

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

March 17, 2026, 9:00 AM – 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.

Public Comment - Public comment urged the Subcommittee to simplify the C&D and commercial recycling ordinances, avoid duplicative regulation and certification, and move more quickly to reduce disposal of recyclable C&D material. Industry representatives emphasized that facilities were already regulated and reporting to the county and state, and requested greater engagement of contractors, haulers, processors, and trade associations before final decisions were made.

Meeting Minutes - Motion: *A motion was made by Vice Chair Horland and seconded by Chair Mead to approve the minutes of February 17, 2025. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.*

C&D Recycling Program – RRS - SCS Engineers presented the C&D recycling ordinance and outlined key implementation considerations. Chair Mead expressed a desire to move forward but raised concerns about where legal authority would lie between the county, the cities, and the SWA. SWA Legal Counsel clarified that a county action could address a ban on direct disposal, but implementation tied to permitting would still have to occur through municipal ordinances because building permits are issued by individual cities. Members expressed frustration that this adds another layer of complexity and slows the process, and emphasized the need to simplify the ordinance, engage the county more directly, and better define how cities would oversee and implement compliance. Both Chair Mead and Vice Chair Horland opposed including RCI certification as an unnecessary added layer given existing oversight.

Subcommittee members supported holding a focused working session with key stakeholders to address unresolved issues rather than forming a new committee. Chair Mead proposed bringing together construction industry representatives, facility operators, and MRFs to refine the draft ordinance, and Vice Chair Horland supported an intensive meeting format. SCS agreed to compile a stakeholder list, and members concurred that the April 14 meeting would serve as the working session to allow adequate time for review and input.

Discussion also addressed whether to recommend that the county pursue an ordinance banning final disposal of unprocessed C&D material. Deputy County Administrator Kevin Kelleher clarified that the global amendment does not restrict where recyclable C&D may be taken and that the county could consider such an ordinance, subject to legal review. Members agreed it would be premature to advance a recommendation without further coordination with the county, TAC, and stakeholders.

Mandatory Commercial Recycling Program – SCS - SCS presented an overview of the commercial recycling ordinance, including prior outreach, a draft ordinance, and key policy considerations, emphasizing a goal of advancing legislation without creating undue burden on businesses. It was noted that many businesses already recycle voluntarily, and the approach should allow flexibility, including permitting businesses to select one

material stream based on operational needs. SCS highlighted potential conflicts with land development code, space limitations, and operational constraints such as container capacity, parking, and enclosure requirements, emphasizing the need to avoid creating unintended burdens while still increasing participation.

Discussion identified key policy areas including covered materials, inclusion of special events and multifamily properties, exemptions, self-haul options, enforcement, appeals, and potential fees. SCS emphasized that compliance mechanisms and practical implementation must be carefully balanced, noting that container space limitations may require adjustments to service levels rather than additional bins in some cases, though not all sites could be accommodated.

Members reiterated the importance of stakeholder engagement, particularly with the business community and local Chambers of Commerce, to better understand real world impacts and refine the ordinance. SCS agreed that broader engagement was needed prior to implementation and noted that presenting the ordinance to TAC was a critical next step to inform stakeholder discussions.

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