



September 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency

From: Paul Freund, Agency Manager

Subject: August 2025 Monthly Update

1. As required by SB 1383 regulations, the Agency inspected commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations. Bimbo Bakery, Walmart Distribution Center, FoodMaxx, DG Market, Richfield Elementary School District, Immaculate Conception Church Food Panty, and the Corning Senior Center Food Pantry were inspected in August.
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. I provided recycling, waste reduction, backyard composting, and proper household hazardous waste (HHW) disposal information to residents attending the Saturday Market by the River in Red Bluff on August 2.
4. Christian attended the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) conference held in Monterey from August 4-6 where he had the opportunity to network with industry professionals and learn best practices in recycling, composting, and proper HHW disposal.
5. Christian provided recycling education to community members at the Tehama County Library's Backpack Giveaway on August 8. Various educational activities created by the Agency were displayed to interact with young people. The Agency's booth was also set up next to Green Waste of Tehama's booth who brought their collection truck and other outreach materials.
6. I attended the Tehama County Department Head Training and Team Building event held at Rolling Hills Casino on August 11. I had the opportunity to interact with various Department Heads; some I have known for several years and others who I had not met before. This was a great event and gave me the chance to get to know more about the County's Departments in an informal and relaxed atmosphere, some of whom are the Agency's regulators.

7. Christian provided outreach and assistance to two Certified Collection Centers in Red Bluff that collect used motor oil from the public as part of the Oil Payment Program's Annual Report. He provided them with information on directing the public to the landfill's HHW facility for contaminated motor oil and gave them new signs to display so the public knows they collect used motor oil.
8. I met with Waste Connections on August 14 to go over their plan for monitoring and extinguishing the yard waste fire and requested they put together a presentation to give to the Executive Committee on September 4.
9. I virtually attended the Rural Counties' ESJPA meeting on August 14 on behalf of Tom Walker as Tehama County's alternate delegate and was joined by Shasta County's alternate delegate as the Agency's office served as the noticed remote location for the meeting. I was able to ask CalRecycle about AB 1826 implementation and whether our jurisdictions would be exempt or would need to comply and am awaiting their response. I also learned about carbon credits through carbon farming by land applying compost to actively grazed lands and participated in their afternoon session where the ESJPA is seeking input on their rural zero waste plan.
10. I attended the final HHW collection at Corning Disposal on August 16 to provide residents with information on the new temporary collection events starting September 20. We had nine residents attend the event and most had materials that could be taken on a regular basis to our retail partners in Corning and Los Molinos. I also discovered from one resident that WM had put out a flyer over the summer incorrectly advertising HHW collection at the landfill any day, as opposed to the second and fourth Saturday collections during the summer that the Agency has been advertising for over four years.
11. Christian met with Green Waste of Tehama's Sustainability Coordinator, Max Bartlett, on August 18 to review Max's outreach for the ride along recycling audits and how they can begin doing them monthly to ensure residents in Tehama County are putting materials in the correct bins. He will soon begin working with Max on the City of Red Bluff routes as their new contract began in June 2024. The Agency is still unable to do recycling route audits in Corning with WM, but we will continue to work with City Manager, Brant Mesker, to encourage WM's participation in these useful route audits.
12. The Agency had its monthly meeting with Waste Connections on August 21. We discussed the yard waste fire monitoring and plan to extinguish it, facility upgrades, WM's flyer incorrectly advertising HHW collection any day at the landfill, and improvements to the reporting they send the Agency.
13. I was on vacation on August 22.

14. Christian provided recycling, waste reduction, backyard composting, and proper HHW disposal information to residents attending the Red Bluff-Tehama County Chamber of Commerce's Wednesday Night Market in Red Bluff on August 27. Also, as the Agency sponsored their market, Christian was featured in their video "spotlight" where he provided additional information about the Agency's programs to their online viewers.
15. Christian attended the Red Bluff-Tehama County Chamber of Commerce's Good Morning Red Bluff event hosted by the Tehama County Association of Realtors on August 28 and engaged with businesses about recycling and promoted the Smart Business Alliance (SBA) Program.
16. The Agency met with Green Waste of Tehama to discuss the rebranding of the Smart Business Alliance, commercial cart utilization data, and information the Agency adds to Tehama County's Public Information Flyer (PIF) on August 28. Green Waste will provide the template for the PIF to the Agency soon and we will meet again about the SBA program after the Agency has discussed the rebrand with WM to see if they would like to be involved. Green Waste will also start collecting the commercial cart utilization data for the AB 341 compliant businesses so we can direct our outreach to businesses that may need assistance with increasing their recycling.
17. 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.
18. Household hazardous waste collection events will be held from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on the second and fourth Saturday of September in Red Bluff and the third Saturday of September in Corning at the new temporary location.

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

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