

Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida  
SWABC Executive Committee C&D & Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Meeting  
January 13, 2026, 9:00AM – 10:30 AM  
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.

Public Comment – Mr. Richard Ramcharitar of Southwest Ranches, speaking on behalf of Broward Clean Air, urged stronger commercial recycling compliance through clear standards, consistent enforcement, and measurable outcomes. He also called for enforcement of a ban on direct haul of C&D materials to disposal without first routing material through recycling processing.

Meeting Minutes - Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Horland and seconded by Chair Mead to approve the minutes of December 16, 2025. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### C&D Recycling Program - RRS

Travis Barnes of Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) provided an update on development of a C&D ordinance, noting that C&D represents a significant share of the waste stream, that local audits show substantial recoverable material, and that Broward has sufficient private processing capacity. Mr. Barnes explained that Florida law allows the county to require C&D material from permitted projects to be processed for recycling before disposal, with key policy decisions needed on project thresholds and exemptions. He outlined a two-ordinance approach consisting of a county ordinance restricting direct haul of covered C&D loads to disposal without prior processing, and a complementary city ordinance establishing project-level diversion goals with a fee for noncompliance tied to certificate of occupancy, structured to minimize municipal burden and support administration and enforcement.

Mr. Barnes described a proposed facility certification requirement, recommending third-party verification with a phased approach to recycling targets and limited exemptions, and enforcement focused on education, appeals, and escalation for willful noncompliance. He cited Lee County as a successful model and identified key policy decisions for Subcommittee input, including certification methods, performance metrics, diversion goals, fee levels, and exemptions, while reiterating that a draft ordinance was targeted for January 23.

Chair Mead supported a phased implementation to avoid overly stringent initial standards. Mr. Barnes agreed that a gradual approach would allow facilities to improve over time. Vice Chair Horland stressed that the ordinance must avoid undue burdens on municipal permitting and building departments, raised concerns about state preemption, costs, and the disposal ILA, and requested a line-by-line response to TAC comments, noting timelines should be adjusted if needed. Mr. Barnes stated that a comment-tracking process was underway and that detailed responses would follow release of a draft ordinance, with continued outreach to municipalities and the building community.

The Executive Director clarified that the program would allow mixed C&D loads with certification to ensure effective sorting and reduced residue, and reported that legal review of the disposal ILA was underway to support implementation.

#### Commercial Recycling Program - SCS

Daniel Dietch of SCS Engineers reported that a mandatory commercial recycling ordinance framework and supporting fact sheet were being developed, outlining statutory authority, waste composition, and examples from Florida jurisdictions. He stated the draft materials would be distributed to the Governing Board, Executive Committee, TAC, and the Subcommittee, and emphasized balancing diversion goals with practical constraints of the built environment, noting that implementation pace could be adjusted as needed.

Chair Mead raised concerns about space, container configuration, and impacts to parking and existing enclosures, and requested a timeline for review. Mr. Deitch stated the fact sheet and a preliminary draft ordinance would be provided within approximately one week through the Executive Director, with Florida-specific precedents guiding the review.

Adjournment - Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Horland and seconded by Chair Mead to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Mead adjourned the meeting.