



October 7, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency

From: Paul Freund, Agency Manager

Subject: September 2025 Monthly Update

1. As required by SB 1383 regulations, the Agency inspected commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations. Bell Carter Foods, Inc., Highlands Ranch Resort, Corning Union High School District, Corning Union Elementary School District, Red Bluff Joint Union High School, and New Life Assembly Food Pantry were inspected in September.
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 Corning Tuesday Night Market on September 2.
4. The yard waste fire that began August 10 was fully extinguished by September 4. An informational update was provided to the Executive Committee on September 4 and additional information and a plan to mitigate future occurrences will be presented to the Full Board on January 5, 2026.
5. Christian met with the Sycamore Heights Apartment Manager, a current SBA member, on September 5 to review progress on their recycling program and delivered additional recycling bins and tote bags for residents.
6. I gave a presentation about the Agency, landfill operations, and upcoming regulations impacting the landfill to the Tehama County Association of Realtors on September 11.
7. Christian conducted a Ride Along Recycling Audit with Green Waste of Tehama's Sustainability Coordinator, Max Bartlett, on September 15 in the Gerber area. He provided recycling tips and feedback to residents and will soon be meeting with Max to

review the results and plan a second audit of the same area to gauge their progress. The Agency also plans to do similar outreach on City of Red Bluff routes once the County audits are completed for the year. The Agency has so far been unsuccessful at coordinating recycling route audits in Corning with WM. We will continue to work with City Manager, Brant Mesker, to encourage WM's participation in doing these useful route audits.

8. Christian provided safe household hazardous waste disposal and recycling information and displayed several of the 4R Kids Exhibit games and the newly wrapped trailer at the Kiwanis Child Safety Day Fair on September 17.
9. Christian gave a presentation to staff and conducted a recycling audit of Triple R Gas on September 18. Triple R Gas joined the SBA and Christian provided them with recycling bins and helped place them strategically throughout their office and breakroom to encourage greater diversion of recyclable materials.
10. I attended the first temporary HHW collection event at Corning's Park and Ride parking lot on September 20 to gauge attendance and provide residents with information on regular collection opportunities at our retail and community partners for universal wastes. We had five residents attend the event and some brought materials that could be taken on a regular basis to those partners in Corning and Los Molinos.
11. Christian visited FoodMaxx on September 5 to review their recycling program and identify their needs for additional recycling bins, and conducted a follow-up visit on September 29 to meet with their Store Manager to provide recommendations on in-store recycling and additional information on the benefits of joining the SBA.
12. The Agency had its monthly meeting with Waste Connections on September 22. We discussed the upcoming scale calibration, upgrades to the yard waste collection area, and cell liner trust fund reports they send to the Agency.
13. Christian continues to have regular check in calls for the used oil recycling video campaign to review the activity and trends.
14. The Agency hosted the final tire collection event of the TA7 grant cycle with staffed locations at Evergreen Middle School and the Corning Park and Ride. Agency staff provided traffic control and outreach to residents, with 990 tires being collected.
15. Agency staff contributed waste reduction, recycling and hazardous waste disposal information to the monthly Lake CA POA newsletter and WasteWise News.

16. Household hazardous waste collection events will be held from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on the second Saturday of October in Red Bluff and the third Saturday of October 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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