



December 8, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency

From: Paul Freund, Agency Manager

Subject: November 2025 Monthly Update

1. As required by SB 1383 regulations, the Agency inspected commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations. Nu-Way Market, Nash's Olive Oil, Good Faith Farm, PATH Food Pantry, Salvation Army Food Pantry, The Lord's Table Food Pantry, and Corning Christian Assistance Food Pantry were inspected in November.
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 attended the Sacramento River Discovery Center's Fall Plant Festival on November 1 to provide backyard compost information and demonstrations, gave away food scrap pails, and promoted the Tehama County Recycling Market Development Zone (TCRMDZ) as compost businesses can qualify for loans and assistance through that program.
4. Christian was joined by Waste Connections' Sustainability Coordinator, Max Bartlett, to meet with the River Oaks MHP Board on November 4. River Oaks recently joined the Smart Business Alliance (SBA), and Christian and Max helped them strategically place Agency-provided recycling bins and signage to help them improve their recycling efforts.
5. I attended the RMDZ ZoneWorks virtual meeting on November 5 to learn about new ways to promote the RMDZ and unique ways that Zone Incentive Funds (ZIF) funds can be used. The Agency is currently partnering with the Tehama County Library and California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) on a project to promote reuse and repair using ZIF funds.
6. I was on vacation November 10.
7. Christian was joined by Waste Connections' Sustainability Coordinator, Max Bartlett, to meet with Plumas Bank on November 14 to assess their current recycling programs and

discuss joining the SBA. Plumas Bank agreed to join the SBA, and Christian and Max will return in December to help them strategically place Agency-provided recycling bins and signage to help them improve their recycling efforts. Christian and Max also stopped by the Red Bluff Community Center, who joined the SBA in October, to help them strategically place recycling bins and signage.

8. The Agency participated in the Tehama County Library's Storytime at each library branch on November 18, 19, and 20 to promote the TCRMDZ and help educate children and their parents on the importance of waste reduction, recycling and repair. These events were part of the project between the Agency, Tehama County Library, and CPSC to promote reuse and repair. An upcoming hands-on event for mending clothing will be held on December 11 at the Red Bluff branch of the Tehama County Library.
9. The Agency held its monthly meeting with Waste Connections on November 21. We discussed new equipment arriving in the coming months, upcoming maintenance for the recycling sorting line and methane gas collection system, and an increase in trespassers during the overnight hours. While nothing of great value has been taken, nor have the Agency's office and vehicles been tampered with, it is causing their staff to clean up more often and frequently repair holes in the fence near the entrance gate. We discussed some strategies to try identifying the trespassers as the cameras Waste Connections currently use could not clearly identify them.
10. Christian finished his regular check in calls for the used oil recycling video campaign that ended in November. The advertiser met the targeted engagement, they advised that shorter ads would perform better, and that Facebook ads outperformed YouTube ads.
11. Agency staff contributed waste reduction, recycling and hazardous waste disposal information to the monthly Lake CA POA newsletter and WasteWise News.
12. Household hazardous waste collection events will be held from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on the second Saturday of December in Red Bluff and the third Saturday of December in Corning at the new temporary location. December will also be the last event for the Corning temporary location.

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

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