

Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida
SWABC Executive Committee C&D & Commercial Recycling Sub Committee
C&D Stakeholders Industry Workshop
June 16, 2026, 11:00 AM – 11:45 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: Subcommittee Chair Mead and Vice Chair Horland.

Not Present: Member Newton.

Public Comment – Mr. Richard Ramcharitar encouraged the Authority to include material reuse in its C&D strategy and suggested exploring a Broward County materials exchange and reuse network to connect processors, contractors, developers, municipalities, Habitat for Humanity ReStores, reuse businesses, schools, nonprofits, and affordable housing projects. Mr. Louis DeVita, representing the Florida Waste Haulers and Recyclers Coalition, urged adoption of a simplified mandatory C&D ordinance requiring all C&D material to be processed before disposal and argued that landfills should not accept unprocessed C&D material.

Meeting Minutes - Motion: *A motion was made by Vice Chair Horland and seconded by Chair Mead to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025.* There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

C&D Ordinance - SCS Engineers began the discussion stating that policy direction was needed on whether C&D recycling enforcement should occur at disposal facilities or through the permit review process. He outlined using state law as the foundation, keeping the ordinance simple, avoiding unnecessary municipal burdens, and continuing discussions with Broward County. The County's preference for a Lee County style permitting model was noted, along with concerns that additional forms or review requirements could affect municipal building departments.

Travis Barnes of RRS gave a presentation on the state recycling requirement, the significance of C&D material in Broward County's waste stream, existing processing capacity, prior research, the April 14 industry workshop, and revisions made to simplify the ordinance. Revisions included removal of facility certification requirements, minimum facility recovery rates, project specific recycling rates, and certificate of occupancy withholding, and instead focused on requiring C&D material to be taken to a permitted processing facility before disposal.

Members discussed C&D facility capacity, recyclable material definitions, whether delivery to a permitted C&D facility would satisfy compliance, and the need to preserve landfill capacity while beneficially using materials. They agreed that Broward County needed to participate directly in the next TAC discussion and that meetings with the county and building officials should occur beforehand. Additional public comment also raised possible use of the Broward County landfill for residual material and future food waste or organics composting.

Commercial Recycling Ordinance - SCS and RRS reported that draft legislation and a framework had been prepared and that unresolved issues included material selection, minimum container thresholds, enforcement, compliance, hauler registration, and textiles. SCS recommended allowing businesses and commercial customers, including multifamily properties, to select at least one recyclable material based on what they generated most, with education and recognition preceding compliance.

Subcommittee members agreed that more discussion was needed on commercial recycling and supported holding an August workshop with affected stakeholders, including municipal departments and the business community, to address implementation issues. SCS was also asked to identify which Broward municipalities already had mandatory commercial recycling ordinances and how those ordinances were enforced.

New/Old Business – None discussed.

Adjournment - Chair Mead adjourned the meeting.