

El Dorado County Environmental Management Department (EMD) Staff Update

July 13, 2026

State Programs (Robin Bowker)

Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)

El Dorado County is continuing its transition to the role of the LEA, which ceased for Placer County on April 30th, 2026. El Dorado needs to get its internal documentation approved by CalRecycle and then administer an item to the Board of Supervisors that transfers LEA Authority from Public Health to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Waste Tire Enforcement Agency (TEA)

TEA 32 is wrapping up June 30th, 2026. TEA 33 inspections begin on July 1st, 2026. Nothing abnormal to report. Technical Training Series (TTS) scheduled for March-April 2027 in San Diego, CA.

Tire Amnesty (TA)

Both TA7 and TA8 contracts have been approved. TA7 ends September 30th, 2026, and TA8 ends September 30th, 2027 (unless extended).

Medical Waste

Medical Waste inspections and permitting are conducted normally. El Dorado County is currently updating the program to modernize the permit and application process.

Roadside Litter Abatement

Roadside Litter Abatement continues. EMD is consistently seeing problems with watercraft and large bulky item dumping. Working with EDSO to build enforcement systems.

Complaints

Most of the private property solid waste, sign, animal waste, VHR, and bear box complaints will now be administered by Code Enforcement as the lead agency. 8.76 Bear Boxes will need to be updated to reflect that.

Diversion Enforcement and Sustainability (Julie Abbatelli)

Organics Recycling (SB 1383)

Organics recycling initiatives and SB 1383 compliance continue throughout the county. El Dorado County is currently under audit by CalRecycle's JACE. If there are any deficiencies, they should be come apparent at the end of the audit.

Edible Food Recovery (SB 1383)

Staff continue to administer edible food recovery programs, as well as assist other jurisdictions on edible food recovery initiatives.

Organics Grants (OWR)

The administration of OWR4 is ending, with all funds expended on school recycling, marketing, and purchasing compost. Staff time was not accounted for in OW4.

Electronic Annual Report (EAR)

The electronic annual report is almost complete for 2026.

Extended Producer Responsibility (SB 54)

Staff are exploring how to integrate EPR into our franchise agreements and rate structures.

Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)

Staff saved over \$40,000 to build cold storage with the Marcella Foundation in South Lake Tahoe. This program will be the first use of RMDZ spending in El Dorado County's tenure as a Recycling Market Development Zone.

Franchise Audits and Rates

The rate process for STR and TTSD will be changing next year, and more extensive auditing will be conducted.

Administrative (Timothy Engle)

Assisting Staff

Management and Supervisors continue to assist staff on “hot” issues like emergency board items, county counsel guidance, decision making, and administrative policy.

El Dorado County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (EDSWAC)

EDSWAC was heavily revised in 2026. The revisions are complete. Staff are focused on administering the committee and helping guide them through the ever-changing Brown Act.

City/County Payment Program (CCPP)

CCPP 24-25 and CCPP 25-26 have been allocated to a replacement vehicle. If not, then water fountains for El Dorado County and Cameron Park CSD Parks.

Ordinance Revisions

8.42 Solid Waste has been revised. 8.43 C&D has been scheduled for a first read. 8.76 is being revised with Code Enforcement.

Planning Projects

Planning projects continue to be reviewed throughout the year. Clauses are added for C&D, SB 1383, Cannabis laws, and other Solid Waste issues.