



March 10, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency

From: Paul Freund, Agency Manager

Subject: February 2026 Monthly Update

1. I continue to provide Green Building Code compliance support to the building departments and monitor and provide support to the cities and the County for paper product procurement. Now that Christian has promoted to the Organic Materials Program Coordinator position, he will begin taking on these responsibilities.
2. The Agency participated in a recycling audit in the City of Red Bluff on February 4, engaging residents to provide recycling tips and feedback on their current practices. There was also a feature on the audits by Action News Now, who were notified by a resident. The article can be found here: https://www.actionnewsnow.com/news/trash-can-inspections-carried-out-at-neighborhoods-around-red-bluff/article_d7f8d191-afc3-43e8-a578-f40174b2bfad.html
3. I was on vacation February 6 and February 27.
4. Christian and Max, with Green Waste of Tehama, presented to four classrooms and engaged students through the 4R Kids Exhibit activities on February 9 and 10. The presentations went smoothly and marked the first successful demonstrations using the revamped 4R Kids Exhibit trailer.
5. I met with Jennifer Hodge, Rancho Tehama Association President, on February 10 about conducting a waste characterization study of their transfer station's trash compactor. I also discussed the sharps program and provided her with contact information for a local CRV redemption center to see if they would be interested in opening a location at their transfer station.
6. Christian engaged with local businesses in Corning to discuss recycling opportunities and promote the Smart Business Alliance program at the Corning Chamber of Commerce's Corning in the Morning event hosted by Banner Bank on February 13.
7. I attended the February 14 Household Hazardous Waste collection event at the landfill to observe the contractor's staff interactions with the public and businesses that bring

waste to the facility under our Very Small Quantity Generator program. I also advised their staff on the Agency's reuse program and have since seen a dramatic increase in the amount of material diverted to our reuse program.

8. I attended the Red Bluff-Tehama County Chamber of Commerce BEAM event on February 18 to promote the Recycling Market Development Zone. I spoke with several individuals and businesses that seemed interested in the zone, but so far none have contacted the Agency.
9. Christian and Max from Green Waste met on February 20 to review the monthly recycling audit results and discuss potential improvements. This month, a new approach was implemented in which Green Waste notified customers via email with audit results and recycling tips. Both the Agency and Green Waste received positive feedback from residents.
10. The Agency held its monthly meeting with Waste Connections on February 20. We discussed the possibility of accepting solar panels for a fee, working with their staff to improve reusable paint acceptance, and small repairs to equipment.
11. Tehama County Environmental Health performed their monthly inspections of the landfill and MRF on February 23. They did not find any violations or areas of concern.
12. Christian engaged with local businesses in Red Bluff to discuss recycling opportunities and promote the Smart Business Alliance program at the Red Bluff-Tehama County Chamber of Commerce's Good Morning Red Bluff hosted by Columbia Bank on February 26.
13. Agency staff contributed waste reduction, recycling and hazardous waste disposal information to the monthly Lake CA POA newsletter and WasteWise News.
14. Household hazardous waste collection events will be held from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on the second and fourth Saturdays of March in Red Bluff.

Please feel free to contact me at the office at 528-1103 should any questions arise.

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