



# County of El Dorado

EDC Environmental  
Management Dept.  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, CA 95667

## Minutes - Draft El Dorado Solid Waste Advisory Committee

### *Committee Members:*

*Catherine Dickson Schwarzbach, Chair, District IV*  
*Don Nizolek, Vice Chair, District I*  
*Doug Venable, District III*  
*Katie Sheehan, District V*  
*Sara Letton, City of South Lake Tahoe*  
*Deana Watkins-Howey, City of Placerville*  
*Michael Churchill, Cameron Park CSD*  
*Teri Gotro, El Dorado Hills CSD*  
*Christopher Brown, El Dorado Disposal*  
*Catherine Howells, South Tahoe Refuse*  
*Vacant, District II*

### *Committee Alternates:*

*John Dickinson, City of South Lake Tahoe*  
*Carole Kendrick, City of Placerville*  
*Tim Israel, Cameron Park CSD*  
*Brittany DiTonno, El Dorado Hills CSD*  
*Monica McKinney, El Dorado Disposal*  
*Jeff Tillman, South Tahoe Refuse*

### *County of El Dorado Staff:*

*Jeffrey Warren, Director*  
*Mark Moss, Environmental Management Manager*  
*Timothy Engle, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist*  
*Julie Abbatelli, Sustainability Coordinator*

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Monday, January 12, 2026

10:00 AM

County of El Dorado  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Room  
2850 Fairlane Ct, Building C  
Placerville, CA 95667

South Tahoe Refuse  
2140 Ruth Ave  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

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### MEETING LINK

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/88488614322>

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Schwarzbach at 10:04 AM.

## ROLL CALL

*7 of 11 members present at west slope site.  
1 of 11 members present at east slope site  
8 of 11 members present total. Quorum passes.*

*Alternate McKinney present to relieve Brown who needs to leave early.*

**Present:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

## REMOTE MEETING APPROVALS

*Discussion held on new Brown Act interpretation for secondary sites. East slope site approved as primary site toward quorum.*

*No remote meeting approvals requested*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

*Pledge conducted*

## OPEN FORUM

*There was no public comment*

*New EDSWAC replacement for EDHCSD, Cara Layne in attendance.*

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Doug Venable to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**25-0084** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee approve the Meeting Minutes from the July 14, 2025, El Dorado Solid Waste Advisory Committee regular meeting as part of the consent agenda (continued from previous meeting).

**Attachments:** [25-0084 A EDSWAC Draft Minutes 071425](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Doug Venable to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

**25-0085** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee approve the Meeting Minutes from the September 8, 2025, El Dorado Solid Waste Advisory Committee regular meeting as part of the consent agenda.

**Attachments:** [25-0085 A EDSWAC Draft Minutes 090825](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Doug Venable to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

**26-0099** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee approve the Meeting Minutes from the November 17, 2025, El Dorado Solid Waste Advisory Committee regular meeting as part of the consent agenda.

**Attachments:** [26-0099 A EDSWAC Draft Minutes 111725](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Doug Venable to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

- 25-0090** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee approve the County's Staff Report as part of the consent agenda (continued from previous meeting).

**Attachments:** [25-0090 A Staff Report 090825](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Doug Venable to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

- 25-0091** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee approve the County's Staff Report as part of the consent agenda.

**Attachments:** [25-0091 A Staff Report 111725](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Doug Venable to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

- 26-0100** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee approve the County's Staff Report as part of the consent agenda (continued from previous meeting).

**Attachments:** [26-0100 A Staff Report](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Doug Venable to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Catherine Dickson Schwartzbach, seconded by Committee Member Deana Watkins-Howey to modify the agenda and move 26-0109, nomination of chair and vice-chair of EDSWAC to the discussion items.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

**26-0101** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee receive and file the current El Dorado Disposal and South Tahoe Refuse Waste/Recycling Tonnage Reports (WRTR).

**Attachments:** [26-0101 A EDD WRTR](#)  
[26-0101 B STR WRTR](#)

*There was no public comment*

**Received and Filed**

**26-0102** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee receive and file the current El Dorado Disposal, South Tahoe Refuse Recycling, and Union Mine Disposal Reporting System (RDRS) Reports.

**Attachments:** [26-0102 A EDD RDRS 2025 Q3](#)  
[26-0102 B EDD RDRS 2025 Q2](#)  
[26-0102 C STR RDRS 2025 Q3](#)  
[26-0102 D STR RDRS 2025 Q2](#)  
[26-0102 E UM RDRS 2025 Q3](#)  
[26-0102 F UM RDRS 2025 Q2](#)

*There was no public comment*

**Received and Filed**

**26-0119** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee discuss moving the WRTR and RDRS reports to the consent calendar.

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Christopher Brown to move the Waste, Recycling, and Tonnage Reports (WRTR) and the Recycling and Disposal Reporting System (RDRS) reports to the consent calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

- 26-0117** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee discuss reviewing the EDSWAC By-Laws for updates per recommendation by El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

**Attachments:** [26-0117 A EDSWAC By-Laws](#)  
[26-0117 B Housekeeping](#)  
[26-0117 C Alternates All](#)  
[26-0117 D Alternates None](#)  
[26-0117 E Meetings Biannually](#)  
[26-0117 F Meetings Bimonthly](#)  
[26-0117 G Meetings Quarterly](#)  
[26-0117 H Meetings Triannually](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Doug Venable, seconded by Committee Member Michael Churchill to adopt the presented by-law changes 26-0117 B (housekeeping), D (removal of alternates), and G (quarterly meetings).**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Brown, Watkins-Howey, Churchill and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

- 26-0118** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee approve the 2026 EDSWAC Calendar.

**Attachments:** [26-0118 A 2026 EDSWAC Calendar Biannually](#)  
[26-0118 B 2026 EDSWAC Calendar Bimonthly](#)  
[26-0118 C 2026 EDSWAC Calendar Quarterly](#)  
[26-0118 D 2026 EDSWAC Calendar Triannually](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Deana Watkins-Howey to adopt 26-0118 C, the quarterly meeting calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Watkins-Howey, Churchill, Alternate McKinney and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

**26-0110** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee discuss and adopt the Committee's Goals and Objectives for 2026.

Attachments: [26-0110 A Goal Language](#)

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Deana Watkins-Howey, seconded by Committee Member Doug Venable to approve the presented goal language with the following corrections and additions:**

**-"Targeted" to "Targeting"**

**-Change the number from 4,5,6 to 1,2,3**

**-Add "To follow up on the 2025 Solid Waste Management Plant (SWMP) review by developing a focused evaluation and monitoring plan."**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Watkins-Howey, Churchill, Alternate McKinney and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

**26-0104** Environmental Management Department, Cities, CSDs, and Franchise Haulers provide an update on the status of the SB 1383 Implementation.

Attachments: [26-0104 A SacBreathe Report November](#)

*There was no public comment*

**No Formal Action**

**26-0107** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee discuss conducting the 2025 Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) and Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) updates.

Attachments: [26-0107 A 2025 EDSWAC SWMP Review](#)

[26-0107 B 2026 EDC BOS Calendar](#)

*There was no public comment*

**Direction provided to Dickson Schwartzbach and staff to complete a planned presentation to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.**

- 26-0108** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee receive and file the 2024 Electronic Annual Reports (EAR) from the reporting jurisdictions in El Dorado County

**Attachments:** [26-0108 A 2024 EAR EDC](#)  
[26-0108 B 2024 EAR COP](#)  
[26-0108 C 2024 EAR SLT](#)  
[26-0108 D 2024 EAR EDH](#)  
[26-0108 E 2024 EAR CP](#)  
[26-0108 F 2024 Diversion Rate and PPD Record](#)

**Received and Filed**

- 26-0109** Environmental Management Department recommending the Committee nominate the Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

*There was no public comment*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Teri Gotro, seconded by Committee Member Deana Watkins-Howey to nominate and approve Doug Venable for 2026 EDSWAC Chair and Don Nizolek for 2026 Vice-chair.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gotro, Venable, Nizolek, Howells, Watkins-Howey, Churchill, Alternate McKinney and Schwarzbach

**Absent:** 2 - Sheehan and Letton

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

*Teri Gotro retiring in June 2026. Replacement selected.*

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

*No announcements*

**NEXT MEETING**

In-person (primary location):

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Placerville, CA 95667

In-person (secondary location):

South Tahoe Refuse  
2140 Ruth Ave  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

TBA

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

*Meeting set for April 13, 2026*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned by Chair Schwarzbach at 12:11 AM.**