



CITY OF RIALTO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BURRTEC WASTE COMMITTEE
December 11, 2025 - 1:00 P.M.
MINUTES

The Regular meeting of the Burrtec Waste Committee of the City of Rialto was held in the Civic Center Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Thursday, December 11, 2025.

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CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 1:00 P.M.

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ROLL CALL

Administrative Analyst Amy Crow took the roll call.

Subcommittee Members / City Staff:

Mayor Joe Baca
Council Member Andy Carrizales
James Shields, Cable Advisory Utilities Commissioner
Tanya Williams, City Manager
Timothy Sullivan, Assistant City Manager
Yaz Emrani, Director of Public Works
Mike Orona, Deputy Director of Public Works
Timothy Sun, Community Compliance Manager
Michael Heftman, Burrtec Vice President of Municipal Services

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment received on December 11, 2025:

- ◆ None.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Staff advised that meeting minutes will be taken and included for all future meetings.

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1 – WDA Update

Assistant City Manager, Tim Sullivan stated that the current Waste Disposal Agreement expires on June 30, 2026. Member cities created an ad hoc committee comprised of Yucca Valley, Highland, Victorville, Yucaipa and Rialto. Member cities have been in negotiations with the County of San Bernardino for an extension of the WDA agreement. The topics of discussion included the priority gate rate and tipping. The County has concurred with prioritizing members at the gate. We asked for a decreased rate per ton. The current WDA rate is \$42.07 per ton and cities are asking for a 10% reduction from whatever the lowest import rate is. The ad hoc group formalized a draft response back to the County and so far the member cities have concurred with those requests. The final response should be sent to the County within the next couple of days.

The ad hoc committee also wants to review all of the Athens agreements including the funding, revenue sources, tonnages, and come up with a financial model that makes sense and is fair to the WDA cities. The County proposed a one-year extension to the agreement and the cities are asking for a three-year extension. Update as provided by Tim Sullivan.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Mayor Baca says we should pursue the 10% reduction since Athens is paying less than Rialto and dumping trash from the LA area which should be a concern.
- ◆ Tim Sullivan says that WDA City tonnage is roughly 610,000 tons (only 3% less than imported tonnage) and imported waste is 674,000 tons at a significantly reduced rate.
- ◆ Tanya Williams asked Tim Sullivan what is the timeframe for negotiations to be completed. Tim said the agreement must be approved and signed by all fifteen cities for it to be effective. The plan is to bring the agreement before city council by May.
- ◆ Mayor Baca asked for a list of all 15 of the WDA member cities at the next meeting.

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2 – SB 54

Update on SB 54 provided by Michael Heftman.

SB 54 states that all single use plastics will be recyclable by 2032 and that 65% of single use plastics are recycled by 2032. There will be changes in packing materials to more fiber and less plastic. This is to insure that these containers are ending up in the blue container. In Rialto, Burrtec accepts plastics 1-7.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Mayor Baca asked if this would increase the cost to the consumer. Michael Heftman stated that it is not supposed to.
- ◆ Council Member Carrizales commented that the menu prices would go up.
- ◆ Mayor Baca inquired whether we will be receiving any funding to help offset the cost of the project.

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3 – Street Sweeping Audit

Burrtec started first quarterly meeting in October with Mike Orona and CMAX addressing any hot spots and having the street sweepers gathering data on parked cars and other obstructions so that we can adequately sweep the curblines.

CMAX retrained all the drivers making sure that they are driving the appropriate speed, using the right amount of water to be effective and staying tighter to the curb and parked cars. The vendors of the equipment came out to perform maintenance on the equipment and ensure it is functioning as it should.

Route observations are being conducted and monitoring via GPS.

New services have been added to commercial areas.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Mayor Baca stated that he has noticed the sweepers have been driving too fast, but he has seen improvement.
- ◆ Michael Heftman stated that with additional training more improvements should be seen.
- ◆ Mike Orona stated in addition to the meetings with CMAX, Public Works is also working with PD to conduct targeted enforcement for abandoned cars. Since the October 16th meeting we have had 8 vehicles towed allowing the curb to be cleaned appropriately.
- ◆ Mayor Baca asked if the enforcement includes motor homes.
- ◆ Mike Orona stated it does.
- ◆ Code Compliance Manager Tim Sun stated the Parking Enforcement handle parking issues.

- ◆ Council Member Carrizales stated that he recently followed one of the street sweepers and he observed them doing the proper speed and using the right amount of water.
- ◆ Council Member Carrizales asked how people know when the street sweeping is scheduled to come by. He asked to have more outreach campaign to residents.
- ◆ It was proposed to send postcards to residents that tells when the sweeper comes to their neighborhood as well as temporary signage.

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4 – Plastics to Jet Fuel

Update on Plastics to Jet Fuel provided by Michael Heftman.

This is small scale research that is still in the testing stage making sure that it is safe. Plastics are derived from crude oil. The research group created a process called pyrolysis that heats the plastics by turning it into a liquid that is then processed into a gas which is then processed into jet fuel, diesel fuel, and kerosene.

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5 – Rialto Burrtec Brochure

Update on Rialto Burrtec Brochure provided by Michael Heftman.

Burrtec created a new brochure that now includes the food recycling program, compost and mulch program, household hazardous waste information for the City of Rialto to help get the word out. It includes website links.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Mayor Baca asked how we can get this on the Rialto Network.
- ◆ Council Member Carrizales asked if we could link it to the city app.
- ◆ Mike Orona stated it has been taken care of.

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6 – Mulch

Update on Mulch provided by Michael Heftman.

The City of Rialto is on target to meet its procurement target of 4759 tons. Burrtec will be offering Christmas tree mulch again this year. In addition, Burrtec is working with the Rialto Unified School District and providing mulch to the schools. So far, they have received 30 tons of material.

Compost is also being provided to the community gardens and through the compost giveaways.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR UPDATES

Public Works Director Update: None

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ◆ The next Burrtec Waste Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026.
- ◆ Upcoming Lien Dates (3rd Qtr. 2025)
 - Set PH – January 27, 2026
 - PH – February 24, 2026
- ◆ Michael Heftman provided an update on the resident complaint of trash from the Cardenas market. An inspection was conducted and the area looked clean. A follow-up inspection will occur on Monday to see how things look after the weekend. It is suspected that the problem may be coming from Dollar Tree. Service levels are also being looked at to make sure that there is adequate collection.
- ◆ Council Member Carrizales suggested that we start working with PD on sting operations to address illegal dumping in alleys.
- ◆ It was mentioned that the City has quarterly community clean-up days where residents can dispose of their trash for free. The events are advertised in the Progress Magazine, social media, Rialto Network and the website.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM.