

# **PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH TRANSFER STATION PERMIT REVISION**

Orange County Environmental Health Division  
Solid Waste Program - Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)

June 25, 2026

# Reminders

Please keep note of the following reminders for the duration of the presentation. Thank you.

Note: This is an informational presentation only.



## Meeting Notes

AI (Copilot) will be used to capture meeting notes.



## Attendees

Attendees' microphones are muted to avoid interruptions.



## Questions

Hold all questions/comments until the end at the question and answer (Q&A) session.

# How to Ask Questions



Two ways to “Raise Hand” to ask question or provide comment



During the Q&A session, presenters will call on and unmute attendees who “raise hand”



Copy of FAQs and the presentation on the permit will be made available on OC Environmental Health Division website at <https://ochealthinfo.com/services-programs/environmental-health/land-and-water/solid-waste>



# Meeting Agenda

**01** Introductions & Instructions on Participation

**02** Explanation of Local Enforcement Agency's (LEA) Role and Responsibilities

**03** Purpose of an Informational Meeting

**04** Overview of the Facility Operations

**05** Question and Answer Session

# Meeting Introductions



## Orange County Local Enforcement Agency

- Lauren Robinson, Program Manager
- Jane Nguyen, Program Supervisor
- Dan Weerasekera, Hazardous Materials Specialist



## Public Works Department

Tom Sandefur, P.E.  
Assistant City Engineer



## Environmental Services

John McNamara, PG, CHG  
Vice President

# Environmental Health



Designated by Orange County Board of Supervisors in 1992



Orange County Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)  
Regulates solid waste facilities/operations in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of Orange County



Certified by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

- Conducts audits on the LEA at least every 3 years to ensure the LEA is maintaining state requirements for certification
- Conducts joint inspections with LEA at permitted facilities

# What the LEA Regulates

Active Landfills

Closed Landfills

Transfer Stations

Compost Facilities

Chip & Grind  
Operations

# Type of Facilities the LEA Inspects

- 3 Active Landfills
  - Brea, Irvine, San Juan Capistrano
  - Inspected Monthly
- 40+ Closed Inspected Landfills
  - Over 80 closed sites, not all under LEA oversight
  - Inspected Quarterly\*
- 10 Transfer Stations
  - Inspected Monthly
- 40-50 Non-disposal sites
  - Greenwaste (Compost, Chip & Grind), Construction & Demolition (C&D), Medium Volume Transfer Station
  - City and County yards, Caltrans sites
  - Inspected: Monthly-Annually (depends on material & amount)\*

\*Inspection frequency subject to change

# Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Responsibilities

- Enforces State solid waste regulations to protect public health, safety, and the environment
- Conducts random, unannounced inspections of solid waste facilities/operations to ensure compliance with State Minimum Standards
- Coordinates efforts with CalRecycle and other regulatory agencies such as South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and Cities
- Issues Solid Waste Facility Permits (SWFPs) with limits, conditions and prohibitions
- Investigates complaints



REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS

# Informational Meeting

The Public Informational Meeting is part of the process to issue a new or revised SWFP.

Required by California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 3, Section 21660.2.

Must be held within 60 days of receipt of permit application package.

Shall be held at a suitable location within one mile from facility if possible or hosted virtually.

# Purpose of the Informational Meeting

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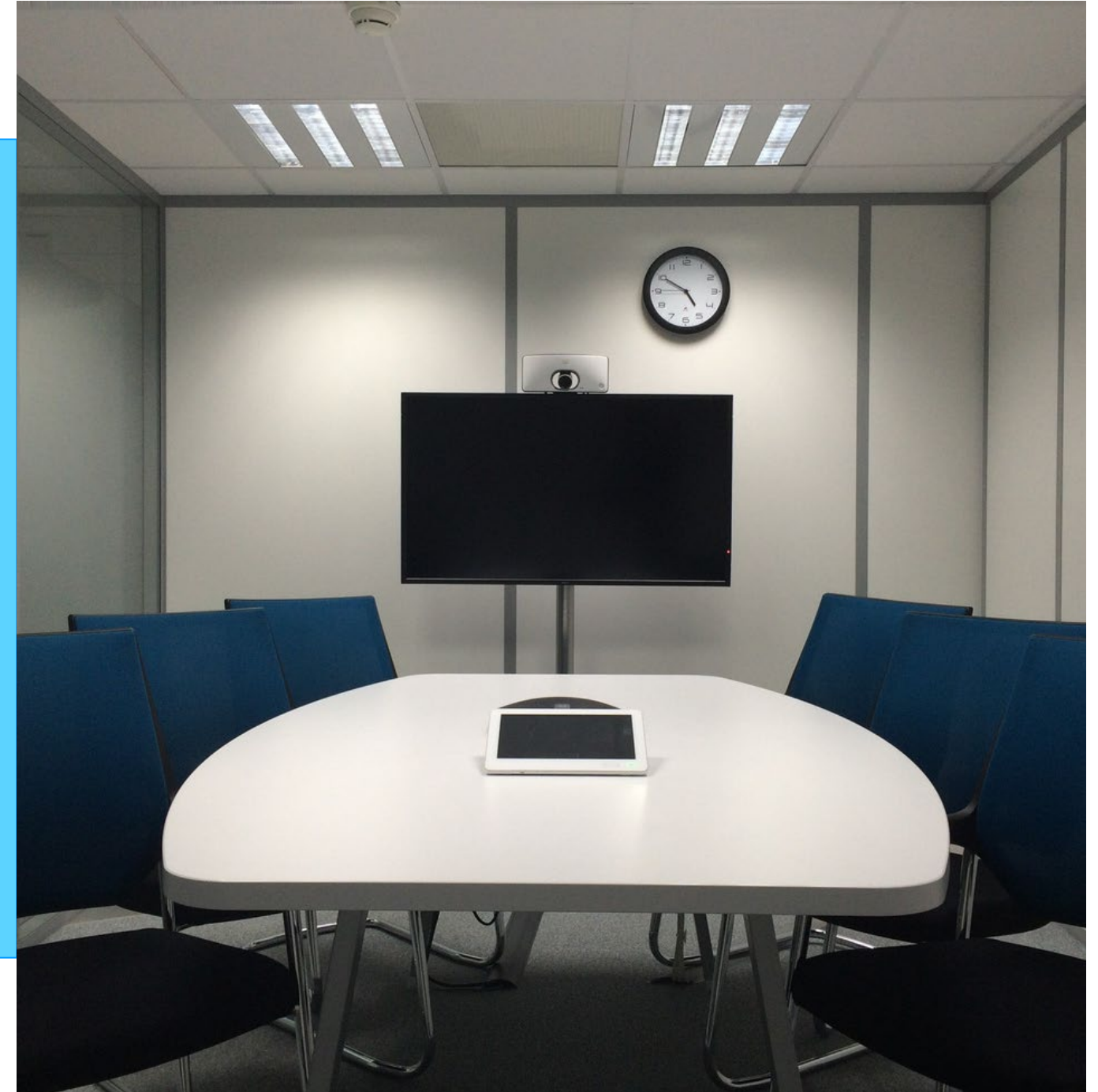
Provide the public with information pertaining to the impending permit action(s) by the LEA for new or revised permits

02

Provide information on the proposed project and incorporate comments, if appropriate into the impending permit action(s)

03

Allow the public to provide feedback and/or comments before/during/after this meeting

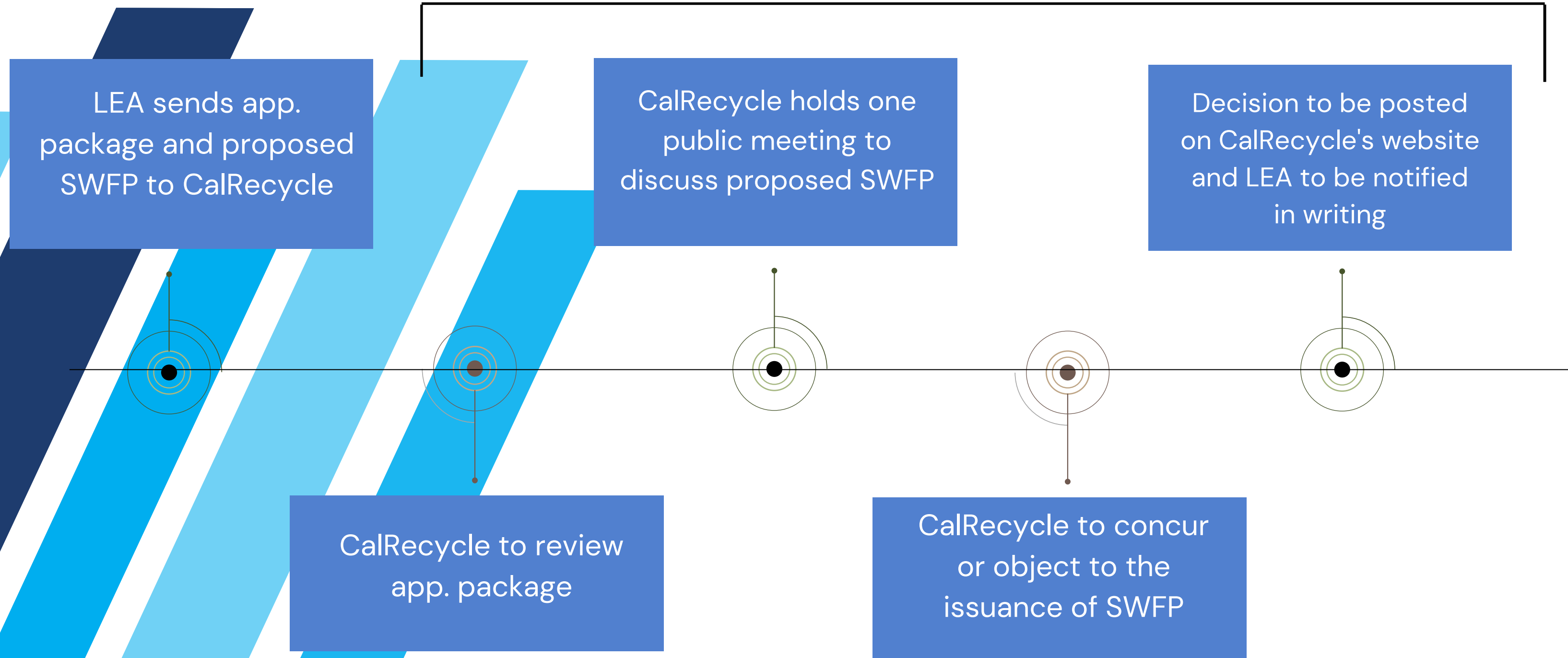


# SWFP Permitting Process – LEA



# SWFP Process – CalRecycle

to occur within 60 days of date of receipt



# CEQA Process for the Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit

- CEQA, or the California Environmental Quality Act, is a process that identifies the environmental impacts of a proposed project and implements mitigation measures if necessary
- A CEQA analysis must be completed before a SWFP application can be accepted.

# Involvement Agencies & Responsibilities

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| City of Newport Beach                                    | Traffic, truck routes and city code enforcement regarding hauling companies                        |
| South Coast AQMD   | Dust and air pollution   |
| Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (SARWQCB) | Waste discharge permit and reporting (WDR)   |
| Orange County LEA  | Permit regarding operation and design, enforcing operating standards and monthly site inspections. |
| Newport Beach Fire Department                            | Permit and fire-related issues   |

# BACKGROUND

- Corporation Yard permitted as a transfer station since mid-1990's
- Currently handles the City of Newport Beach's residential pickup. Handles 150 tons per day out of a maximum permitted 300 tons.
- Three waste streams come into the transfer station
  - Landfill- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)
  - Recycling
  - Green waste / compostables
- New State Law (SB 1383) and regulations (CalRecycle) require the City to increase landfill diversion
- Existing transfer station only has room for two transfer trailers. Expansion will allow better sorting. There is NO increase in refuse tonnage, NO increase in daily truck trips, and NO change to the type of material being processed.
- Operational area is being increased from 1.0 to 1.5 acres
- Existing truck scales are inoperable, so new scales are being installed

# NEWPORT BEACH TRANSFER STATION



# Whom to Contact When Odor Issues Arise

Operator: City of Newport Beach – Municipal Operations

- Phone: 949-644-3055    MODinfo@newportbeachca.gov

Orange County LEA Hotline - (714) 433-6404 (business hours)

- Online complaints: <https://www.ochealthinfo.com/eh/home/complaints>

CalRecycle Online Complaint System

- <https://calepacomplaints.secure.force.com/complaints/>

SCAQMD - call (800) CUT-SMOG or (800) 288-7664 (24 hours)

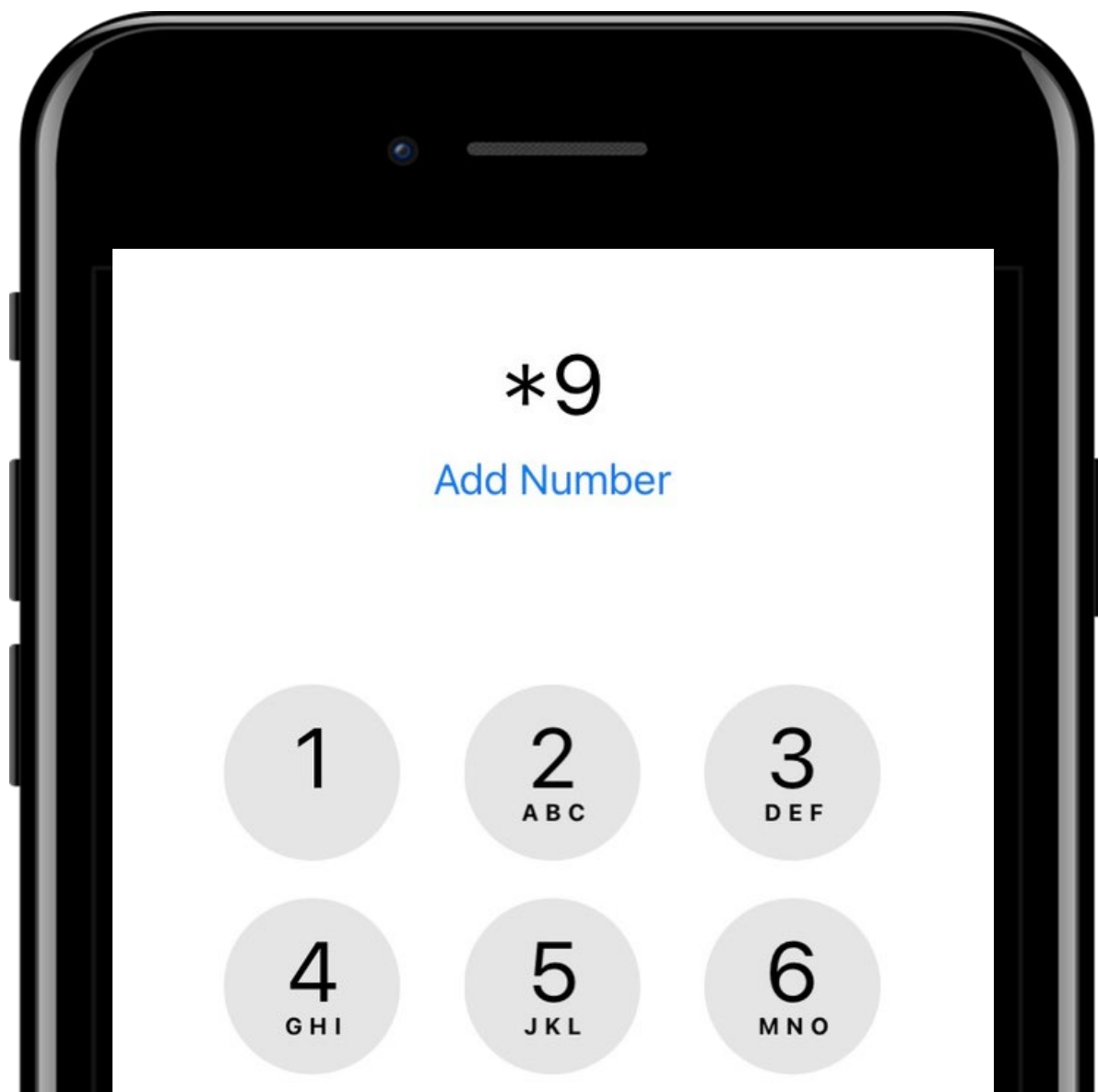
- Online complaints:

<http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/complaintsystemonline/NewComplaint.aspx>

# Question & Answer

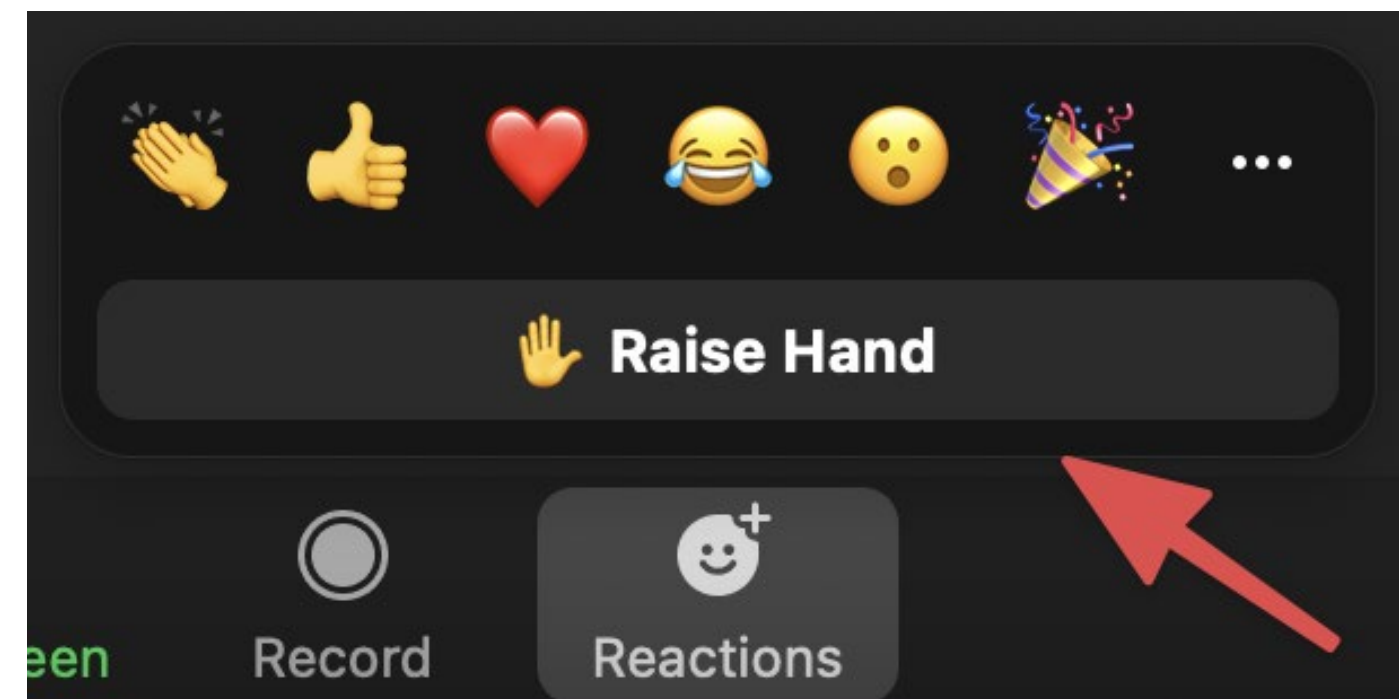
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- Dial \*9 (Star 9) to “Raise Hand”



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- Click on “Reactions” on the option bar at the bottom and click “Raise Hand”
- You can also use ALT+Y (Windows) or Option+Y (Mac)



# Submitting Comments / Viewing Application



- By July 15th provide additional comments or questions to Dan Weerasekera at [Dweerasekera@OCHCA.com](mailto:Dweerasekera@OCHCA.com) or call (714) 433-6255.
- To view the application package at our office call Dan Weerasekera (714) 433- 6255 to schedule an appointment.
- The application package is also available on CalRecycle's website at: <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/solidwaste/site/search>.



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# STAY CONNECTED

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# THANK YOU

We appreciate your time.

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