

Western Regional Symposium

Managing Waste and Resources in a Circular Economy

Monday, May 20

6:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Golf Tournament (*Tahquitz Creek Golf Course*)

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration - Lobby

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Vendor Set-up

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Golf BBQ Lunch and Awards

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Welcome Reception in Vendor Hall

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Keynote Speakers

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Vendor Hall Open

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Educational Sessions

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch and Vendor Hall Open

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Educational Sessions

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Educational Sessions

4:10 PM – 5:10 PM

Joint Chapter Meeting

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Vendor Happy Hour

8:00 PM

Young Professional and Emerging Leaders Event
(*Open to all with RSVP*)

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6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Monte Carlo Casino Networking Event

Thursday, May 23

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

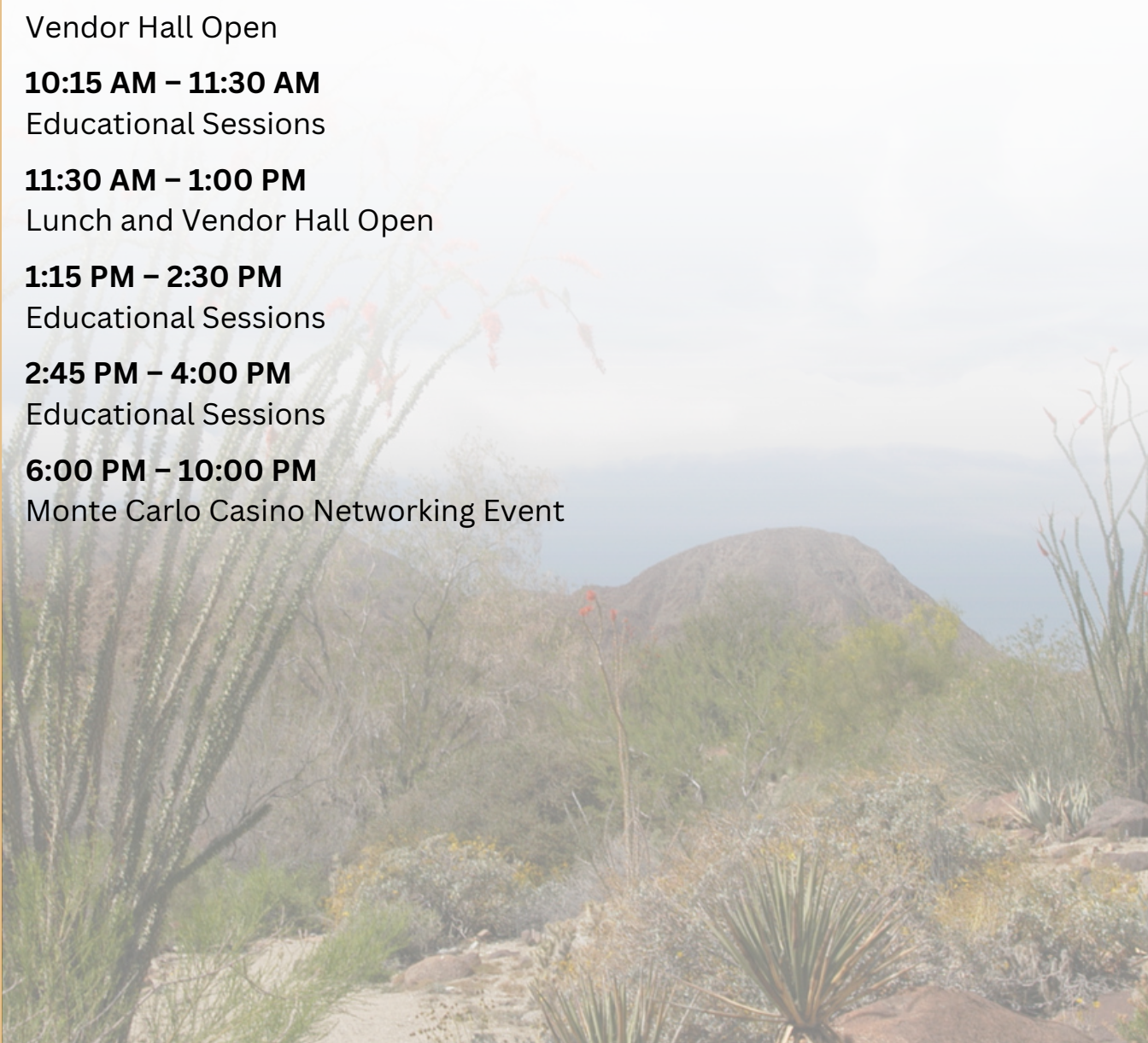
Registration - Lobby

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Education Sessions

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Educational Sessions



Tuesday, May 21

Time	Track 1 Plaza Room	Track 2 Palm A & B	Track 3 Tapestry Room
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Keynote Speakers – Plaza Room Welcome remarks, Mayor Jeffrey Bernstein (<i>City of Palm Springs</i>) Katie Sandoe (<i>Lights Echo Co.</i>) <i>Emcee & Keynote</i>		
10: 15 AM - 11:30 AM	Contamination Minimization Moderator: John Carlton (<i>HDR</i>) Best Practices in Contamination Minimization: Cory Oskardmay (<i>Go2Zero</i>) 8,000 Route Review Inspections in 8 Weeks – A Case Study: Kirk Kunihiro (<i>ReCreate</i>) Beyond the Curb: How to Evaluate Lid Flipping Efficiency and Its Future: Nikhil Balachandran (<i>Zabble Inc.</i>)	Energy and Gas Moderator: Pat Sullivan (<i>SCS Engineers</i>) Superior Power Generation for Biogas Projects: Maddie Julian (<i>Mainspring Energy</i>) Implementing RNG Projects at Landfills: **Dylan Deriot (<i>Waga Energy</i>) New Emission Inventory Requirements in California: Patrick Sullivan (<i>SCS Engineers</i>)	PANEL - Edible Food Recovery: A Regional Approach to Connecting Food Generators and Food Recovery Organizations Moderator: Michelle Leonard (<i>SCS Engineers</i>) Speakers: Mackenzie Bolger (<i>SGVCOG</i>) Turner Lott (<i>SGVCOG</i>) **Natalie Lessa (<i>ReCREATE Waste Collaborative</i>) Victoria Rocha & Jazmin Hadden (<i>City of Monrovia</i>)
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch – Expo Hall Foyer and Expo Hall		
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	PANEL - Innovative Methods for Conducting Organics Waste Assessments Moderator: **Haley Kunert (<i>HF&H Consultants</i>) Speakers: Ashley Brunier (<i>EcoNomics Inc.</i>) Ayumi Takayasu (<i>City of Anaheim</i>) Peter King & Albert Garcia (<i>City of Anaheim - GIS Central</i>)	PANEL - Evolving Technology Solutions for SB 1383 Organics Processing Infrastructure Moderator: Representative (<i>LASAN</i>) Speakers: Jim Miller (<i>JRMA</i>) Jim Philipps (<i>True North Renewable Energy</i>) Matt Cotton (<i>Integrated Waste Management Consulting</i>)	PANEL - Redefining Fashion Sustainability through Textile Stewardship Moderator: Colleen Foster (<i>HF&H Consultants</i>) Speakers: Joanne Brasch (<i>CPSC</i>) Lexie Gritlefeld (<i>California Outdoor Recreation Partnership</i>)

**Young Professional Highlight

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Time	Track 1 Plaza Room	Track 2 Palm A & B	Track 3 Tapestry Room
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	<p>Reporting, Monitoring, and Auditing</p> <p>Moderator: Laith Ezzet (HF&H Consultants)</p> <p>Technology for Reporting: Brea Cea (WM)</p> <p>Records to Results: Unlocking the Potential of Recordkeeping for Program Management: **Jake Kaihewalu (HF&H Consultants)</p> <p>SB 1383 Auditing: Compliance May Not Come Organically: Lindsey Lagos (HF&H Consultants)</p>	<p>Vehicles and Biogas</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Flanagan (SCS Engineers)</p> <p>Charged-Up: The Path to an All-Electric Fleet: Lance MacNiven (WSP)</p> <p>Hydrogen – The Other Zero Emissions Fuel: John Carlton (HDR)</p> <p>Onsite Fuel & Energy Autonomy with Biogas: Kaelen McCrane (Mainspring Energy)</p>	<p>Hard to Handle Materials</p> <p>Moderator: Colleen Foster (HF&H Consultants)</p> <p>Creating a Circular Economy One Gas Cylinder at a Time: Nate Pelczar (CPSC)</p> <p>Solar PV Panels Management: What’s New and Upcoming: Doug Kobold (CPSC)</p> <p>Circular Design and Construction: Emerging Practices in C&D Waste Management Grace Hadinata & David Carlson (Jacobs)</p>
4:10 PM - 5:10 PM	<p>Joint Chapters Meeting SWANA California leadership required, all others welcome!</p>		
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<p>Vendor Happy Hour Expo/Vendor Hall</p>		
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	<p>Young Professionals and Emerging Leaders Event (RSVP Required) La Quinta Brewing Co. Taproom 301 N Palm Canyon Dr #100, Palm Springs</p> <p>Come for a fun night filled with craft beer, karaoke, and networking! Event is open to all conference attendees (YPs, emerging leaders, and those young at heart). Prizes will be awarded for karaoke categories and an autograph game.</p> <p>If you plan to attend, please RSVP by filling out the following form: bit.ly/WRSYPEVENT</p>		

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8:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Keynote Speakers – Plaza Room Amy Lestition Burke (SWANA): <i>Update from SWANA’s New Executive Director/CEO</i> Cara Morgan (CalRecycle): <i>Update on SB 1383 and Enforcement</i> Katie Sandoe (Lights Echo Co.) <i>Emcee</i>		
10: 15 AM - 11:30 AM	PANEL - Cross-Generational Dialogue on Professional Perspectives: Moderator: Michelle Leonard (SCS Engineers) Speakers: Judi Gregory (Go2Zero) Matthew Cleary (City of San Diego) Susan Moulton (WM) **Kelli Farmer (SCS Engineers) **Elizabeth Purington (City of Pasadena) **Stephen Herring (Republic Services)	Safety & Technology Moderator: Gillian Lobo (City of Anaheim) Safety: Jaime Britt: (Athens Services) What to do When You Run Out of Clay: Michael Gonzalez (WSP) Gaining Safety and Efficiency at Your Front Door: Kevin Oxford & **Ali Saleh (OCWR)	Procurement Moderator: Ayumi Takayasu (City of Anaheim) Meeting Jurisdictions Procurement Targets: Kim Braun (Go2Zero) SB 1383: Procurement; Collection Services; Contamination; Creative Solutions: Chris Thomas (Divert) Show Me the Money! How to Navigate the Recent Surge in Available Grant Funding: Cindy Liles: (HDR Engineering)
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch – Expo Hall Foyer and Expo Hall		
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	SB 1383 Education and Outreach Moderator: **Natalie Lessa (ReCREATE Waste Collaborative) Greening a City: Implementing new Organic Waste Recycling Collection : Maria Diego (City of San Diego)	Infrastructure Moderator: **Brian Reyes (SWT Engineering) Investing in Solid Waste Innovation for Regional Prosperity: Emily Hoffman & Eric Oddo (Western Placer Waste Management Authority)	Recyclable Commodities and EPR Moderator: Linnea Skierski (The Recycling Partnership) Carton Recycling in California, Current Facts and Future Opportunities: Susan Robinson (Susan K. Robinson Consulting)

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Join Haley and the rest of the SoCal SWANA board of directors for our costume casino night!

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8:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Mixed Waste and Liquid Waste Management Moderator: **Keshav Parikh (<i>Civil & Environmental Consultants</i>) Anaerobic Digestion (AD) of Feedstocks from Mixed Waste: Kaitlyn Fujimori (<i>JR Miller & Associates</i>) Liquid Waste Solidification: Management and Reduction of Liquid Wastes by Use of Absorptive Materials: Eric Domek (<i>WSP USA, Inc.</i>)	PANEL - Reducing HHW through Bans, EPR, and Truth in Labeling Requirements: Moderator: Matthew Cleary (<i>City of San Diego</i>) Speakers: Jordan Wells (<i>NSAC</i>) Leslie Lukacs (<i>Zero Waste Sonoma</i>) Cesare Leon (<i>Tetra Tech</i>)
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Divert and Rescue Moderator: **Luis Moctezuma (<i>City of Palm Desert</i>) Food Waste Prevention, Rescue and Recovery: Holly Yanai (<i>Divert</i>) Highest Value Return While Recycling the Urban Forest: Andrew Trotter (<i>West Coast Arborist</i>)	EPR and Needs Assessment Moderator: Michelle Leonard (<i>SCS Engineers</i>) Colorado Needs Assessment – Setting the Baseline: Dan Bacehowski (<i>HDR Engineering</i>) MRF Perspective of How SB 54 Can Help CA Build a Circular Economy: Dan Domonoske (<i>Potential Industries</i>)

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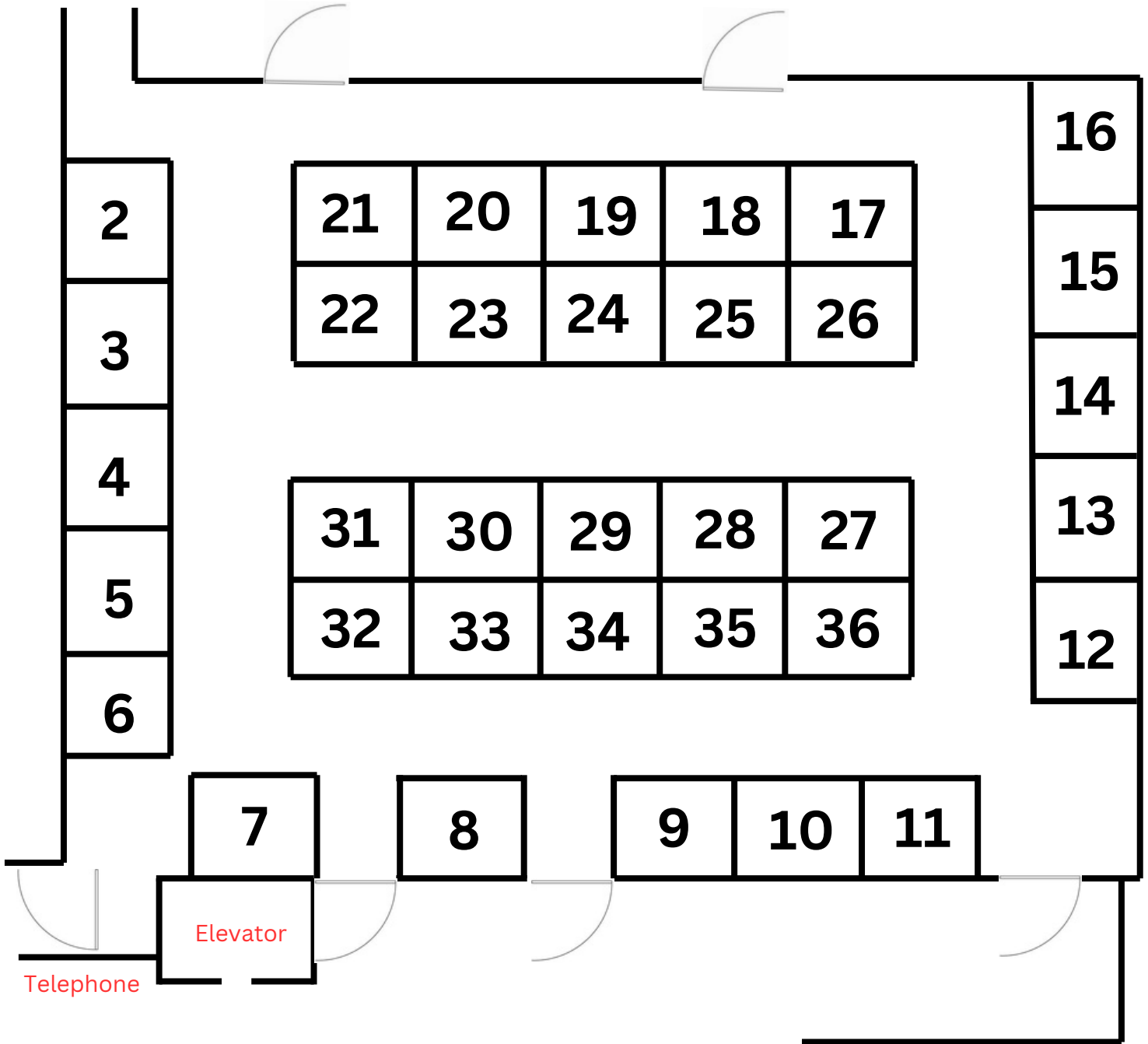
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