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April 20 - 23 | Sonoma County, CA



Monday April 20, 2026

- **7:00 am – 4:30 pm:** Exhibitor Setup
- **8:00 am – 6:00 pm:** Registration
- **9:00 am – 3:00 pm:** Industry Tours
 - **Tour 1** – Sonoma County Landfill and New Recology MRF with lunch at Raymond Burr Vineyard
 - **Tour 2** – Reuse Alliance and New Recology MRF with lunch at Raymond Burr Vineyard
- **8:00 am – 3:00 pm:** Golf Tournament at Foxtail Golf Course - South Course
 - **8 am:** Breakfast buffet
 - **9 am:** Tee-off
- **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm:** Welcome Reception in Main Hall

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Trade Show Hours: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm & 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

- **7:00 – 5:00 pm:** Registration
- **7:00 – 8:45 am:** Breakfast in Hotel Foyer
- **9:00 – 10:00 am:** Welcome and Opening Remarks by SWANA Gold Rush Chapter President, Sonoma County and Zero Waste Sonoma in Main Hall
- **10:00 – 11:00 am:** Keynote Lecture: Amendments to the California Air Resources Board's Landfill Methane Regulation by Quinn Langfitt (CARB) in Main Hall
- **11:00 – 11:30 am:** Break and Poster Viewing in Exhibit Halls I and II and Main Hall
- **11:15 – 11:30 am:** SWANA Gold Rush Chapter Current and Past Board Photo at Registration Table
- **11:35 am – 12:00 pm:** You'll Get What You Ask For: Writing Smarter RFPs for Engineering Services by Lindsey Angell (CEC, Inc.) in Main Hall



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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

- **12:00 – 1:30 pm:** Lunch in Hotel Foyer and Poster Viewing in Main Hall
- **1:30 – 3:00 pm:** Session 1

<p>Track A: Zero Waste Programs Moderated by: Naomi Lue – Castro Valley Sanitary District</p>	<p>Track B: SB1383 Compliance Moderated by: Joe La Mariana – RethinkWaste</p>
<p><i>Scaling Reuse in Local Government: Zero Waste Sonoma’s Integrated Approach to Reducing Single-Use Waste</i> – Leslie Lukacs, Zero Waste Sonoma & Phoebe Schenker, Reuse Alliance</p>	<p><i>Food Recovery in Rural versus Urban Areas of California</i> – Brett Wilks, SCS Engineers</p>
<p><i>Zero Waste Sonoma’s Edible Food Recovery Program</i> – Kristen Sales, Zero Waste Sonoma</p>	<p><i>Contracts at a Crossroads: Technology, Trends, and the Next Era of Oversight</i> – Karla Del Rosario, HF&H Consultants</p>
<p><i>Truckee’s Single-Use Item Reduction Programs: From Local Ordinances to On-the-Ground Solutions</i> – Erin Brewster & Melanie Grebitus, City of Truckee</p>	<p><i>Power in Community-Based Social Marketing for Driving Organics Diversion in Multi-Family Communities</i> – Sara Parral, HF&H Consultants</p>

- **3:00 – 3:30 pm:** Coffee Break and Poster Viewing
- **3:30 – 5:00 pm:** Session 2

<p>Track A: Compost Operations Moderated by: Kimberly Cook - Agromin</p>	<p>Track B: SB 1383 Panel</p>
<p><i>Thinking Outside the Box: Innovative Approaches to Climate Action and SB1383 Compliance</i> – Bill Camarillo, Agromin</p>	<p><i>Beyond the Rulebook: Creative, Insight-Rich Approaches to SB 1383 Enforcement</i></p> <p>– Haley Kunert, HF&H Consultants. LLC – Mark Ladney, City of Garden Grove – Luis Moctezuma, City of Palm Desert</p>
<p><i>Compost Facility Master Plan Case Study – Bakersfield, CA</i> – Tim Raibley, HDR</p>	
<p><i>People, Plastics, Compostables, and Peels: Consumer Behavior and the Realities of Composting Operations</i> – Jennifer Winfrey & Liv Johansson, City of San Diego Environmental Services Department</p>	

- **5:00 – 7:00 pm:** Cash Bar located near Exhibit Halls
- **6:30 – 10:30 pm:** Graton Rancheria Casino Shuttle Bus (runs every 15 minutes from hotel to casino) – Sponsored by SWANA Gold Rush Chapter
- **7:30 – 8:30 pm:** Trivia Night in Conference Room 1– Hosted by SWANA Young Professionals
- **7:30 – 9:30 pm:** Line Dancing at Waterhawk Restaurant (Rain permitting)



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Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Trade Show Hours: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

- **7:00 – 5:00 pm:** Registration
- **7:00 – 8:30 am:** Breakfast in Hotel Foyer
- **All activities 8:30 – Noon will be in the Main Hall unless otherwise noted**
- **8:30 – 9:00 am:** Earth Day activity
- **9:00 – 9:45 am:** Keynote Speaker: Assemblymember Chris Rogers, District 12
- **9:45 – 11:00 am:** SWANA's Legislative Task Force Update and Q&A Session by Dylan Hoffman (Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc) and Doug Kobold (California Product Stewardship Council)
- **11:00 – 11:30 am:** SB 54 Meets SB 1383: Understanding Requirements and Implementation Pathways by Michelle Martin and Cara Morgan (CalRecycle)
- **11:35 am – 12:00 pm:** Poster Session Presentations
 - Rewriting the Rules: Turning Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) & Deposit Return Schemes (DRS) into Growth Opportunities in North America – Grace Hardinata & Joey Velasquez (Jacobs Engineering)
 - A Straightforward Project with Challenges: New White Goods Facility at Yolo County Central Landfill – Fabrizio Settepani & Alkan Bektur (Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.)
 - Construction of a New Tier 2 Compost Facility at Anderson Landfill: Kim Huynh (Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.) and Daniella Knight (WM)
 - From Grant to Ground – Implementing the City of Long Beach's First Textile Collection Event: Lauren Beauban (SCS Engineers)
 - New California Landfill Methane Regulation and Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) Impacts: Gabrielle Wirth (Tetra Tech)
- **12:00 – 1:30 pm:** SWANA California Chapters – Work Lunch in Conference Room I, Desserts in Exhibit Halls I and II – ***All are invited!***



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Wednesday April 22, 2026

- **1:30 – 3:00 pm:** Session 3

Track A: Extended Producer Responsibility Moderated by: Christina Hanson – County of Placer	Track B: Lessons Learned Part I Moderated by: Bill Schmierer – Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Product Stewardship: From Producer Responsibility To Consumer Responsibility And Everything In Between – Doug Kobold, California Product Stewardship Council	Restoring Methane Compliance at a Perimeter Probe: A Case Study in Subsurface Discovery, Multidisciplinary Engineering, and Field-Driven Optimization – Sabrina Napoli & Matthew Halo, Tetra Tech & Patrick Womble, Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority
SB54 and Beyond: Leveraging Early Data and Expertise to Secure Funding and Compliance – Erin Levine, HDR	Engineering Collaboration for Cost Effective Odor Control at North Area Recovery Station – Brian Liebich, Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling & Jordan Norris, Jacobs Engineering
From Policy to Practice: SB 54 Updates for Jurisdictions and Service Providers – Emily Coven, Circular Action Alliance	An Innovative Technology for Increased Biogas Generation and Reduced Solids Production: Case Study at Goleta Sanitary District – Reese Wilson, Goleta Sanitary District & James Dunbar, Lystek International Limited

- **3:00 – 3:30 pm:** Coffee Break and Poster Viewing
- **3:30 – 5:00 pm:** Session 4 and Exhibitor Breakdown

Track A: Education Moderated by: Derek Crutchfield – City of Vallejo	Track B: Regulatory Collaboration
What are you Wasting? – Michelle Leonard, SCS Engineers	Regional Collaboration in Action: Scaling the Impact of Solid Waste Policies and Programs – Lauren Romanazzi, SCS Engineers – Leslie Lukacs, Zero Waste Sonoma – Joe La Mariana, RethinkWaste – Julia Heath, City of Berkeley
Innovation in Community Engagement & Collaborations – Celia Furber, Recology	
Planning for Integrated Solid Waste Management Systems – A Deep Dive into Funding Mechanisms – Giorgio Castro & Alkan Bektur, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	

- **5:00 – 7:00 pm:** Cash Bar located near Exhibit Halls
- **7:00 – 9:00 pm:** Banquet Dinner



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Thursday, April 23, 2026

- **7:00 – 9:00 am:** Registration
- **7:00 – 8:30 am:** Breakfast in Hotel Foyer
- **8:45 – 10:15 am:** Session 5

Track A: Landfill Design & Maintenance Moderated by – Amy Padovani, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	Track B: Regulatory Compliance Moderated by – Tami Stolzenhaller, City of Watsonville
<i>Landfill Master Planning – Blueprint for the Future – Michael Gonzalez, CEC Inc.</i>	<i>Reducing Compliance Risks and Costs: Practical Stormwater Strategies for Solid Waste Sites – Maia Straight, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.</i>
<i>Landfill Gas & Groundwater Treatment Systems Optimization, San Luis Obispo County, Los Osos Closed Landfill – Charlie O’Neill, HDR</i>	<i>CTR, AB 2588, and the EICG: Air Toxics and Criteria Emissions Reporting for Waste-Handling Facilities – Greg Wolfe, Yorke Engineering</i>
<i>Beyond Closure: The Importance of Maintaining Closed Landfill Sites – Jonathon Martinez, CEC Inc.</i>	<i>The Truth about C&D Facilities: Benefits, Challenges, and Lessons Learned from Third-Party Certifications – Sarah Koplowicz, R3 consulting Group, Inc.</i>

- **10:15 – 10:45 am:** Break
- **10:45 – 12:00 pm:** Session 6

Track A: Emissions Control Moderated by – Chris Hiller, WAGA Energy	Track B: Lessons Learned - Part II Moderated by – Carrie Baxter, R3 Consulting Group
<i>Right-Sizing Gas Control under the New CA LMR: Ultra-Low Heat Input Flares for Small and/or Closed Landfills – Srividhya Viswanathan, SCS Engineers</i>	<i>From Concept to Commissioning: The 10-Year Path to Kern County’s CASP Composting Success – Dave Lee, Kern County</i>
<i>Community Air Monitoring for Landfill Emissions; Approaches, Advice, and Best Practices – Raymond Huff, Patrick Sullivan, Stipe Markotic, Quincy Laris, SCS Engineers</i>	<i>The Role of Real-Time Landfill Gas Control in Regulatory Compliance and Carbon Intensity Reduction – Drew Quigley, LoCI Controls, Rachel Davis, Yolo County Central Landfill</i>
<i>Update on the Implementation of the Wellfield Analysis Graph (WAG): An Innovation in Landfill Gas Data Analysis – Raymond Huff, Maxton Lam, SCS Engineers</i>	<i>PFAS at Landfills in California – Where Are We, and What Have We Learned? – John Merrill, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.</i>