

 Speaker 1 - 08:58


Good morning, everyone. I think we're going to call the meeting to order at this time. May we stand and address the flag, please? Morning. Thank you. May we have a roll call, please?

 Speaker 2 - 09:29


Yes.

 Speaker 3 - 09:34


Chair henry mead.

 Speaker 4 - 09:35


Here.

 Speaker 3 - 09:37

Vice chair denise horland. Member scott newton.

 Speaker 2 - 09:42

We have a quorum.

 Speaker 1 - 09:44

Thank you. Public comments, two minutes apiece, please. First up is Mr. Devita.



Speaker 5 - 10:02

Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Madam Vice Chair. Welcome. Mr. May.



Speaker 1 - 10:08

Ms. Smith.



Speaker 5 - 10:08

Lola. Since the inception of the SWWG, we, the industry who collect, process and interface with contractors, city managers, solid waste recycling.



Speaker 1 - 10:27

Yeah, no, you don't have to start again.



Speaker 5 - 10:31

Just continue.



Speaker 1 - 10:32

Yes, please.



Speaker 5 - 10:35

We, the industry who collect, process, interface with contractors, city managers, solid waste recycling and sustainability managers, have offered our experience, our input for a swift, easy to ratify ordinance that will clear all hurdles. We've attended all the meetings, participated in conferences, submitted comments and offered reality checks. We've tried to spur the process and advise all the pitfalls which will result in a failed measure. In October of 2023, we met with Commissioner Furniture and presented him with numerous documents supporting mandatory C and D recycling. He was receptive and said we needed to move this in line with the master plan. Subsequently. Since October 2023, thousands of tons of C and D have evaded process. April of 2024, prior to the industry workshop. Excuse me. Prior to the op ed by Chairman Ryan, we discussed state statute 403.706 in the Broward county infrastructure, et cetera.



Speaker 5 - 11:42

Since April 2024, thousands of tons of C&D have evaded processing. March 14, 2025, the industry workshop. We detailed the importance of enforcement of a state statute, provided an outline for mandatory C and D recycling. Since March of 2025, thousands of tons of C and D have evaded process. June 17, 2025 was the first C&D subcommittee meeting. Since June 17, 2025, thousands of tons of C and D have evaded processing. C and D is processable. It does not require foreign markets for its recovered components. Unprocessed C and D requires the most cubic yards of valuable disposal space. Because of its bulky nature, the current state of the mandatory C and D ordinance is convoluted.



Speaker 5 - 12:37

If this committee and the executive committee truly want a simple to enforce C and D ordinance which will eliminate thousands of unprocessed C and D from being landfilled daily, increase the county's recycling percentage without additional administrative financial burden and responsibility on the cities and their staff while securing competitive rates, stop the gridlock. Broward county has been, is and will continue to be unto itself. Broward county is home to 10 FDEP permitted MRFs, many operated by personnel that have operated in Broward county for over 35 years. Immediately scrap all the convoluted language that has been submitted, resubmitted and is currently being researched and rewritten. Again, issue a directive to eliminate all language regarding diversion plans, project valuation thresholds, non compliance fees, third party facility certification. Disregard all other county ordinances, especially California. Simply follow Florida Statute 403 706, which is simple and definitive.



Speaker 5 - 14:00

Incorporates section 6270 1.200, Florida Administrative Code which defines construction and demolition debris. Forward the simple compliance form and outline that we have submitted to the county attorneys for review and composition. They will ultimately be taxed with Approving any language to be sent to the Commission. Using the simple compliance form and language will result in a quick passage and prevent thousands of tons of daily unprocessed CMD from continuing to evade recycling. Additionally, I urge you to familiarize yourselves with Florida Statute 403.7046 recovered materials. The mandatory commercial recycling ordinance needs the same editing, crafting a C and D to avoid monumental dissension from the municipalities, enforcement issues and litigation. Thank you.

Speaker 1 - 14:59



Thank you, Mr. DeVita. Next up is Bella Martinez.



Speaker 6 - 15:15

Good morning. Bella Martinez with Coastal Waste and Recycling Chair Vice Chair thank you for the time this morning. Following the TAC meeting yesterday, we do have a number of concerns with the current ordinance as it stands that we would like to share with you here today. First and foremost, one of our primary concerns is about the duplication of efforts. And that's not just duplication required in documentation, but in regulation as well. In front of you do have a few pieces of documentation that I'll those are documents that we're currently required to report to the county on a monthly and annual basis. But additionally the regulation we are currently regulated quite heavily within the county. We have to meet very strict compliance requirements. We're subject to unannounced and announced compliance regulations at our facilities and that process already is in place.



Speaker 6 - 16:10

So we fear that if we begin to duplicate these efforts through another certifier will be it'll create confusion on our sites and in our facilities. And we would just like to keep top of mind that these regulations do exist and are currently in place. Additionally, when you look at the documentation in front of you, there was an assertion that the additional certification would create more public records so anyone could find out more information about the materials coming in and out of our facilities. Those are already made public through The Broward county website. I did share this link so that I could show this to you this morning as well. On the left, you'll see all of the facilities operating within the area. And if you don't mind just clicking one of the facilities on the left. Yep.



Speaker 6 - 16:57

If you click in there, maybe on the license number, it should navigate you. And if you see the documents tab on the far right hand side, that'll include all the documentation that's in front of you. So I provided you with the last three months of information for our facility, one of WM's facilities as well, so you can see what that looks like. You also have the annual report that's reported to the Department of Environmental Protection, so you have that in front of you as well. The last thing we would like to bring attention today is the talk of Alternative Daily cover. The adc, many of us refer to that as the rsm, the Recovered Screen Materials. That is a difficult material to resource.



Speaker 6 - 17:37

And one of the concerns that we have is we are really at the mercy of landfill operators whether or not they'll accept that material to use it. And when we have a business that is operating a landfill as well as operating a material recovery facility, odds are that they have enough material that they're creating at their facilities and they're able to use that in their landfills as well. So those are just a few things we would like to bring your attention to. And if possible, and if pertinent, we would love to have a conversation at the Taco at a TAC meeting in the coming weeks to kind of outline these and answer any questions possible. Thank you.



Speaker 1 - 18:11

Thank you. And next is Mr. John Carter.



Speaker 7 - 18:21

Thank you, Chair Meade and members of the subcommittee. My name is John Carter and I'm here on behalf of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Florida East Coast Chapter. We are a trade association proudly headquartered in Coconut Creek, Florida, representing over 500 commercial contract general contractors and builders doing business here in Broward and greater South Florida. We were very recently made aware of these proposed ordinances and have not had the opportunity or been made aware of any opportunity to participate publicly and engage. So as a trade association representing over 500 general contractors that will be impacted by these commercial ordinances, I'm here to offer myself as a resource so we can provide input. And before any final decisions are made, just respectfully ask that industry be engaged. Thank you.



Speaker 1 - 19:14

Thank you, John. Anyone else that would wish to comment at this time? Okay, moving along, minutes of the last meeting. Second. All in favor? Not opposed? Okay. The CND recycling program. I think we've all had a chance to look at it, go over it, where to start. I see some problems there. And what I want to do is I want to move this forward,



Speaker 8 - 20:02

Not.



Speaker 1 - 20:02

To sort people out. But I agree with Mr. DeVita. I think we need to move forward on this thing. We've kicked it around, and time is getting shorter. One of the main problems I see with it is that it is written under the authority of the county. How does that fit in with the ILA under which were originally gathered together so that the cities and the authority and the county. Where's the authority? Where's the overriding authority on this? And has the county been consulted? Do they. Have they looked at this and actually gone along with it? Can you give us a hand here?



Speaker 4 - 20:54

And I will say my colleague Travis Barnes is also on. On the call somewhere.

Speaker 8 - 20:58



Excellent.



Speaker 4 - 20:59

I believe. But the intention is there's really two ordinances. One is clearly the responsibility of the county that would cover all landfills in terms of banning direct disposal of C and D material. So that's the lane for sort of the initiating action. And then in terms of the C and D ordinance, that would be adopted by all parties. So it may be inappropriate to present the draft ordinance coming from the county. It's really just. It's the form so that can be removed. But in terms of the requirements of C and D management, it should come from each ILA member, which includes the county.



Speaker 1 - 21:47

If I understand that correctly, what I had hoped to do was to have an ordinance that would be under either the county or some facility that would be able to be an overriding authority on this, that we could point to and say, this is the responsibility of you. This is the responsibility of whoever the authority is to enforce it, to make sure that the facilities are on board up to par, that the CND is taken to one of these different facilities. That means one authority. I don't see how that'll work with having two or three different authorities, with having the county, with having the cities and with having the SWA involved. Am I missing something here, or how do we get to an authority to cover the C and D so that we can move forward on this. Well, that's.



Speaker 1 - 22:58

I think there's a lot of people involved in that question. Yeah.



Speaker 3 - 23:05

Yeah.



Speaker 2 - 23:06

It's my understanding that because we have different levels of jurisdictions, that it would be something that we would have to do together and that there's not one overall entity that's in charge of everything.



Speaker 1 - 23:26

When you say together, does that mean going back to the ILA and to the individual cities?



Speaker 2 - 23:31

No, it's each city passing their own ordinance within their jurisdiction.



Speaker 8 - 23:41

Would it be the same?



Speaker 1 - 23:42

The same ordinance?



Speaker 2 - 23:44

Yeah, it is. That's what SES was proposing. I know we haven't looked at it together with the county attorney's office yet, but we are aware of the ordinances and would defer to the county as to what they're going to do with it. The city will be given to each city attorney as well because the building permits and everything else that happens during this process are per city. So it's not something you could have one overall agency taken care of.




Speaker 1 - 24:32

That was another question. Yeah.




Speaker 4 - 24:33


Yeah. Okay.

 Speaker 1 - 24:37


So we're back to the individual cities passing these ordinances or this ordinance. Okay, that's my understanding.

 Speaker 4 - 24:46


Correct.

 Speaker 1 - 24:49


Okay. So that's all right. That's going to slow down the process. So we're going to have to come up with some plan. And this will be a separate item from the master plan, correct?

 Speaker 4 - 25:12


Yeah. The intention is that based on the waste composition study that was done, C and D is a significant portion of the waste stream. So the guidance that has been shared with us is these are initiatives that should continue whether or not the authority exists, so beyond August to deal with commercial recycling and with C and D.

 Speaker 1 - 25:38

So this is going to require a timeline to be set up to visit the individual cities. That's going to be something. Do you. You and I want to work on that and we'll see what we can do. Because that's. It wasn't what I had planned on, to be honest with you.

 Speaker 4 - 26:04

What I heard is as soon as possible. So.

 Speaker 7 - 26:07

Right.



Speaker 4 - 26:08

There was an aggressive schedule that. That was set, but we're still working through some. Some policy matters and we've had engagement with the industry. We welcome continued engagement. Obviously, we need to continue to engage with the county to make sure that it's in alignment with their current processes and that it's, as Mr. DeVita shared, simple, straightforward, easy to comply with, but does not give understanding that not all projects are applicable under this. So again, there's a series of policy decisions. So I know that. That some of those matters were raised yesterday at the TAC meeting and. But need to be revisited so that there's clear policy guidance on it.



Speaker 1 - 26:52

Okay. So we're going to have to get this redone and there's a few things on here that I'm not terribly pleased with. I think the. One of the big comments that I was going to have was the conflict of permitting between the county and cities, but I think we've fairly resolved that. The other thing I have a major problem with is the installation of RCI in this. I think it's another layer that I don't think is going to do much, frankly. I think we've got through the state and through the county. I think we already have oversight on this. And I don't know that adding RCI would contribute. I think it would very much detract. I think it might slow the process down. Certainly it would be an administrative process as well as a financial process, and I don't think it would contribute anything.



Speaker 1 - 27:48

So I don't know what your feelings are.



Speaker 3 - 27:50

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll start with your last comment. I had brought that up at the last meeting. I think I asked Travis, if we are already these MRFs are under regulation, certified, why do we need that extra layer? So I completely agree with that. I think it's another layer of bureaucracy that will hold us back. I'm glad to see Mr. Carter here today because we have been asking for industry to be engaged. I don't know if you are aware that we have a new executive director of the SWA, Mr. May. So this is his first C and D meeting. But we have been repeatedly asking for that. We need your input. We need to hear how this is going to affect you. I am frustrated.



Speaker 3 - 28:30

I know we had this meeting scheduled, but I don't know how we can have an effective meeting and move anything

forward when TAC just met yesterday. And I still don't feel that those concerns have been addressed properly. I'm with you. I'm concerned about having to pass an ordinance in every single city. To me, that again, adds another layer. And if the attorney is saying that's what we have to do, I just think it's becoming much more complicated than it needs to. I would hope at this point that we had engaged the county and talked about being able, as Mr. DeVita said, be able to utilize those 10 certified MRFs and start this process now. So I don't think we're in any position to move anything forward. I think, again, we need to engage the industry and we need to simplify this process.



Speaker 3 - 29:19

And the cities have to have a better understanding of how we're going to oversee this and implement the process.



Speaker 1 - 29:27

Run these. We're running these very informally. So, Mr. DeVito, go ahead.



Speaker 5 - 29:32

I don't know if this is a comment or a question, but there seems to be conversation going on about the cities and the county and everything. How does a Municipality enforce any county statute.



Speaker 1 - 29:50

I don't.



Speaker 4 - 29:52

Can't.



Speaker 1 - 29:54

I understand. And that's why.



Speaker 5 - 29:56

So why do we have to make. Again, why do we have to add all these other layers to it? Okay, we have a state statute, the county adopts it and then, boom, the cities just automatically do it.



Speaker 1 - 30:04

One of the problems, as I understand it, is that the permitting process is going to require going through the cities. We can't. We can't have. I don't think we can have both the counties issuing permits and the cities issuing permits for the same project that I think is going to end up being.



Speaker 5 - 30:21

But if the city issues the permit based on a county ordinance, then that should solve the problem.



Speaker 1 - 30:30

I think any county ordinance is going.



Speaker 4 - 30:32

Again,




Speaker 5 - 30:35

You know, legal on that. But again, I try sometimes I simplify things that maybe need to be a little more complex, but definitely get away from, you know, complexities.




Speaker 4 - 30:48


What.

 Speaker 1 - 30:49


Let's go to our attorney. What.

 Speaker 2 - 30:52


That's why there's going to have to be a real coordination between all of the municipalities and the county that hasn't been discussed yet. And that needs to be fettered out as to, you know, who's going to do what's going to. And maybe we do have to get something in an agreement or something to that effect on how this is going to work. But the first thing is, you know, having an ordinance in place. But there's got to be discussion between all the parties.

 Speaker 4 - 31:44


If I may, let me suggest we have a sit down with the county. I think that again, to keep it simple, let's start by focusing on the prohibition against direct disposal of C and D unprocessed C and D. And so that starts the process, but there's still a lot of details that need to be worked out in terms of how it is effectuated at each city or town level. We're trying to strike the balance of not making it overly burdensome for any governmental entity nor the private sector.

 Speaker 1 - 32:22

And is the. There's a standard, I believe, that we have to meet. As far as the number of cities that come on board, does that apply to the C and D or does it apply only to the.

 Speaker 2 - 32:38

Currently, just to the ila? This whole initiative under CND by the authority is, you know, you're pushing your municipal parties to engage and cooperate with this, just like we are with a number of other issues. So this would be just another one of those processes.

 Speaker 1 - 33:01

Okay. Okay. I'm going to make a suggestion that we get together a committee. We get input from construction industry, from the facilities, from the MRFs, and we get together a plan to see how we can maybe get this ordinance, maybe with the suggestions that we've had here to a little bit more of an agreement process. And in part of that group, we come up with a plan of looking into the cities to see what we can do to get compliance where we stand. That's all very broad and general and everything. I understand that, but, you know, we're kind of got a little bit of a curveball thrown at us here this morning, too. So.



Speaker 3 - 33:54

Mr. Chair, if I may, would you consider that a intensive meeting rather than a committee? I just fear that, you know, we've got the subcommittee now. I mean, I, I would hate to add another committee. I would rather you have a scheduled meeting and, and perhaps it's going to be several meetings, if you would be amenable to that.



Speaker 1 - 34:15

I would be amenable. I want the input from the industry.



Speaker 3 - 34:19

We, We've been asking for that.



Speaker 1 - 34:20

Yep. And that's. That's, I think, going to be an important part of it.




Speaker 3 - 34:25

I just don't know that we need to add another committee.




Speaker 1 - 34:27


I don't disagree. I think we're. I think it's. The terminology may be different, but we're saying the same thing. Thank you, Mr. Cascrandi. That mike. There we go.

 Speaker 8 - 34:42


Got it.

 Speaker 9 - 34:42


Good morning. John Casagrande, Coastal Waste Recycling Chair, Vice chair, Executive director. That's what I was going to say. I think in the past, you know, when there are issues that involving the county, disposal, recycling, the industry has been.

 Speaker 8 - 34:58


Part of the tech.

 Speaker 9 - 34:59

Okay. And we have that, you know, we've. We're good at what we do. And in all honesty, the county doesn't own anything. You know, SES doesn't own anything. You have to come to us to get it done. Okay. And, you know, not to hear from us, not to give us, you know, our chance to speak. You know, it's going to hurt the situation in our opinion, in the industry opinion. And I'm going on a limb. You have a couple of situations. You have the legality of who enforces this ordinance, and I get that.

 Speaker 4 - 35:29

Okay.

 Speaker 9 - 35:30

And that's beyond my pay grade.



Speaker 4 - 35:31

Okay.



Speaker 9 - 35:32

Okay. But you also get the fundamental things that are in this ordinance that I think that listening to the TAC committee yesterday and the presentation that was done, I believe that SES is, you know, does. May have missed a few things, but there are things that are getting done today. We, the industry, of course, want to divert as much from the landfills as possible. Coastal doesn't own a landfill. So the more we divert obviously works. And obviously, you know, Waste Management wants us conserve as much airspace as possible. And you know, those are the two main recycling companies here that have invested tens of millions in facilities. Getting us to the table would help, I think this whole situation understand it. And then as a side piece to all this is the ILA. Okay? The ILA renews in 2028-2033.



Speaker 9 - 36:22

And right now there is only one company that the C and D. If you join the ila, the only company that is contracted to take that material is Waste Management. So there is. If a city signs, checks the box, it goes to the Chinese menu and checks. I want to do MSW at the waste energy facility and I want to do C and D. That C and D can only go to Waste Management for five more years. So you need to understand that piece of it and understand that yes, it's a broader county issue, but the ILA and the amendment, the global agreement that was signed back in 2015 directs about 250,000 tons of bulk yard waste and C and D to Waste Management as part of the deal.




Speaker 9 - 37:11

The deal that was executed by the county, by the owners of Wheelabrada and by Waste Management. So that's an important piece that if, you know, if you're going to get more recycling companies in here, more facilities to come into this and to help with this ordinance to help the recycling. So there's three pieces. It's the legislative piece that you all got to figure out. It's the operational piece. What do we. What is really getting there, getting to some of these 20%, 50% recycling. You have that report. I ask you to just go on that website that you saw today, click on Coastal, click on Waste Management, click on anybody's site and you'll see the reports were given in front of you. Tells you where the material is going. Nobody is getting 50% recycling.




Speaker 10 - 37:54


Okay.

 Speaker 9 - 37:54


Without the RSMs. And the RSMs are an issue. So some of the things, you know, said yesterday, the TAC presentation is not necessarily, you know, going to correct anything. Yes, you can legislate and you can, you know, you can have more oversight. More oversight, More oversight. It's not going to change the outcome. So I actually. Great point. Get the industry to the table and we'd be more than happy to help. Thank you.

 Speaker 1 - 38:17


Thank you, sir. Appreciate it.

 Speaker 4 - 38:20


So just following up on your suggestion, member Horlunds suggestion, I would encourage a working session. Okay, right. Facilitated by this subcommittee. And let's get all the players around the table, not speaking from a podium, sitting around the table, working through the issues. Because not a knock on government, but things tend to get complicated at this point. We don't need to solve for every possible outcome. We need to aim for the target, get it on the books and refine it as appropriate. There's been a lot of research that's gone into the recommendations that are before you. We looked at best practices, tried to tailor it to Broward County. But let's continue that conversation so that we can get something going rather than just twisting in the wind.

 Speaker 1 - 39:19


I completely agree with you, and I just want to go back and make sure that we're going to go with individual cities. We're not going to do it under the county auspices.

 Speaker 4 - 39:31


Okay.

 Speaker 1 - 39:31


Is that where we are again, in.

 Speaker 4 - 39:34


Terms of banning direct disposal? That's a county coalition, and we'll get that confirmed. In terms of the implementation, because the building permits are applied for and issued by each municipality, we've got to deal with it at that level. But again, we need not make it overly complex.

 Speaker 8 - 39:52


Can we. Can we make it like. Like you have. Like, for a building permit, they have to provide a stormwater management plan, you know, where they got to put their silk barriers up and they've got to do the stormwater management for. For everything. Can we do that for the, you know, CND plan? Do it. Yeah. Can we do it for, you know, have a C and D plan that we're. A C and D disposal plan that's attached to every building department. Every demolition permit that's either you have it for every permit, say it's required or not required. Checkbox. And if it's required, then they have to provide that C and D plan as part of every building permit.

 Speaker 10 - 40:29


Yeah.

 Speaker 4 - 40:30


If I may.

 Speaker 1 - 40:30


Let me.

 Speaker 4 - 40:30


Let me turn to my colleague, Travis, just to sort of walk through what was envisioned from an implementation standpoint. Hey, good morning, committee. So, Mr. Sam, as the current draft is written, it does require projects.

 Speaker 2 - 40:45


What now?

 Speaker 4 - 40:47


Louder. Here, let me see if I can turn my ball. What about now?

 Speaker 1 - 40:54


Not much better.

 Speaker 4 - 40:54


We're going to try it on our end.

 Speaker 1 - 40:56

We're working on our end, Travis.

 Speaker 4 - 40:59

What about now?

 Speaker 8 - 41:02

Yeah, maybe it's already in there.



Speaker 10 - 41:06

Okay, right here. Hold one second. I'm sorry, I had my daughter at the door. It's spring break here. So I was telling her to give us a second. So, Sam, what you were saying is what is currently in the draft ordinance, as it's written, so a project that would be covered, meaning not exempt, under the ordinance would require the submission of a plan to demonstrate how they intended to comply with the ordinance. Not anything that's overly burdensome, but that way you could verify, you know, what they did with the material and what the recycling rate for that covered project was achieved, you know, where they took material to be diverted. If we could just back up a little bit.



Speaker 10 - 41:48

I think the comments that we received this morning are exactly what we want to hear and what were anticipating getting from the industry and the stakeholders. So I don't want it to be perceived that were, you know, boxing out or not welcoming that type of feedback. Our intent was to really go out, look at what ordinances are being created, you know, around the country, bring back some of those best practices as kind of a model, and then think through how it could be implemented in light of what authority the authority has versus the county versus the cities. And I think that's kind of where we're at.



Speaker 10 - 42:19

We've been hearing from some of the stakeholders, as you guys have heard, that, you know, maybe it needs to be more simple and we want to find a path forward, whatever's most appropriate for everyone that can get adopted. And. But initially were tasked with looking at, you know, setting standards for projects that are generating waste to make it the responsibility of those that are generating waste to do the right thing with that material. Right. So we're empowering, you know, residents, contractors. If you're the ones generating waste, you need to be responsible for knowing where that waste goes and doing the right thing with it. Separately from that, were tasked with looking at how do you have a level playing field across all of the existing C and D MRFs that are operating and how do we know what level of recycling they're actually achieving?



Speaker 10 - 43:03

After the TACC meeting yesterday, I did have the county Solid Waste department staff reach out to us and provide some additional information that we did not previously have. They are requiring monthly reports right now above and beyond what those facilities have to report to dep. And as the representatives from Coastal shared with you, there is a website they sent us to where you can go in and look at certain facilities to see the county. I don't want to speak for them, but did indicate that, you know, finding an accurate recycling number is not always something they can do for each facility, nor something that they always track and publish specifically. But that sounds like with their existing reporting framework, that's something that wouldn't be that heavy of a lift to really get to that point.

Speaker 10 - 43:44



So in regard to the third party certification, I Think I heard from, you know, both the chair and vice chair that you want to move away from having that requirement, and that's something that could be easily eliminated from, you know, a future draft. The reason that we put that in there is because in our research, we see that's the way the industry moving and also a requirement that kind of aligns with The LEED version 5, which, again, is the premier green building rating system used in the country. And so that's why we included that in there. But all of those things are subject to be removed. And making it more simple, welcome anything that you guys would like to do on that. I would just say I agree with the working session.



Speaker 10 - 44:25

I think we need to get people there, and it'd be helpful for me to probably be there in person and we can kind of walk through these issues, the pros and cons of it, what we've seen in other communities, and then get that feedback directly and kind of make some decisions that we can then better capture. And then we also need direct engagement, as we said, with the county. And we've. We've gotten to that point now where they're reaching out with us. And it's not for them not wanting to. It's just, as you all know, there's been a lot of other priorities in getting the master plan, getting to. Yes. And so there's just been a lot of parallel tracks that we're doing. I think we're at the point now where we've got the bandwidth to be able to focus in on this.



Speaker 1 - 44:59

Thank you, Travis. Appreciate that. Yes, sir. Okay, so what I'm hearing is that we are looking for a resolution, for lack of a better word from this group, to go to the executive committee that will ban final disposal from at the county level. Is that understanding? Is that agreement?




Speaker 3 - 45:24

And I just want to say, to Travis's point, I don't want perfection to be the enemy of good here. While we want to get this done, ordinances can be amended. And if we find in the future that we want to go with that certification. But first, we need to get this done. And I just want to reiterate when we talk about industry, want to make sure that the contractors and the haulers are at the table. Thank you.




Speaker 1 - 45:46


Yeah, and that's the second part that was going to bring up, too. I think we need to get some invitations out. We need to get a firm date so that we can set up a date, hopefully within. I don't know if we can get back here in a week or so. Two weeks.

 Speaker 3 - 46:04


Again, I understand that we want to get this done. We're also on the road to. Yes, but I just want to ensure that we are addressing the concerns that came in attach yesterday, that we have the time to sit down with everyone. If it's a week or two, that's fine. I just don't want to rush through that. So we have a meeting where we.

 Speaker 1 - 46:24


Are not completely prepared and we need to ascertain who we would like to invite. I didn't phrase that very well, but who should be involved in this meeting so that again, we get representatives from the different industries involved here so that they have a date too, so that they have a document that they can amend. I think everybody's got availability of it so that they can mark this document up, make their comments on it. John?

 Speaker 7 - 46:54


Yes. Two things. So I do see that you have a meeting on April 14, and I do know you guys have sunshine requirements, so, like publicly notice meetings. And I do believe that April 14th would be an adequate amount of time for us to engage with our stakeholders, for them to properly review these ordinances. So that way, when they do come to the meeting, they are providing you with useful feedback on how it will impact them. So then that way you're not getting a yes or no, you're getting more contribution of how it actually works for them and can ultimately come to a better solution.

 Speaker 7 - 47:23


Also more of a question for your council, but the Florida legislature just passed House Bill 803, which now requires a uniform permit application process that will be issued by the Florida building Commission effective 2027 if Governor DeSantis signs that into law. So I would caution you to maybe ask those questions of your counsel of whether or not you would be preempted or if solid waste would be part of the permanent application that the Building Commission does. So just something to think about. Thank you.

 Speaker 1 - 48:01


Thank you. John,

 Speaker 3 - 48:05


Are you okay with that recommendation? Chair 14th.

 Speaker 1 - 48:09


That's fine. We could probably be sooner, but I get the picture. So. Yeah. Okay.

 Speaker 4 - 48:17


Sorry.

 Speaker 3 - 48:17


We could also probably extend the meeting in here to have a longer one. I'll check into that.

 Speaker 4 - 48:23


Okay.

 Speaker 1 - 48:25


Okay. How do we make a determination about letting the different industries know? I'm not. Not really in accord with sending out a blanket letter to everybody. I don't. I think we want to have some modicum of control here, and more people we get involved in this, the less we're probably going to get done. I would like to have the industry leaders. There's been people here that have been here from day one that have been very instrumental in it. And I appreciate your feedback. I want it and I want to continue with it. And you're a very important part of this process. Mr. Carter, I'm glad you came today because you're very involved in this as well, your industry, and you have a lot to contribute to this. So I would like to get information out to.

 Speaker 1 - 49:12


To the different players involved there so that they have ample time to look over this, the document that exists, so that we can make recommendations as to where we're going with it and what's going to be in the best interest of the entire population of Broward County. Not just us up here, not just you out there, but the entire population.

 Speaker 9 - 49:37


Mr. Caster, chair, a recommendation. You have on that website all the.

 Speaker 8 - 49:42


Permitted facilities with addresses.

 Speaker 9 - 49:45


I suggest you who has a C and D permit and is processing material today and reporting, invite the representative from those. I mean, you know, again, keep it to a point where it obviously manageable. And also people who have a. A vested interest in what transpires. So that's, you know, I. I suggest, you know, good way for you all.

 Speaker 8 - 50:08


To get a list.

 Speaker 1 - 50:10

Out of those 10 facilities, how many owners are there?

 Speaker 8 - 50:13

Six.

 Speaker 1 - 50:14

Well, I mean, Coastal has two.



Speaker 9 - 50:16

Waste Management has a. You know, whatever. I. I mean, I don't off the top of my head, but it's right there. I mean, probably you would have four or five, I think, at the most, you know, owners, for lack of a.



Speaker 8 - 50:27

Better word, whether it's.



Speaker 9 - 50:29

Whether it's coastal, whether it's. Mr. Panzarello, things like that.



Speaker 8 - 50:33

But at least you would have all.



Speaker 9 - 50:35

Groups, small, medium, large, and also people who are going to be affected by.




Speaker 8 - 50:39

Whatever the outcome is here.




Speaker 4 - 50:41


Okay, thank you.

 Speaker 1 - 50:42


Appreciate it.

 Speaker 4 - 50:43


If it's helpful, we can compile a list, both of facility operators as well as trade association representatives. We're fortunate. There's been a lot of engagement. We've had public forums where we invited folks to speak. But let us prepare that comprehensive list, share it through the executive director, and we'll move forward in that fashion. Okay.

 Speaker 1 - 51:03


All right.

 Speaker 4 - 51:04


And again, just to reiterate, whether it's during a regularly scheduled meeting, I do encourage us to have a sit around the table conversation and not just presentation.

 Speaker 1 - 51:15

No, I completely agree with you. I think that's a much better idea. Yes, exactly right.


 Speaker 4 - 51:19

And oftentimes it is helpful to have something in front of them to react to, rather than just starting with a blank sheet of paper, which is the approach that we've taken.


 Speaker 1 - 51:28

Right. And I'm. I'm thinking that it should be the draft ordinance. So that there's. That's a starting point. We'll take it from there. Okay. Any questions about that for the Next. For the April 14 meeting? Are we going to do a


recommendation to the county for banning final disposal at this meeting? Is that something that you feel comfortable with?

 Speaker 3 - 52:00


Again, I had hoped that there had been a conversation with the county at this point so we can make the recommendation and if that initiates the conversation. But the conversation needs to be had. I need some clarification as well on the global agreement, because I know that the industry continues to say that it bans CND from going to any of the other marks, but that's not the information the way that I'm getting it interpreted from the county. So I want to be clear on that, whether or not that global agreement actually really needs to be amended and. Or is that something that we can do now?

 Speaker 4 - 52:36


Oh, Mr. Kelleher, morning, chair.

 Speaker 1 - 52:39


Vice Chair.

 Speaker 8 - 52:39

Kevin Kelleher, Deputy County Administrator.

 Speaker 1 - 52:43

The.

 Speaker 8 - 52:45

Global amendment does not specific. It's like any other agreement. It does not specifically provide that C and D has to go to wheelabrator or waste management. Okay. There is an option in there, and we have it, but it is considered recycling. That is specifically exempted from it. So cities can take their C and D anywhere they want.

Speaker 1 - 53:10



Mr. Keller, can we. Can it be that was what you can do with it? Does it specify or does it allow what you can't do with it? You cannot take CND to the final. To its final disposition. You cannot take it to a landfill.



Speaker 8 - 53:27

I, I don't believe there's anything in that global amendment or any agreement that does, you know, does not allow them to. To take it to a landfill.



Speaker 9 - 53:37

So.



Speaker 1 - 53:39

Okay, so are you saying that we could, through the county, do an ordinance that would ban final disposal in landfills or in waste energy?



Speaker 8 - 53:51

That, that could be an ordinance that the county could consider implementing. Should that be the request of the board and SWA for us to consider. And then we'd have to look at the legalities of it, but it's been done elsewhere, so I don't know if that's an impediment.



Speaker 1 - 54:11

All right, what would be at this juncture, without any further things being done, what would be the ramifications of banning that at this point? What would it do as far as cartage, as far as taking the,



Speaker 8 - 54:34

Taking.

Speaker 1 - 54:35



The debris to different institutions? Would that be a burden? Would it be a benefit? Can you elaborate a little bit on what that Ban to final disposition would do.



Speaker 8 - 54:48

I, I would have to confer with the people who deal with solid waste on a daily basis rather than me sitting up here. No pinning on that as to whether it is. I will tell you just from the discuss being here and you know, I, I kind of sit quietly over there in the corner until I get asked, but, you know what we're talking about here and I don't think we should be afraid of having cities pass ordinances because when you're building a system here and when the master plan, when you talk about flow control, that means cities are going to have to pass flow control ordinances, the same one you're going to have, you know, being part of a system, you're going to have to agree to abide by certain rules. So it's not that, you know, I, I don't want you guys.



Speaker 8 - 55:35

I, I heard a lot of hesitancy because, oh, all the cities have to do that. But there's going to be, that's going to be one of the lists of ordinances that participation if we're all going to agree to abide by the same rules that's going to be out there. Now, are there things that can be done in advance of that? If it's, you know, if it's the will of the, of this committee and the solid waste authority that says, hey, we should have an ordinance and the county is the appropriate vehicle. The county will certainly, you know, because we're members too, will certainly, you know, do our part. But eventually I just want you to realize that there's going to be a number of ordinances as part of this master plan that the cities are going to have to pass.



Speaker 8 - 56:19

You know, and that's, I just felt compelled to say that.




Speaker 1 - 56:24

Yeah, I appreciate that. Thank you.




Speaker 8 - 56:26


What else can I do for you today? Okay, thank you. Oh, and I think you're on the right, and this is just my principle. I think you're on the right track. Getting everybody in, having that intensive working group with the industry. There's two industries that you're talking about. You talk about the recycling processing industry, but you're also talking about the building industry because there's an impact on both and have it in here will inform the group. I will tell you that, you know, I don't think you're far off and I don't think, I think with, even with inviting the people that you will come to a solution here for the most part. Are we Perfect. In the, in the county.

 Speaker 8 - 57:09


No, but for the most part, C and D, we are doing, you know, in this county, just based on the reports that we get, we're doing a good job. Like, like we say, can we do better? And Mr. DeVita's point is you don't, you want to maximize and optimize everything. And that's where I think this ordinance can help us with. But right now it's, it is a low hanging fruit, but sometimes even low hanging fruits are a little bit out of reach. So thank you.

 Speaker 1 - 57:42


Some people are taller than others to grab that fruit. Okay, so here's where we stand a sense that we're not going to recommend to the executive group that we ban final disposal at this point. You can bring it up.

 Speaker 3 - 58:01


I think you can give the update. I think it would be premature until we sit down. Do you agree with that, Daniel? Okay.

 Speaker 4 - 58:09

Yeah. I would rather set the audacious goal and work deliberately towards it. This matter needs time to ripen and it's going to ripen with the discussion that we've been talking about.

 Speaker 3 - 58:22

Thank you.

 Speaker 1 - 58:24

Okay. Okay. So we've got, I think, our plans for the next meeting and for the executive committee meeting to gather the people that are affected with this for the April 14th. And at this point, I don't know any more comments on cnd. I don't know if we're ready to talk about the commercial recycling end of this at this point or not. How do you feel about that? Do you have comments?



Speaker 3 - 58:58

Is there an update?



Speaker 4 - 59:01

No. Yes. Let me tell you what I know. At our last subcommittee meeting, we presented an overview presentation. We provided a fact sheet on where mandatory commercial recycling has been implemented elsewhere in Florida. There are many other communities that our team has been intimately involved with. We presented a draft ordinance, we identified a series of policy decisions, and if you'd like, I can walk you through what those are. We may not solve them today, but I do want to highlight them for you. And again, the concept is get some, get legislation on the books. Don't make it overly burdensome. We do know that there are challenges with this. It's a bit of a push and pull and we want the business community to understand that they are part of the solution.



Speaker 4 - 59:57

And we are asking them to do more than what they're doing now in many cases. But as we know, we've heard from lots of important and large businesses that are operating in Broward County. They're doing this on their own initiative. Whether because it makes good business sense or it's aligned with their core values, we know that it's already happening. We want it to happen across the board. So in terms of some of the elements is something that. We've had many conversations with the former executive director in terms of what materials should be identified. I can tell you from personal experience, leave it to the business to decide what makes the most sense for them.



Speaker 4 - 01:00:45

So whether it's paper, cardboard, glass, plastics or really aluminum, it depends on the kind of business to identify what either they generate the most of and or what has the greatest value. We also know and chair, we spoke about it recently. We know that there are going to be conflicts with land development code. When I went through this in Collier county many years ago, we worked with the chamber of commerce to understand where the pressure points are. We work very closely in that case with the county attorney's office to understand what changes are necessary and what changes are appropriate. Nobody wants to give up parking. There are enclosure considerations. There are practical constraints that need to be considered and pathways to solve them.



Speaker 4 - 01:01:37

Because the last thing we want to do is be heavy handed as an authority or as local government and just create

operational problems. For most people, solid waste is a byproduct of their primary business. It's not what they're thinking about. And we can share that. Many businesses oversubscribe to solid waste services because it's better to make sure that there's enough capacity to get rid of the waste than to have an overflow situation. But we also know that we're talking about volumes, right? So businesses make decisions in terms of the volume of the container and collection frequency. Whether it's always is going into one bin or we're now asking to separate or create a separate container for a recyclable product. It's just we're playing with volume.



Speaker 4 - 01:02:30

But again, there are practical constraints with containers in terms of how many you can fit in a single location. So I'll just lay it out. Again, policy decisions, one relates to what materials and we are advocating for let the business select one material again, start simply and then build on it from there. Also, what to do, whether we want to include temporary events, special events. Again, the reason for that is it's very visible to the entire community and it makes a difference. When you go to a public event and there's an opportunity to recycle and it needs to be prescribed, that is a requirement. Also multifamily establishments, again for older housing stock, there were some real challenges associated with that. But they're, you know, above a certain number of units. It's considered commercial venues.



Speaker 4 - 01:03:27

I can tell you that I went to the Broward center for an event about a year ago and I had a hunt for a recycling receptacle and ended up just putting the whatever it was, paper in my pocket. I took it home, I couldn't find it. And then how are we going to deal with exemptions? Right. Who should be exempted, under what conditions, whether self hauling is acceptable. And there's again, in other jurisdictions there's a simple form that can be completed, submitted and approved or adjusted and deal with self hauling as a compliance pathway. Enforcement or compliance that we're mindful of the cost that is being pushed in order to effectuate the benefits of this. It may not happen just because we pass a law.



Speaker 4 - 01:04:20

There has to be enforcement or compliance component to it, the appeal process and then any fees or penalties associated with that. So those are the general categories of policy direction. I know that these documents were presented to the subcommittee. If you want to take, if you want to review it, ask questions, we can come back and deal with specific questions or concerns that you have. But again, we believe that this is something that can be moved forward relatively expeditiously. Perhaps not as fast as some would like, but we see this as an important complementary program to what is stipulated in the master.



Speaker 1 - 01:05:06

The biggest question I've got about the commercial end of it is the actual space limitations. So many of these buildings just don't have room for any more containers. What do we do about that?



Speaker 4 - 01:05:17

Yeah, so again, when I talk about volume, if, let's say you have a two yard container that's picked up twice a week, that's that represent, if you're not recycling, that represents the total amount of waste that's being generated. Maybe you drop down to a 1 yard or a 96 gallon half yard container, but have it picked up more frequently. But there's lots of ways to solve for that, but not all circumstances. Sometimes there just is not space. So I agree. And again, having a conversation with the private sector is going to help identify what those problems are so that we can propose potential solutions for that. So I'm not suggesting a meeting on the 14th, I think that would be too much.



Speaker 4 - 01:06:03

But a similar approach may be appropriate so that we understand not just what we think, but we hear from the industry in terms of what the concerns are.



Speaker 1 - 01:06:13

Right, exactly.



Speaker 4 - 01:06:14

And then the other side of that is what we've seen help is a recognition program. So we want a bigger Carrot than a stick. Okay. All right.




Speaker 1 - 01:06:26

Thank you, ma'.




Speaker 3 - 01:06:27


Am. Mr.

 Speaker 6 - 01:06:27


Chair.

 Speaker 1 - 01:06:27


Yes.

 Speaker 3 - 01:06:28


Daniel mentioned the Chamber of Commerce, and I think we had this conversation previously. At what point do you feel. And we need to speak to the industry. We should be engaging the local Chamber of Commerce because those are primarily made up of small business owners who are going to be greatly impacted by this. So at what point do you see that we start that engagement?

 Speaker 4 - 01:06:50


I would suggest in the next month or so.

 Speaker 1 - 01:06:52


Okay, let's.

 Speaker 4 - 01:06:53


Let's sit down. I mean, the ordinance has been drafted again, similar approach to C and D. We looked at the ordinances that are already in place. We identified what we believe the best practices were or best elements to be trying to tailor it to Broward county so that. That is before you. So welcome feedback and probably sitting around the table is the best way to accomplish.

 Speaker 3 - 01:07:17


I think that feedback is going to be vital. Understanding that we have the road to, yes, we have the Sandy ordinance and that we have this also running parallel tracks. My request would be at some point when the executive director and his staff member have the time to just start to get a schedule of and contact information for those local chambers so that we can start some type of engagement and invite them to one of our meetings so we can have that roundtable discussion.

 Speaker 4 - 01:07:43


Yeah. And again, just stepping back, the way that the work was proposed and structured, first we do the analysis. What are the best practices? We draft the ordinance. We are obviously not to implementation, but critical to getting to implementation is where we need the engagement.

 Speaker 3 - 01:08:02


Very good. Thank you.

 Speaker 1 - 01:08:03


And I would throw in rotaries also on that Chamber of Commerce, too. I think most of those are very active groups. Okay. Okay. So we have. We have marching orders. Any questions, any other comments, anything for the good of the community, I would make a motion to adjourn.

 Speaker 4 - 01:08:26


Before we adjourn, what we have not had an opportunity to do is present to tac. When were scheduled to, I believe, two months ago, it was a packed agenda. We simply never got to it. All the information has been transmitted. It has not changed since that time. And it was on the. It was on the agenda for yesterday, but noted that it would be advanced to the April meeting. So I think that's also a critically important step because, you know, the TAC members, they're where the rubber hits the road from. From a municipal perspective. So we want their input as well. So, you know, it's our intention to present and have a conversation with them. And I think that will inform. Help inform the timing for the next step, which is the industry engagement or stakeholder engagement.

 Speaker 1 - 01:09:14


When's the next TAC meeting?

 Speaker 4 - 01:09:16


A month from yesterday.

 Speaker 1 - 01:09:18


Okay.

 Speaker 4 - 01:09:24


I think we. I think we. We present attack and carry that information. So that's a more informed conversation with the stakeholders.

 Speaker 2 - 01:09:32


Right.

 Speaker 3 - 01:09:33

You know how I feel about TAC engagement. So I think that's vitally important that we get their feedback on this.

 Speaker 4 - 01:09:37

Yes.

 Speaker 3 - 01:09:38

Thank you.



Speaker 4 - 01:09:40

Okay.



Speaker 1 - 01:09:42

If there's nothing else. Motion to adjourn. Amen.



Speaker 8 - 01:09:58

County gis website. Yeah.



Speaker 3 - 01:10:14

License. It's a license. Solid weight.