

Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida
SWABC Executive Committee C&D & Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Meeting

September 16, 2025, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
Broward County Government Center West
1st Floor Board Room – Surtax Plaza
1 North University Drive
Plantation, FL 33324
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order, roll call was taken and a quorum established.

Present: Member Horland and Member Mead.

Not Present: Member Newton.

There was no public comment.

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair – Member Horland nominated Member Mead for C&D and Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Chair. Member Mead accepted the nomination.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Horland and seconded to confirm Member Mead as C&D and Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Mead nominated Member Horland for C&D and Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Vice Chair. Member Horland accepted the nomination.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Mead and seconded to confirm Member Horland as C&D and Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes - *Motion:* A motion was made by Member Mead and seconded by Member Horland to approve the minutes of June 17, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Inclusion of Commercial Recycling to C&D Subcommittee - The Subcommittee agreed to expand its scope to include commercial recycling alongside C&D diversion, including multifamily properties using front-load containers, and outlined a program shifting MSW volume into dedicated recycling bins administered by cities, coordinated with franchise haulers, with the Authority supplying templates and annual offer-of-service audits. Members debated optional versus mandatory participation, citing Lee County and San Jose, noted economies of scale and route-density cost impacts, and confirmed existing/planned MRF capacity.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Horland and seconded by Member Mead to request SCS submit a proposal outlining scope, cost range, timeline, and program design overview (including container-size feasibility and multi-family unit collection) for a commercial recycling program and ordinance. The Subcommittee agreed by consensus for the Executive Director to obtain the proposal.

Development of Construction and Demolition (C&D) Recycling - The Subcommittee reviewed a construction and demolition recycling framework centered on a permit-linked deposit program, initially excluding single-family projects. Applicants would post a deposit at permit issuance, use a mixed C&D container alongside a smaller MSW container, and receive the deposit back at final inspection upon proof

that debris went to a certified C&D processor. If not, the deposit would be retained by the city or county. On-site processing such as concrete crushing is acceptable with standardized documentation showing beneficial reuse.

Oversight on C&D Facility verification and Commercial Recycling - Certification would rely on third-party verifiers with a minimum diversion benchmark of fifty percent of inbound material, semiannual audits, and Solid Waste Authority oversight, and open-market use of any certified processor to leverage existing capacity.

Development of Commercial Recycling (to Include Multifamily Units) - Members noted likely exemptions and a phased approach for small jobs and single-family homeowner work, with interest in incentives for large residential remodels.

Compliance C&D and Commercial Recycle Programs Timeline - To minimize administrative burden, the Authority to provide template ordinance language and standardized compliance forms for local administrations.

The Subcommittee agreed by consensus for the Executive Director to request a proposal from SCS detailing scope, cost range, timeline, and oversight design for the C&D certification and audit program, and to explore RFPs for third-party certification and annual compliance reviews.

Public Comment (Reopened) – Public comment was received from an industry representative requesting meaningful participation beyond brief public comment, emphasizing the haulers’ operational expertise and direct service responsibilities. Subcommittee members agreed that industry input is essential and discussed refining the meeting format to allow more time and targeted dialogue during agenda items rather than only at the start. The Executive Director proposed adding an “industry day” segment for two-way discussion of challenges and solutions.

Next Steps and Assignments - The Executive Director to request two proposals from SCS (commercial recycling program and ordinance, C&D certification and audit program) and was directed by the Subcommittee to include an industry engagement segment at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mead.