



August 12, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency

From: Paul Freund, Agency Manager

Subject: July 2025 Monthly Update

1. As required by SB 1383 regulations, the Agency inspected commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations. Raley's, California Walnut Company, Reeds Creek Elementary School District, Salt Ranch Food Pantry, Spirit of Life Church Food Panty, and Harvest Christian Center Food Pantry were inspected in July.
2. 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.
3. Christian attended the Red Bluff-Tehama County Chamber of Commerce's Ribbon Cutting for the new S & L CRV recycling location on July 1 and met with the new owner to confirm contact information for the Agency's outreach flyers.
4. I attended the Tehama Together Food Share meeting hosted by Rancho Tehama Community Church on July 10. I provided information on the grant funded purchases that benefited most of the Food Pantries in Tehama County and coordinated with PATH to meet about establishing a community compost site at the PATH Navigation Center.
5. Christian provided recycling education to community members at the Tehama County Library's Los Molinos branch on July 10, Red Bluff branch on July 21, and Corning branch on July 28. Various educational activities created by the Agency were displayed to interact with young people. He was joined by Green Waste of Tehama at the Red Bluff branch and WM at the Corning branch who both brought their collection trucks to show attendees how the recycling and trash is collected at their homes.
6. CalRecycle, along with Tehama County Department of Environmental Health, performed the 18-month inspection and pre-permit inspection on July 11, citing no areas of concern or violations. CalRecycle did have recommendations for managing pile temperature and moisture of the yard trimming piles for fire prevention and monitoring requirements.

7. I was on vacation from July 12 to July 20 visiting family in Phoenix, AZ.
8. I attended the City of Corning's Council meeting on July 22 where they approved the agreement between the Agency and the City to allow the Agency to conduct temporary one-day collection events at their Park and Ride parking lot at Third Street and Solano Street.
9. I met with employees of the PATH Navigation Center, as well as managers of the two transitional housing programs, to discuss establishing a community compost site at the Navigation Center. There was also interest in establishing composting sites at the transitional housing programs. The Agency has grant funding available to help establish these programs and must spend the funds by April 1, 2026.
10. I attended Waste Connections' Swap Shop event on July 26, which was the second event this year. As part of their diversion plan for 2025 they have committed to hold three events in 2025. I will send an announcement to all Directors when they have enough material to hold the third event. Most of the items they had were taken by 11AM, highlighting the success of these free giveaway programs.
11. I met with ACTenviro's Operations Manager on July 29 to discuss ongoing issues with their management of the Red Bluff and Corning HHW facilities, as well as liquidated damages that are still accruing for failure to provide required safety and training documents and unsatisfactory performance of their staff. ACTenviro has requested to negotiate the liquidated damages, and I am awaiting their request. If needed, I will bring their request to the Board for review. We also discussed operations of the temporary one-day events in Corning to ensure there are no issues with that site. Following our meeting they joined me for the regular inspection of the Red Bluff HHW facility to observe how it is conducted, and they agreed to work with their staff to correct these ongoing issues.
12. The Agency had its monthly meeting with Waste Connections on July 31. We discussed employee changes and repairs to the sort line. I also discussed recommendations for the Swap Shop advertising and liability, as well as the yard waste pile temperature monitoring and importance of keeping the temperatures low by moving the pile and grinding and shipping off site regularly.
13. Christian worked with Waste Connections' Sustainability Coordinator, Max Bartlett, to do a follow-up recycling route audit on July 11 to gauge progress from the first audit in the unincorporated County. He will begin working with Max on the City of Red Bluff routes as their new contract began in June 2024. The Agency has been unable to do recycling route audits in Corning with WM. The Agency will continue to work with City Manager, Brant Mesker, to encourage WM's participation in these useful route audits.

14. Agency staff contributed waste reduction, recycling and hazardous waste disposal information to the monthly Lake CA POA newsletter, Tehama County Educators Waste Awareness Newsletter, and WasteWise News.

15. Household hazardous waste collection events will be held from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on the second and fourth Saturday of August in Red Bluff and the third Saturday of August in Corning. The August event will be the final event at Corning Disposal.

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

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