



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025
1:00 PM**

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

Remote Meeting Locations:

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

**City of Lake Elsinore
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 - 2nd Floor, Public Works North
14177 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92553**

**City of Murrieta
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 (Liset Hernandez, 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 2024/2025

A. Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair

Requested Action(s):

1. Select a Solid Waste Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

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 21, 2025, Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve the Action Minutes from the May 21, 2025, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

B. Approval of the Solid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule for 2026

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve the schedule of Solid Waste Committee meetings for 2026.

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. CalRecycle Activities Update

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

B. Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program 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 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at a location to be determined.

11. ADJOURNMENT



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair
Contact: Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: September 17, 2025

Recommended Action(s):

1. Select a Solid Waste Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

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 2025/2026.

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 Liset Hernandez, City of Perris, 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 2025/2026 is as follows:

Chair: Brenda Dennstedt, Western Water
 Vice-Chair: Jacque Casillas, City of Corona
 2nd Vice-Chair: Mike Lara, City of Beaumont

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 Liset Hernandez on May 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in WRCOG's office.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Holly Stuart
- City of Beaumont - Sue Foxworth*
- City of Corona - Jacqueline Zuckeran
- City of Eastvale - Simone Blackwell
- City of Hemet - Dan Cortese
- City of Jurupa Valley - Abigail Gomez
- City of Lake Elsinore - Nicole McCalmont
- City of Menifee - Kori Jones
- City of Moreno Valley - Allen Lopez
- City of Murrieta - Pedro Ceballos
- City of Perris - Liset Hernandez (Chair)
- City of Riverside - Christiana Navaratnam
- City of San Temecula - Rodney Tidwell*
- County of Riverside - Janet Moreland

*Arrived after Roll Call

Absent:

- City of Calimesa
- City of Canyon Lake
- City of San Jacinto
- 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
YES:	Banning, Beaumont, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, County of Riverside

A. Action Minutes from the February 19, 2025, Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the February 19, 2025, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

B. Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Legislative Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. Annual Reporting Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Contamination Campaign Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. Love Your Neighborhood Program Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Janet Moreland, with the County of Riverside, reported that the County's ongoing outreach efforts have revealed significant community interest in the State's mail-back program for sharps and medication disposal. To support this, the County of Riverside has created bilingual flyers (in English

and Spanish) with QR codes for easy access to the program information. To date, the County has completed approximately 60 community outreach events, with the mail-back program consistently being the most popular and requested topic. Additionally, regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program, the County has received numerous calls from residents who face challenges bringing their materials to drop-off locations. The mail-back program offers a solution by allowing residents to request free disposal containers for sharps and medications, which can be mailed back at no cost to the resident. Committee Moreland also announced that this is her last meeting, as she is retiring from the County. Lastly, the County is continuing to promote the program on its website and through community outreach, and stated that this is an easy-to-use and beneficial program for residents who need a convenient and safe disposal option.

WRCOG's Olivia Sanchez, reported that at the last meeting, Director Casey Daily pointed out that, when sending invoices for dues, WRCOG typically includes a summary of what the Committee has done in the past year and what's upcoming. New this year is a Service Agreement or a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); once the draft is completed, it will be sent to all Committee members for review.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in WRCOG's office at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of the Solid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule for 2026
Contact: Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: September 17, 2025

Recommended Action(s):

1. Approve the schedule of Solid Waste Committee meetings for 2026.
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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 2026. 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 2026 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	18	DARK	DARK	20	DARK	DARK	DARK	16	DARK	18	DARK

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The action of this item causes no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.



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Staff Report

Subject: CalRecycle Activities Update
Contact: Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: September 17, 2025

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

WRCOG's Environmental Department helps member agencies comply with state mandates for education and outreach programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. California's waste diversion goals, established under laws like Assembly Bill 939, AB 341, AB 1826, and Senate Bill 1383, require local jurisdictions to promote recycling and organic waste programs for residents and businesses. This item will provide an update on CalRecycle's efforts.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide information on CalRecycle's current efforts to meet state mandates. These efforts align with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region) and sub-goal #6.3 (Continue to support the Solid Waste and Recycling Program).

Discussion:

Staff from the CalRecycle Local Agency Market Development Department will provide a presentation on current solid waste programs and policies that affect local jurisdictions.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

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

Attachment(s):

None.



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Staff Report

Subject: Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program Activities Update
Contact: Mei Wu Nguyen, Analyst I, mwu@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6734
Date: September 17, 2025

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

WRCOG's Used Oil Program partners with 15 member agencies to educate residents on the proper recycling of used motor oil and oil filters. From July 2024 through June 2025, WRCOG hosted 30 events that facilitated the exchange of 2,497 used oil filters and the collection of an equal number of recycling surveys. Through its outreach efforts, the Program generated 1,506,095 online impressions and delivered 28 EcoHero presentations to elementary schools.

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 continues to engage and educate the public with digital campaigns regarding where to properly recycle used oil and exchange used oil filters for up to two free new ones. Members of the public participate via Facebook by clicking on an advertisement that opens an online survey. Upon completion of the survey, participants receive a voucher that provides the date, time, and instructions for participation, and it is valid for one free oil filter exchange. Exchanges are available on Saturdays from the time a Certified Collection Center (CCC) auto parts store opens until 5:00 p.m.

Staff works with a marketing consultant to schedule used oil filter collection events at CCCs for the filter exchanges. Staff corresponds with each CCC before events, confirming safety measures and procedures are in place. Staff also provides used oil collection containers to member agencies at their request. This Program helps member agencies comply with Assembly Bill 939 regarding hazardous waste source reduction.

Oil Payment Program (OPP) 14 Program Activities

The below table outlines the completed activities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025.

- Between July 2024 through June 2025, under the Used Oil / Filter Exchange Program, WRCOG hosted 30 events for exchanging used oil filters. A total of 2,497 used oil filters were exchanged for new ones, and 1,937 participants completed surveys on used motor oil and filters. Online impressions totaled 1,506,095, representing the cumulative number of times event ads were viewed. The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the event specifics.

Date	City	Attendance	Number of Oil Filters Exchanged
07/27/2024	Calimesa	118	44
08/03/2024	Corona	238	151
08/10/2024	Eastvale	44	29
08/17/2024	Banning	82	69
09/07/2024	Jurupa Valley	207	86
09/14/2024	Lake Elsinore	259	56
09/21/2024	Menifee	207	95
10/05/2024	Murrieta	173	87
10/12/2024	Norco	299	139
10/19/2024	Perris	63	25
11/02/2024	Riverside	345	130
11/16/2024	San Jacinto	280	57
12/07/2024	Temecula	146	56
12/14/2024	Hemet	183	54
12/14/2024	Eastvale	151	79
02/01/2025	Norco	200	102
02/08/2025	Perris	255	121
03/08/2025	Riverside	341	86
03/15/2025	Corona	338	100
03/22/2025	Murrieta	251	113
03/29/2025	Jurupa Valley	279	38
04/05/2025	Banning	43	59
04/12/2025	Menifee	158	76
05/17/2025	Lake Elsinore	320	110
05/24/2025	San Jacinto	336	190
05/31/2025	Riverside	487	73
06/07/2025	Temecula	251	60
06/14/2025	Hemet	281	68

- WRCOG contracted with the EcoHero Show to deliver both in-person and virtual presentations to

elementary students on the topics of used oil recycling and stormwater pollution. The interactive presentation incorporates a mix of songs, storytelling, and trivia. The table below outlines the presentations scheduled for FY 2024/2025.

Date	Show Type	School	City
11/19/2024	In-person Whole School Assembly	Brookside Elementary School	Beaumont
11/21/2024	In-person Whole School Assembly	Cottonwood Canyon Elementary	Lake Elsinore
01/21/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	Enchanted Hills Elementary	Perris
01/21/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	Wildomar Elementary	Wildomar
01/21/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	JCS Pine Hills Academy K-6	Temecula
01/22/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	San Jacinto Elementary	San Jacinto
01/22/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	Temecula International Academy	Temecula
01/23/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	E. Hale Curran Elementary	Murrieta
03/10/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	Hoffer Elementary	Banning
03/14/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	Philistine Rondo School of Discovery	Eastvale
04/24/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	Peralta Elementary	Jurupa Valley
04/28/2025	Classroom Presentation	Freedom Crest Elementary	Menifee
04/30/2025	Classroom Presentation	Boulder Ridge Elementary	Menifee
05/27/2025	Classroom Presentation	Taawila Elementary	Menifee
05/27/2025	Classroom Presentation	Taawila Elementary	Menifee
05/29/2025	Classroom Presentation	Taawila Elementary	Menifee
05/29/2025	Classroom Presentation	Taawila Elementary	Menifee
05/30/2025	In-person Whole School Assembly	Cloverdale Elementary	Moreno Valley

OPP 15 Program Activities

The OPP 15 cycle will run from July 2025 through June 2026. 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 2025/2026.

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

Date	City	Attendance	Number of Oil Filters Exchanged
07/26/2025	Calimesa	196	52
07/26/2025	Corona	225	112
08/02/2025	Eastvale	202	85
08/02/2025	Banning	74	66
08/09/2025	Jurupa Valley	379	105
08/16/2025	Lake Elsinore	237	20

08/16/2025	Menifee	315	86
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- The table below reflects upcoming scheduled Filter Exchange Events through November 30, 2025.

Date	City
09/06/2025	Murrieta
09/13/2025	Norco
10/04/2025	San Jacinto
10/04/2025	Perris
10/11/2025	Riverside
10/18/2025	Beaumont
11/01/2025	Temecula
11/01/2025	Hemet

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to Used Oil are included in the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget under the Used Oil Fund (140).

Attachment(s):

None.