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**AGENDA**  
**TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Solid Waste Committee**  
**September 9, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION:**  
**Public Works Department**  
**Committee & Commissions Room**  
**48 Yaney Avenue, Sonora, CA 95370**

**\*TEAMS OPTION AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC\***  
**Meeting ID: 242 396 305 817 497**

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**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

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**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on July 8, 2026.

**4. FRANCHISEE/PERMIT HAULER FORUM**

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**5. STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Monthly HHW event Wednesday October 1, 2026

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Initiate Review and comment for the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) Five Year Review.
- b. Possible projects for 1,000-ton disposal allowance

**7. NEXT MEETING – November 11, 2026**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



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## MINUTES UNAPPROVED

### Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee (BOSSWC) July 8, 2026, at 1:00PM

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**PRESENT:** Mike Holland, District 1 Supervisor; Mike Griffin, At-Large Public Committee Member; John La Torre, At-Large Public Committee Member

**STAFF:** Debbie Regan, Solid Waste Director; Amy Welch; Solid Waste Specialist; Terri Douglas, Solid Waste Specialist; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Technician; Mattie Pinckney, Solid Waste Administrative Technician; Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head; Katie Johnson, Public Health Department; Petra Henderson, Public Health Department

**GUESTS:** Venessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager Waste Management; Trevor Evans, Cal Sierra District Manager; Javier Sanchez, Waste Management Recycling Coordinator; Casey Vaccarezza, Cal-Waste Director of Operations; Karlee Kane, Cal-Waste Representative; Tyler Summersett, City of Sonora Community Development Director; Rodney Kimmel, Cal-Waste Route Manager; Member of the Public

**ABSENT:** Aniah Kirk, District 3 Supervisor; Andy Merrill, Sonora City Councilmember

#### CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Holland called the meeting of Wednesday, July 8, 2026, to order at 1:17PM

#### PUBLIC FORUM

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Javier Sanchez, Waste Management, shared that Waste Management had a booth at the Motherlode Fair.

A Cal-Waste Representative mentioned sponsoring the Motherlode Fair.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

##### A. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on February 11, 2026

Supervisor Holland looked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 11, 2026. No changes or additions were requested by the committee. A motion was made by Committee Member La Torre and a second by Supervisor Holland, motion passes 3-0

**B. Franchise/ Permit Hauler Forum**

*Franchise and permit holders may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the committee during this meeting, but items may be considered for inclusion on a future agenda.*

Trevor Evans, Waste Management, informed the committee that a new safety protocol is being implemented to always keep at least one bay door open at the transfer station to improve wait times for commercial dumps during business hours. This safety protocol should be effective within the next two weeks.

**STAFF/ COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

**A. August Temporary Household Hazardous Waste Event**

On Saturday August 22, 2026 Tuolumne County Solid Waste will be holding a Temporary Household Hazardous Waste Event from 9-1 at the Big Oak Flat Road Yard. No appointment will be needed for this event.

**B. August Tire Amnesty**

The Big Oak Flat Transfer Station will be accepting tires for free during the month of August. Tuolumne County Residents will be permitted per California State Law to drop off a maximum of 9 tires per load, passenger tires only and no rims.

Discussion ensued regarding the monthly Household Hazardous Waste Collection event and confirmed that it will be open on the third Wednesday in August accepting only mattresses, tires, and e-waste.

Debbie Regan, Tuolumne County Solid Waste, mentioned that at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Solid Waste is now also accepting household batteries. However, any damaged, defective, and/or recalled (DDR) batteries are collected differently due to the cost of disposal. Regan shared it costs \$1,800 to dispose of a single electric scooter DDR battery.

**C. 1,000 Ton Report**

Debbie Regan, Tuolumne County Solid Waste, shared that as of June 30<sup>th</sup> Solid Waste has accounted for about 139 Tons. Solid Waste has handed out 738 Keep Tuolumne Clean Coupons and 300 Green Waste Vouchers at about a 50% redemption rate.

**DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS**

**A. 5-year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Update**

Debbie Regan, Tuolumne County Solid Waste, stated that they will be using R3 Consulting to assist with the update, and the board will vote September 9<sup>th</sup>

**B. Tobacco Product Waste Reduction Projects – Public Health Partnership**

Katie Johnson, Tuolumne County Public Health, reported that they are looking for grant assistance with disposal of disposable vapes. Johnson shared that cigarette butts are the most common form of litter, followed by Zyn pouches, and then vapes.

Discussion ensued regarding the hazards posed by disposal of vapes due to their highly toxic nicotine liquid and lithium batteries, causing them to be a fire risk not only within the collection trucks and transfer stations but also hazardous to disassemble.

Debbie Regan shared that Tuolumne County Solid Waste does take vapes at the monthly Household Hazardous Waste Collection event but none of the Tuolumne County Solid Waste staff is expected to be dismantling disposable vapes.

**C. Possible Projects for 1,000 Ton Disposal Allowance**

Mike Griffin, Committee Member, shared that the allowance is still being utilized for the Firewise Community clean-up.

No new ideas for potential projects were brought up.

Discussion ensued regarding the consistent overfilled bins at Sanctions Camp due to illegal dumping.

**D. Discussion and Vote: Conduct BOSSWC Meetings in Person Only**

Debbie Regan, Tuolumne County Solid Waste recommended tabling for another date due to SB707, updating the Brown Act requiring hybrid options for board meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Holland adjourned the July 8, 2026 BOSSWC Meeting at 2:10PM



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September 4, 2026

Roger Root  
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Subject: Tuolumne County's Sixth, Five-Year Review of the CIWMP

Dear Mr Root,

The Tuolumne County Solid Waste Committee/Local Task Force (SWC/LTF) met on September 9, 2026, to discuss the five-year review of the Tuolumne County "Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan" (CIWMP), as required by Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 41770 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Sections 18788). The purpose of the review was to determine if the CIWMP requires revision. On behalf of the SWC/LTF, this letter summarizes our findings and recommendations.

Based on its review, the SWC/LTF believes the CIWMP does not require a "revision" at this time. This conclusion is based upon the annual reports submitted by the Tuolumne County Solid Waste Division which have provided updated information annually concerning the status of program implementation. The annual reports note that the County's programs remain consistent with the hierarchy of waste management practices defined in PRC Section 40051.

The SWC/LTF advises that any potential changes to the planning documents will be updated through the 2021 annual report. It is the understanding of the SWC/LTF that updates do not constitute a "revision" as defined in the law and CIWMB regulations. The SWC/LTF will continue to meet bi-monthly as a community-based advisory committee on waste management and diversion issues of countywide significance.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Holland  
Chair, SWC/LTF

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