



To: RCRC Board of Directors
From: Staci Heaton, Regulatory Affairs Advocate
Date: March 5, 2019
Re: Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Update

Summary

The following is a summary of the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority's (ESJPA) recent activities. Highlights include updates on various legislative and regulatory activities that impact RCRC member county solid waste departments.

ESJPA Board Meeting

The next ESJPA Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Residence Inn Sacramento at 9:00 a.m. All Supervisors are invited to attend. The agenda anticipates presentations on media and educational campaigns, landfill flaring options, and a Solid Waste 101 workshop, in addition to legislative and regulatory updates.

ESJPA Activities

ESJPA staff continues to actively participate and report to its members on various waste related topics. Some of the current topics include: proposed organics regulation, proposed disposal reporting requirements, bottle bill, implementation of mandatory commercial organics diversion, and various legislative proposals. ESJPA staff continues to provide technical assistance to individual counties on a variety of issues.

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Senate Bill 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Regulation

The first formal draft of the regulations was released on January 18, 2019, subsequent to the economic analysis that was released in December 2018. As expected, the formal draft was not much different than the last informal draft, but CalRecycle has conceptually agreed to a number of changes, including rural considerations. CalRecycle is holding its adoption hearing on March 12, 2019. While the regulations will not take effect until 2022, adopting them early will provide regulated entities time to plan and implement any necessary budgetary, contractual, and other program changes.

ESJPA staff continued to work with CalRecycle on rural exclusions, especially regarding rural collection of residential food waste, throughout the process, and filed extensive comments (Attachment 1).

The proposed regulations and additional information can be accessed here: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/rulemaking/slcp>

Solid Waste 101 Webinars and Social Media

The ESJPA is launching a video outreach project that would make available online to our membership various components from our Technical Advisory Group (TAG) sessions, as well as periodic webinars between ESJPA meetings. The initial phase of the project is a live “Solid Waste 101” webinar that will be professionally produced, then post-produced and edited as a permanent product for counties to use as an educational tool for new staff. The webinar will be marketed directly to our ESJPA membership, as well as through RCRC’s *Barbed Wire* newsletter, ESJPA social media and RCRC social media. The first webinar is scheduled for March 20, 2019 at 10 a.m.

The ESJPA has also begun to roll out social media, with the launch of a Twitter account @ESJPA and a YouTube channel where the Solid Waste 101 sessions will be permanently housed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Oyb_SEGtAZ_-SvA5qVdqA. The goal is to both raise the profile of the good work of the ESJPA and its members, as well as to provide more services and information digitally for RCRC and ESJPA member counties to access in the future.

Finally, ESJPA staff is working in conjunction with RCRC External Affairs and GSFA Marketing staff to complete a new, updated website for the ESJPA. The goal is to have the new site up by mid-summer.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

Storm Water Industrial General Permit

The SWRCB has begun work on its 2020 update to the Storm Water Industrial General Permit, which will have cost and workload implications for landfills due to potential changes in monitoring and other requirements. ESJPA will be receiving an update on the permit status from SWRCB staff at its March 14, 2019 meeting, and continues to participate the public process on the permit.

Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

ESJPA staff continues to monitor DTSC’s regulatory efforts to create less stringent hazardous waste regulation on solar panels (photovoltaic modules) and increased regulatory inspections.

Grant Update

Used Oil Grant

Work continues to improve the used oil program infrastructure in Alpine, Colusa, and Mariposa Counties. Currently, ESJPA staff is addressing a repeat of contamination in used oil collected in Alpine County. Contamination of used oil from the public is an increasing problem in rural and urban counties.

Tire Amnesty Grant

CalRecycle has begun its 2019/20 Local Government Tire Amnesty Grant Program (TA5) cycle. The ESJPA is considering for approval at its March 14, 2019 meeting a resolution to apply for grants for five ESJPA member counties (Colusa, Inyo, Mariposa, Sierra, and Tuolumne) that are ongoing grant recipients through this program. The resolution must

be submitted by April 4, 2019, and will allow ESJPA to continue its tire amnesty grant work on behalf of these counties.

Staff Recommendation

RCRC staff will continue to follow development and engage in issues pertaining to solid waste.

Attachment

- RCRC Comments on CalRecycle SB 1383 Rulemaking, March 4, 2019