

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

December 16, 2025, 2:00 – 3:30 PM
Broward County Government Center West
2nd Floor Hearing Room
1 North University Drive
Plantation, FL 33324

MINUTES

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

Present: Subcommittee Chair Mead and Vice Chair Horland.

Not Present: Member Newton, Member Morrisette.

There was no public comment.

Meeting Minutes - Motion: *A motion was made by Vice Chair Horland and seconded by Chair Mead to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.*

SCS – Mr. Deitch from SCS reported that authorization had been received to proceed with development of construction and demolition debris and commercial recycling ordinances, including multifamily properties. Project teams were established, a project management plan was developed for subcommittee review, and best practices from prior white papers were being used to tailor an Authority-specific approach.

SCS stated that draft ordinance language would be developed with the Executive Director and legal counsel and reported to the subcommittee and Executive Committee, with an emphasis on simplicity, minimal administrative burden on ILA members, primary responsibility on permit holders, and use of existing County infrastructure. C&D recycling was identified as a near term opportunity to significantly increase recycling rates.

SCS indicated that preliminary work and draft frameworks could meet the proposed schedule and sought guidance on advancing ordinances concurrently with the Master Plan and Facilities Amendment, with Chair Mead and Vice Chair Horland expressing support for moving all items forward simultaneously. Mr. Deitch reported that city outreach had not yet begun and sought direction on coordinating engagement among the Subcommittee, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Executive Committee. TAC input to date raised implementation considerations but no major concerns, supported commingled C&D collection, and cautioned against deposit programs. TAC members were asked to begin identifying local regulatory considerations and provide them promptly.

The Executive Director clarified that the C&D and commercial recycling programs were proceeding in parallel with, but independent from, the Master Plan and Facilities Amendment, and encouraged communities to begin discussions immediately. Guidance materials and draft ordinance templates were anticipated in early 2026. SCS also reported that research on commercial recycling programs in other Florida jurisdictions was underway to inform a phased, implementable approach. Members acknowledged the readiness of existing service providers to support program implementation.

County Disposal ILA and Flow Control of C&D and Commercial Recyclable Materials Streams – The Executive Director addressed flow control and the need for coordination between the County, the disposal ILA, and the Authority's C&D program. He confirmed that concerns raised at the Industry Outreach Day and subsequent committee meetings were clearly heard and stated that guidance would be developed to address constraints and support meeting and exceeding diversion goals.

The Executive Director emphasized that program success would require commitment from C&D processors, industry partners, and Broward County. Education and outreach at construction sites were identified as critical to ensure only recoverable materials entered C&D and commercial recycling containers and to prevent contamination. An initial diversion target of 50 percent was proposed as achievable and supported by industry, with the understanding that diversion requirements could increase over time as the program matured.

SWA Legal – Draft Ordinance Template for ILA Member Review – Development Timeline Update – The Executive Director reported that a draft ordinance template was being developed in coordination with the SCS team and legal counsel as part of overall program development. The draft would be presented to the TAC and shared with member cities for review, with feedback needed to address local challenges and ensure feasibility.

The Executive Director stated that timelines would require coordination with cities and their staff and that expectations for immediate adoption should be tempered to avoid undue administrative burden. Best practices from other Florida jurisdictions were being used to develop a Broward-specific approach. TAC members and service providers were strongly urged to begin submitting feedback immediately rather than waiting for future milestones. SCS confirmed that work was actively underway, that information would be shared broadly beginning with the project management plan, and that draft ordinance materials were targeted for availability by March.

C&D and Commercial Recycle Programs Timeline - Phased In (revised) – Chair Mead presented the proposed timeline for ordinance development and implementation, with draft preparation underway, a public workshop planned for February, a draft ordinance targeted for March, board adoption anticipated in April, a soft launch in June 2026, and mandatory compliance scheduled for October. SCS described the timeline as aggressive but necessary to drive implementation, with flexibility to adjust based on feedback from stakeholders, particularly regarding education and adaptation within the commercial sector.

The Executive Director noted that the ordinance would be phased in to avoid undue burden and allow for education, consistency, and future adjustments based on experience, as seen in other jurisdictions. SCS underscored that the program was intended to evolve over time and succeed through shared responsibility across stakeholders, with each contributing to improved waste diversion.

Adjournment - Chair Mead adjourned the meeting.