proposition 218 proceeding, depending on how the rates were originally established and the jurisdiction's legal interpretation.

Under a private subscription service model, residents contract directly with the waste hauler for collection services, rather than the city establishing or imposing residential solid waste rates. While the city may regulate service standards and other requirements through its franchise agreement, customer rates are generally established and collected directly by the hauler. As a result, because the public agency is not imposing the charge as a property-related fee, Proposition 218 generally does not apply. Commercial solid waste services may operate similarly, with businesses contracting directly with haulers for service levels and rates, subject to the terms and requirements of the applicable franchise agreement.

Within the WRCOG subregion, several jurisdictions have utilized Proposition 218 proceedings to establish or adjust solid waste rates, including Riverside, Jurupa Valley, Murrieta, Banning, Wildomar, San Jacinto, and Corona. Other jurisdictions utilize franchise structures under which the private hauler establishes and collects customer rates and therefore do not generally apply Proposition 218 to those charges. The differing approaches reflect each jurisdiction's franchise agreement, rate-setting authority, and billing structure rather than a uniform regional practice.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to the Solid Waste Program are included in the Agency's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 under the Solid Waste Fund (130).

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Use of Property Tax Roll for Solid Waste Charges
Contact: Dr. Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us (951) 405-6721
Date: September 16, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

This item provides an overview of how jurisdictions may use the property tax roll to collect solid waste charges, either as a regular billing mechanism or to recover delinquent accounts. The report explains the annual administrative and public hearing process and distinguishes it from the Proposition 218 rate-setting process. Examples from Riverside and San Bernardino County jurisdictions are included to illustrate different approaches to property tax roll collection.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide information on the Property Tax Roll for Solid Waste Charges for WRCOG member jurisdictions. 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

During the last Solid Waste Committee meeting on May 20, 2026, members discussed solid waste franchise agreements and the different approaches jurisdictions use to establish and collect solid waste rates. The discussion highlighted questions regarding when Proposition 218 applies, how the process is utilized, and which jurisdictions conduct Proposition 218 proceedings. This led to a broader discussion of the various methods used to bill and collect solid waste charges, including direct billing by the city or franchise hauler, regular collection through the property tax roll, and use of the property tax roll for delinquent accounts. This item provides additional information on these different approaches and how local jurisdictions use them.

The property tax roll provides a mechanism for a local agency to collect solid waste charges with the property owner's annual property tax bill rather than through a separate monthly or quarterly bill.

California Health and Safety Code Sections 5471 and 5473 et seq. provide local agencies with authority and procedures for collecting certain service charges, including solid waste charges, on the property tax roll.

Under this approach, the local agency generally prepares an annual report identifying the parcels receiving service and the applicable charge for each parcel. Following the required public hearing and approval process, the charges are submitted to the County for placement on the property tax roll. They are collected in the same manner as property taxes.

Current Situation

For solid waste services, placing charges on the property tax roll can provide jurisdictions and their franchise haulers with a predictable and efficient collection mechanism. Rather than the hauler billing each residential customer separately, the annual service charge is associated with the parcel and collected through the property tax system. This can reduce billing and collection activities and may help minimize delinquent accounts because the charge is tied to the property rather than an individual customer.

The approach also shifts certain administrative responsibilities to the jurisdiction. Cities utilizing the property tax roll must maintain accurate parcel and service information, coordinate annual charges with the hauler and County, conduct required hearings, address property owner questions or corrections, and meet County deadlines for submitting assessments or charges.

Jurisdictions that collect solid waste charges through the property tax roll may conduct an annual hearing to confirm the parcels and charges for the upcoming fiscal year. This is separate from a Proposition 218 proceeding, which establishes or increases the underlying solid waste rate. For example, a city may complete a Proposition 218 process approving rates and authorized adjustments for several years, then hold an annual hearing to place the applicable charges on the property tax roll. The annual hearing does not establish a new rate; it implements collection of an already authorized rate.

The decision to collect solid waste charges through the property tax roll depends largely on each jurisdiction's franchise agreement, billing structure, administrative capacity, and historical approach to solid waste service. For jurisdictions considering this model, potential benefits include improved collection reliability, reduced customer billing responsibilities for the hauler, and a direct connection between the service charge and the property receiving service.

At the same time, cities should consider the administrative requirements associated with maintaining parcel-level data, processing ownership or service changes, coordinating with the County, responding to billing questions, and ensuring that charges submitted to the tax roll are accurate. Jurisdictions should also work with legal counsel to ensure that both the rate-setting process and the method used to collect the charge comply with Proposition 218 and other applicable state laws.

The use of the property tax roll for solid waste charges varies by jurisdiction and can serve different purposes. In some cities, it functions as the primary billing mechanism for residential solid waste services, while others use it primarily as a tool to recover delinquent accounts. The approach generally reflects the jurisdiction's franchise agreement, billing structure, and local administrative practices.

For example, the Cities of Upland and Rialto utilize the San Bernardino County property tax roll to collect

solid waste charges and conduct public hearings associated with the annual placement of those charges on the tax roll. Other jurisdictions, including Corona, Perris, and Moreno Valley, utilize the Riverside County property tax roll primarily to collect delinquent solid waste accounts. These examples illustrate that the property tax roll may be used either as a regular billing mechanism or as a means of recovering unpaid solid waste charges, depending on the jurisdiction's billing structure.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to the Solid Waste Program are included in the Agency's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 under the Solid Waste Fund (130).

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of the Solid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027
Contact: Dr. Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: September 16, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Discuss and provide direction regarding the Solid Waste Committee's 2027 meeting schedule and proposed meeting format, including the potential transition from quarterly Brown Act meetings to one annual Brown Act meeting and three regional workshops or roundtables.
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Summary:

All Solid Waste Committee meeting dates are proposed for the third Wednesday of the month, 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 2027. 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 2027 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	17	DARK	DARK	19	DARK	DARK	DARK	15	DARK	17	DARK

Background

WRCOG's Solid Waste Committee (SWC) was established following the adoption of Assembly Bill (AB) 939, the Integrated Waste Management Act, to support a coordinated regional approach to meeting California's waste diversion and landfill reduction goals in western Riverside County.

The SWC is designed to assist member agencies in reducing landfill disposal, increasing recycling and organics recovery, and addressing related environmental and regulatory challenges. In accordance with WRCOG's adopted Committee Structure Policy, the SWC is authorized to meet bi-monthly or as deemed

necessary to carry out its purpose and duties.

In practice, the SWC has generally met quarterly, providing a consistent forum for regional coordination while allowing flexibility to address legislative changes, regulatory deadlines, and emerging solid waste issues. Committee meetings are conducted in accordance with the Brown Act and provide opportunities for member agencies to receive program and legislative updates, discuss regulatory implementation, share local experiences, and coordinate with waste haulers, regional partners, and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Participation in the SWC includes representatives from WRCOG member agencies and stakeholders, including the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, and Wildomar, as well as the County of Riverside. Membership is supported through annual dues paid by participating agencies and calculated each year using a per-occupied-housing-unit formula.

Present Situation

As WRCOG begins planning for the upcoming calendar year, staff is seeking Committee input on the 2027 SWC meeting schedule, frequency, and format. While the current quarterly schedule has provided predictability, staff would like to discuss whether continuing four traditional committee meetings each year remains the most effective approach to support member agencies.

Over time, the SWC's role has expanded beyond receiving formal updates and conducting routine committee business. Members increasingly benefit from opportunities to discuss implementation challenges, compare jurisdictional approaches, hear directly from subject-matter experts, and learn from programs and facilities throughout the region. Some of these conversations may be better suited to a workshop or roundtable environment that allows for greater interaction and peer-to-peer exchange.

One potential approach would be to designate the February meeting as the annual formal Brown Act-noticed meeting, held at WRCOG's office. The remaining three meetings would be structured as regional workshops, roundtables, facility tours, or other collaborative sessions.

Under this concept, the February meeting would provide an opportunity to address formal Committee business, annual program planning, legislative priorities, and other matters requiring the Committee's consideration. Workshops could be held in May, September, and November at rotating locations throughout western Riverside County or at other appropriate venues and structured around timely topics of interest to members.

For example, a workshop could be hosted by a member jurisdiction to highlight a successful local program, held at a solid waste, recycling, organics, or recovery facility to provide members with firsthand operational insight, or structured as a roundtable focused on a significant regulatory or implementation issue. This format could also provide additional opportunities to engage CalRecycle, waste haulers, and other regional partners in focused discussions.

The intent is to make member meetings more relevant, interactive, and responsive to the needs of participating jurisdictions. A revised format could also create greater flexibility to address emerging issues as California's solid waste and recycling regulatory landscape continues to evolve.

Meeting	Proposed Format	General Purpose
February	Brown Act Meeting – WRCOG Office	Committee business, annual planning, legislative and program updates.
May	Regional Workshop / Roundtable	Focused policy or implementation discussion.
September	Regional Workshop / Site Visit	Best practices, facility or program showcase, peer learning.
November	Regional Workshop / Roundtable	Emerging issues, year-end discussion, preparation for upcoming year.

As part of this discussion, staff would also like to establish the specific meeting dates for 2027 and receive feedback from members regarding locations and topics that would provide the greatest value. Staff seeks the Committee's input on the following:

- Whether four meetings per year continues to be the appropriate frequency;
- Whether the Committee supports moving from four traditional quarterly meetings to one annual meeting supplemented by three regional workshops or roundtables;
- Potential jurisdictions, facilities, or other locations interested in hosting a workshop; and
- Priority topics or issues members would like to be incorporated into the 2027 meeting schedule.

Based on Committee feedback, staff will develop the final 2027 SWC meeting calendar and meeting format to share at the November meeting.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The result of the recommended action causes no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: City of Riverside Edible Food Recovery Program Update
Contact: Dr. Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: September 16, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

The City of Riverside's Edible Food Recovery Program supports compliance with SB 1383 by requiring covered Tier 1 and Tier 2 commercial edible food generators to recover the maximum amount of surplus edible food for human consumption and maintain required donation agreements and records. The City partners, with Feeding America Riverside/San Bernardino to support food recovery and alleviate food insecurity, utilize Careit as a free donation and compliance-tracking platform, and works with ReCREATE Waste Collaborative to conduct annual inspections of covered generators. The Program connects businesses with a network of local food recovery organizations, integrating regulatory compliance, food waste reduction, and community food assistance.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an overview of the City of Riverside's Edible Food Recovery Program. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

This item is reserved for a presentation on the City of Riverside's Edible Food Recovery Program.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to SB 1383 were included in the Agency's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 under the Solid Waste Program. There is no funding related to SB 1383 / food waste recovery efforts included in the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget.

Attachment(s):

None.