

# EL DORADO COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDSWAC)

## OVERVIEW 2023

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PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON JULY 18, 2023

# MISSION STATEMENT

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The El Dorado County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (EDSWAC) was established by a resolution of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in 1992 to meet the requirements of the California Integrated Solid Waste Management Act. EDSWAC is charged with addressing specific goals and objectives that include:

1. Develop goals, policies and procedures which guide the development, revising and updating of four County elements and an Integrated Waste Management Plan.
2. Provide review and comment on city or county proposals and contracts affecting county-wide waste management.
3. Determine the need for solid and hazardous waste systems, facilities, programs and facilitate marketing of materials.
4. Provide review and comment on new or expanded solid and hazardous waste management facilities.
5. Monitor and evaluate the planning and effectiveness of specific programs implemented to meet the defined solid and hazardous waste management objectives and strategies in the County's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).
6. Conduct five-year reviews of the California Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) and the County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

# MEMBERSHIP

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- Representatives for each Supervisor District (D I-V)
- City of Placerville
- City of South Lake Tahoe
- Cameron Park CSD
- El Dorado Hills CSD
- El Dorado Disposal
- South Tahoe Refuse

Assisted by the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department

# WHAT WE DO?

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EDSWAC meets bi-monthly to address the goals and objectives in our bylaws.

We seek opportunities for increasing diversion from landfilling through:

- Touring facility operations inside and beyond the county to understand how programs operate.
- Learning from guest speakers operating promising programs.
- Reviewing public education programs and materials to identify increased education opportunities.
- Providing a forum for problem-solving and sharing successful strategies across jurisdictions.
- Staying informed about related legislation and what this means for the county.
- Recommending and developing programs (Business Recognition Program, Construction and Demolition Program).

EDSWAC sets an annual goal to focus its efforts each year. The goal for 2023 is to make measurable progress toward a 75% diversion target as specified by AB 341 through 1) supporting implementation of AB 1826 and SB 1383 (legislation related to organics) and 2) through targeted public education on the 4R (reduce, reuse, recycle and recover).

# SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- EDSWAC is committed to supporting the county in meeting a 75% disposal reduction target within a dynamic environment (changes in how the state reports on targets, changes in recycling markets, changing economic market and pandemic impacts).
- EDSWAC was instrumental in developing the county's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and monitors implementation of the SWMP.
- EDSWAC systematically reviews multiple reports and data over time on programs implemented and the volume of various materials diverted.
- EDSWAC is carefully monitoring the implementation of organics recycling (SB 1383) and discussing how to increase community education and participation.

# ROLE IN THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC GOALS

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- **Good Governance** – EDSWAC supports the county in following state laws related to solid waste management. EDSWAC addresses effectiveness, accountability, responsiveness, transparency, and efficiency.
- **Infrastructure** – EDSWAC is a forum for communication about solid waste operations, facilities, and infrastructure. EDSWAC addressed how resources can serve the community while protecting our environment.