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**IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (IVRMA)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

September 26, 2024

Present

Quorum Attendees:

Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Yvonne Cordero	City of Imperial
Alexus Kastoll	City of Imperial
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Cedric Ceseña	City of Holtville
Leslie Castañeda	City of Brawley
Jonathan Sahagun	City of Brawley
Aldo Ayon	City of Brawley
Jose Castañeda	Imperial County

Attendees:

Maricela Galarza	IVRMA
Atenea Leal	IVRMA
Angelica Gerardo	IVRMA
Claudia Gonzalez	IVRMA
Matt Gray	CR&R
Sylvia Gerardo	Republic Services
Chelsea Callahan	Cal Recycle
Natalie Lessa	ReCREATE

1. Mr. Campos called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. **A Quorum was present.** Introductions were made.
  - Hybrid meeting
2. JUNE 27 & JULY 25, 2024, MINUTES were reviewed, and no comments or changes were requested. Minutes were adopted for June 27 & July 25, 2024. (Campos, seconded by Castañeda) **Motion Carried.**
3. CALRECYCLE LAMD

Ms. Larner announced the following updates.

- The next Sb1383 webinar chat is on October 16, 2024, from 1 pm to 3 pm. The topic will be Procurement. If not able to attend all SB1383 webinar chats are recorded and uploaded to the CalRecycle YouTube channel.

**Upcoming due dates for Grant application**

- October 8, 2024 - Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant (Cycle 84)

- October 16, 2024 – The Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program
- November 5, 2024 – Beverage Container Quality Infrastructure Grant Program
- Ms. Callahan has been scheduling conference calls with the Imperial County. The focus for this next round would be on Implementation records.

#### 4. EDIBLE FOOD CAPACITY PROJECT/RECOM.

Ms. Lessa provided the following updates.

- ReCREATE has provided a final update on the Edible Food Recovery Capacity Program. ( See attachment Report for reference)

Ms. Galarza provided the following updates.

- Ms. Less has provided the Final report for the Edible Food Recovery Capacity Program to her and will be transferring the report to USBs and will be dropping off one to each jurisdiction for each to have a copy of the final report.

#### 5. IVRMA UPDATES

Ms. Galarza provided the following updates.

- IVRMA started the collaboration with the paint care program to increase the capacity for paint received in Imperial County for residents and small businesses. The aim is to promote the program through regular operations, the VSQG program, and cleanup events. There was a capacity issue for the paint program at Imperial County and was brought up to IVRMA, and it was announced that IVRMA collect paint from all three facilities, significantly increasing capacity. A curbside program for used oil pickup was also discussed, which will be promoted and implemented in collaboration with Republic Services and CR&R. A grant application for the beverage container program was mentioned, IVRMA is in the process of applying, which would fund the installation of 75 recycling bins in public areas and water refill stations in schools and public facilities. The reimbursement process for the grant was explained, with all costs related to installation, permits, and service hours being eligible.

Ms. Gonzalez provided the following updates.

- One community event in the City of Calexico in Camarena Memorial Library – (Fiesta Mexicana) (September 12, 2024, from 5 pm to 7 pm)

Ms. Leal provided the following updates.

- In the month of August IVRMA outreach department has been focusing to target more small businesses for the VSQG Program .
- For September IVRMA will be participating in 4 Clean up events.

September 7 – Salton City  
 September 14 – Calipatria  
 September 21- Seeley  
 September 28 – Palo Verde

- For October 7 will be doing presentations on the Calipatria Elementary School.
- IVRMA invites all to visit the website and social media to keep in touch and see all the Communities and Clean-up events IVRMA will be participating in.

#### 6. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Cordero introduced Alexis Kastoll as the new Organic Waste Monitor for the City of Imperial. Also, invites all to join the City of Imperial community event Fiesta de los Muertos on October 19 starting at 6 pm IVRMA and Republic Services will be participating as well to provide information to the community.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Campos adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

The next IVRMA TAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2024. For questions or comments, please call Maricela Galarza at (760) 996-0972, or email at [maricelagalarza@imperialctc.org](mailto:maricelagalarza@imperialctc.org).