

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE
September 9, 2021



AGENDA

- 1) Oral communications from the public
- 2) Oral communications from Task Force members
- 3) Changes to the agenda
- 4) Approval of minutes from meeting of June 3, 2021 (attached)
- 5) SB 1383 Organics Diversion Update – all
Food Rescue Update - All
- 6) Local ordinance updates - all
Chapter 7.20 ordinance – County
Cup Charge Ordinance - County
- 7) Legislative Update - Beau
See Attached List
- 8) Other issues
- 9) Adjournment

**Meeting is online. For meeting portal, please visit <http://www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash/Recycling/LocalTaskForce.aspx>

Next Meeting, December 2, 2021

Treated wood waste

AB332 - Allows treated wood to be managed under alternative management standards instead of as a hazardous waste. Passed Assembly, Senate concurrence pending

Batteries

SB 244 - CalFire and other agencies to develop protocol for preventing and suppressing fires caused by Lithium batteries. Passed Assembly, Awaiting concurrence

SB 289 - Product stewardship for batteries. Bill dead for this year, may return next year

Plastics

AB 842 - California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. Product stewardship for single-use packaging. Bill dead, may be revived in 2022

AB881 - Would categorize the export of plastic waste from the country as “disposal” in the source reduction and recycling elements. Passed assembly, pending senate concurrence

AB 1371 - Would prohibit online retailer from using single-use plastic packaging that consists of shipping envelopes, cushioning, or void fill to package or transport products. Bill is dead

SB 54 - Plastic pollution producer responsibility act. Single-use, disposable packaging as main target. Bill is dead.

AB 478 - thermoform plastic containers need 20-30% postconsumer recycled plastic by June 1, 2030 (bill dead)

Labelling

AB 1201 - Would prohibit the use of the term “compostable” on plastic products unless they meet certain specifications. In suspense file

AB 1469 - Prohibit sale of plastic product labelled “industrially compostable” or “compostable” unless certain standards are met. Bill is dead

SB 343 - Would limit the use of the “chasing arrows” recycling symbol and place limits on when claims can be made of a product’s recyclability. In suspense file

Single use food accessories

AB 1276 - Would prohibit a food facility or 3rd party delivery platform from providing single-use food accessories unless requested by the customer. In suspense file

Dumping

AB 659 - Fines for dumping on private property punishable by a fine between 250-1000 for first conviction, with increasing fines for multiple convictions ultimately including 30 days jail time. Bill is dead.

Organic waste

AB 504 - **chaptered**. Organics waste for theme parks, amusement parks, water parks, zoo, resorts, similar facilities not required to provide organic recycling bin or container if they can implement an alternate process for organic recycling that yields results comparable or greater in volume and quality to a bin.

AB 734 - Revises the edible food goal recovery goal by allowing food recovery for animal and livestock consumption in addition to recovery for human consumption. Bill currently dead, may come back in 2022

AB 1027 - Seeks to postpone organic waste implementation due to COVID-19. Bill is dead.

AB 1086 - Request the CA council on Science and Technology complete a report on achieving the state's organic waste goals, and related climate change and air quality targets. Bill is dead.

Beverage containers

AB 962 - Authorizes CalRecycle to approve processors that wash and reuse returnable beverage containers. Bill is dead

SB 38 - would convert beverage container product stewardship program. Bill is dead

SB 451 - Would create pilot program to include beverage containers not currently in the beverage container program. Wine bottles, milk and infant formula beverages, beverages in containers that are not glass, plastic, aluminum or bimetal. Bill is dead.

Microfiber pollution

two bills, AB802 and AB622, aim to target the control of microfiber pollution by requiring machines to have better filtration systems. Both bills dead

Cannabis waste

AB 318 - Would require DTSC to provide guidance on how to characterize cannabis waste, under haz waste laws and regs. Bill is inactive

Green Chemistry

SB 502 - Updates DTSC's green chemistry program including: allowing DTSC to use a wider range of resources and reports as the basis for regulatory responses, provides more formal rules for commenting and dispute resolution processes, and providing more authority for DTSC to request data on priority products. Bill inactive.

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Minutes

Present: Mike Rivera, Larry Laurent, Bob Nelson, Scott Hamby, Noel Bock, Lowell Hurst, Jack Dilles, Greg Caput

Staff: Kasey Kolassa, Tim Goncharoff, Beau Hawksford,

Guests: Julianne Rhodes, Leslie O'Malley, Gabe Gordo, Diana Suarez-Arguelles, MaryAnn LoBalbo, Brian Fontes, Christina Horvat

1) Oral communications from the public none

2) Oral communications from Task Force members
Scott representing County, but also temporarily with Scotts Valley, Daryl Jordan left for new position

3) Changes to the agenda None

4) Approval of minutes from meeting of March 4, 2021

(attached) Moved: Scott Second: Noel Approved: 7-0

5) Batteries – Tim

Very difficult and expensive to recycle, collection programs not working well.

Interest in local EPR ordinances.

Lowell supports regional approach.

Larry asked about HHW role.

Mike says big problem in Watsonville.

Scott says regional approach has worked very well.

Noel asked about hauler collection.

6) Electronic Smoking Devices -Tim

Few disposal options.

Supervisor Koenig asked about EPR approaches.

Brian – HHW doesn't take vapes – bureaucratic requirements very challenging

Also problem with transporting cannabis waste out of state

7) Balloon hazards – Noel

Problem with power outages and fires.

Need at least to do more education.

Leslie – helpful to offer alternatives

MaryAnn – suggests banning helium sales

8) Recycling Markets – Tim

Markets are improving, value of commodities up across the board.

Noel – What should we tell people about what to recycle?

Leslie – Santa Cruz still not taking plastic.

9) Homeless Encampments – All

Mike – Problem growing in Watsonville, public containers overwhelmed

Christina – city camp giving out gift cards to those who clean up, also has monitors to help keep things clean

Noel – need more education, outreach to camp leaders

Greg Caput – large campground near County Bldg., lots of trash, pretty well-organized

10) SB 1383 Organics Diversion Update – all

Food Rescue Update - Tim

Mike - Watsonville collecting from several neighborhoods

Diana – Will send everyone “capacity planning” PowerPoint

Scott – Scotts Valley working on new franchise agreement, agreement with Marina

Lowell – all difficult problems – need lots of communication and education with the public.

Beau – CalRecycle webinar today – collaboration between cities and County encouraged

11) Local ordinance updates - all

“Skip the Stuff” ordinance – Supervisor Manu Koenig

Would require that food service businesses only provide utensils, napkins, etc. on request, including online orders.

Leslie – City of Santa Cruz has similar ordinance, taking out ads. Would like to see a reusable takeout program.

Tim – cup ordinance delayed, polling on charge use

12) California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) Conference August 16-19 online - Tim

13) Legislative Update - Tim

SB 619 – landfill fees, organics diversion SB 112 - Budget Bill

SB 54 plastic Pollution EPR AB 1454 Bottle Bill

SB 289 Battery EPR AB 1276 Food Serviceware

AB 1371 Plastic Film in E-Commerce AB 802 Plastic Microfiber

14) Other issues

Julianne – compostable food service ware

Mike – Watsonville working on it too.

Leslie – Santa Cruz also requiring

Greg – recycled artificial turf?

Larry – Any progress on recycling centers

Christina - Grey Bears may offer CRV at Chanticleer

Tim retiring July 16, Beau will fill in temporarily.

Diana – if meetings in person, please include online component

15) Adjournment