

Rural Counties' Environmental Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA)

The Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) was created in 1993 to help meet new challenging and costly State and Federal mandates regulating local solid waste management. The ESJPA works on behalf of its 22 member counties and assists counties in their efforts to comply with State and Federal environmental requirements. The ESJPA Board of Directors, composed of a county Supervisor from each member county and county technical staff, provides direction and expertise needed in this critical area.

State law currently requires local Government to develop programs to achieve a 50% waste diversion rate or face the possibilities of fines. Rural counties generally face higher compliance costs associated with waste management programs than do most urban counties. Collection costs are high because of low population density and the high cost of transportation to disposal sites and recycling markets. Recognizing the challenges facing rural counties, the ESJPA was successful in supporting legislation that gives the California Resources Recycling and Recovery Department the authority to reduce the 50% waste diversion rate mandate on rural counties, as well as other legislative and many of the regulatory processes affecting rural solid waste programs.

With the passage of AB 341 (Chesbro) in 2011, the new statewide goal of a 75% recycling rate will most likely result in additional mandatory programs in the future. The ESJPA will aggressively participate in the legislative and regulatory processes to minimize the impacts to rural solid waste programs.

In addition to the active regulatory and legislative advocacy and technical expertise the ESJPA staff provides, the ESJPA Board meetings offer the opportunity to have state regulatory staff and industry leaders give presentations on current issues. County staff is able to personally meet, ask questions, and share the rural county perspective with regulators and other experts in the field. These Board meetings also provide a forum for county solid waste managers to share ideas and work collectively to solve common problems.

Additionally, the ESJPA has applied for and been awarded grant funding from various state and federal agencies to implement and develop local solid waste management programs in participating member counties. These grant programs have funded household hazardous waste collection activities, used oil collection programs, recycling infrastructure, waste tire amnesty days, special waste training programs, and a wide range of community outreach campaigns.

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ESJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013 MEETING CALENDAR

Thursday, March 21 st	RCRC Conference Room
Thursday, June 20 th	RCRC Conference Room
Thursday, August 22 nd	RCRC Conference Room
Thursday, October 17 th	RCRC Conference Room
Thursday, December 5 th	RCRC Conference Room

** Note: Meeting times are anticipated to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Date

Mary Pitto, Program Manager
Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority
1215 K Street, Ste 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ESJPA Delegate/Alternate Authorization

Dear Ms. Pitto:

On (date) the Board of Supervisors affirmed that Supervisor (name) shall serve as the delegate for the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA). Please accept this letter as authorization for (name(s)) to be the ESJPA Alternative Delegate(s) who, in the absence of the Delegate, may exercise all rights and privileges of the Delegate, including the right to be counted in constituting a quorum, to participate in the proceedings of the Board, and to vote upon any and all matters. This authorization shall remain in effect until further notice.

Sincerely,

Name
Title