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Net Increase in Emissions	0.00	0.21	0.12	0.00	0.16	0.04
City of San Diego Thresholds	15	40	100	40	15	10
Exceeds Thresholds?	No	No	No	No	No	No

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Proposed Ordinance: Disposal/Transportation to the Landfill	0.01	1.29	1.19	0.00	0.30	0.08
Total Emissions	0.04	2.41	1.28	0.01	1.95	0.50
Existing Emissions (Polystyrene)	0.01	0.96	0.51	0.00	0.78	0.20
Net Increase in Emissions	0.02	1.44	0.77	0.01	1.17	0.30
City of San Diego Thresholds	137	250	550	250	100	67
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Proposed Ordinance: Delivery to Local Retailers	106
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Total Emissions	1831
Existing Emissions (Polystyrene)	70
Net Increase in Emissions	1761

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Mobile Source Emissions Associated with Delivery to Local Retailers

Annual Existing Polystyrene Weight (lbs)	6,270,000
Annual Delivery Truck Round Trips	131
Annual Delivery One-Way Truck Trips	261

Annual	Paper (lbs)	Plastic (lbs)
Proposed Ordinance	0	15,675,000
Delivery Truck Round Trips	0	327
Total One-Way Truck Trips	653	

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Annual Mobile Source Emission Estimates Associated with Delivery to Local Retailers						
tons per year						MT per year
ROG	NOx	CO	SOx	PM10	PM2.5	CO2e
Existing Polystyrene Delivery Emissions						
0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.02	42.48
Proposed Ordinance Delivery Emissions						
0.00	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.21	0.05	106.19
Net Change						
0.00	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.03	63.72

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Net Change					
0.01	0.67	0.06	0.00	0.99	0.25

Emission Factors (grams/mile)							
Vehicle Type	ROG	NOx	CO	SOx	PM10	PM2.5	CO2e
T7 Single Unit Truck	0.043326426	2.157789331	0.181171467	0.0158917	3.2032406	0.816660107	1748.334646

Notes: Conservatively assumes 100% of delivery trucks are diesel-fueled.
PM emissions include travel on paved roads.

CO2	CH4	N2O
1678.211528	0.0020124	0.26440291

Average delivery to local retailers trip length (miles) 93
Estimated Weight Capacity per Delivery Truck (lbs) 48,000
Days of Transport per Year (5 days per week) 260

Notes: Assumes that food and beverage containers are transported via a standard 53-foot delivery truck, which has a maximum load capacity of approximately 48,000 pounds (City of San Diego Initial Study Checklist).
Trip distance for delivery to local retailers conservatively assumed to be distance between City of Encinitas (location of local distributor) to edge of air district.

GWP Values	
CO2	1
N2O	265
CH4	28

Conversion Factors	
g	ton
907185	1
lbs	MT
2204.62	1
g	MT
1.00E+06	1
lbs	ton
2000	1

Sources:

<https://afdc.energy.gov/data/10380>

Mobile Source Emissions Associated with Disposal to Landfill

Annual Existing Polystyrene Weight (lbs)	6,270,000
Annual Round Trips	224
Annual Truck Trips	448

Annual	Paper (lbs)	Plastic (lbs)
Proposed Ordinance	0	15,675,000
Truck Round Trips	0	560
Total One-Way Truck Trips	1120	

Annual Mobile Source Emission Estimates Associated with Disposal to Landfill/Recycling Center						
tons per year						MT per year
ROG	NOx	CO	SOx	PM10	PM2.5	CO2e
Existing Polystyrene Delivery Emissions						
0.00	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.00	27.74
Proposed Ordinance Delivery Emissions						
0.00	0.20	0.18	0.00	0.05	0.01	69.35
Net Change						
0.00	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.03	0.01	41.61

Daily Mobile Source Emission Estimates Associated with Disposal to Landfill/Recycling Center					
pounds per day					
ROG	NOx	CO	SOx	PM10	PM2.5
Existing Polystyrene Delivery Emissions					
0.01	0.52	0.47	0.00	0.12	0.03
Proposed Ordinance Delivery Emissions					
0.01	1.29	1.19	0.00	0.30	0.08
Net Change					
0.01	0.78	0.71	0.00	0.18	0.05

Emission Factors (grams/mile)							
Vehicle Type	ROG	NOx	CO	SOx	PM10	PM2.5	CO2e
T7 SWCV	0.097914529	8.665973861	7.939434251	0.022032394	2.0192555	0.525474042	3282.813492

Notes: Assumes solid waste collection vehicles are 55% diesel fueled and 45% natural gas powered per EMFAC2021 data for San Diego County in 2021. PM emissions include travel on paved roads.

CO2	CH4	N2O
3096.26036	1.708505432	0.523452755

Assumed trip length (miles)	18.87
Estimated Weight Capacity per SWCV (lbs)	28,000
Days of Transport per Year (6 days per week)	312

Notes: Assumes that all containers are disposed at a landfill/recycling center.

Distance between City and Landfill (miles)	% of Material Disposed at Facility	
Miramar Landfill	15.6	53%
Otay Landfill	24.7	31%
Sycamore Landfill	18.4	16%

Distance between City and Recycling Center (miles)	
EDCO Recycling	7.0
Allan Company	17.2
IMS Recycling Services, Inc.	4.0

Source: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/environmental-services/geninfo/pdf/draftnondisfacelement.pdf>

Trip distance based on the weighted average trip distance between City of San Diego and Miramar Landfill, Otay Landfill, and Sycamore Landfill (which is more conservative than the distance between City of San Diego and recycling centers).

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/environmental-services/pdf/wastemanagementhistory.pdf>

Weight capacity of SWCV based on 14 tons of waste per <https://scdhec.gov/environment/land-and-waste-landfills/how-landfills-work>

The County developed a network of landfills, which, by 1990, included a large landfill in the northern part of the County (San Marcos), one in the east (Sycamore, located in the City of San Diego, adjacent to Santee), and another in the south (Otay, located with the City of Chula Vista on land that is unincorporated). This network, together with the City's Miramar Landfill in the center of the City of San Diego's population, allowed relatively short collection routes. Based on CalRecycle 2020 Jurisdiction Disposal and Beneficial Reuse by Destination data, these landfills are the destination facility for 93% of the material.

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Indirect GHG Emissions from Disposal at Landfill

Annual Existing Polystyrene Weight (lbs)		6,270,000
Annual	Paper (lbs)	Plastic (lbs)
Proposed Ordinance	15,048,000	15,675,000

Note: Analysis conservatively assume replacement products are 100% paper.

Landfilling Emission Factors for Paper Products (MT CO₂e/Short Ton)

Material	Landfill CH ₄	Avoided CO ₂ Emissions from Energy Recovery	Landfill Carbon Storage	Net Emissions (Post-Consumer)
Corrugated Containers	1.05	-0.11	-0.72	0.22

Notes: Emission Factors from EPA GHG Emission Factors used in the WARM tool (February 2016) Exhibit 3-26

Does not include transportation to landfill as those emissions are calculated in Mobile-Disposal tab using emission factors specific to San Diego County

WARM calculates emission factors for each of these three landfill types and uses the national average mix of collection systems installed at landfills in the United States to calculate a national average emission factor that accounts for the extent to which CH₄ is not captured, is flared without energy recovery, or is combusted onsite for energy recovery.

Because plastics do not contain biodegradable carbon, they do not generate CH₄ and are not considered to store any carbon when landfilled. The only emissions associated with landfilling plastics are from transportation to the landfill and moving waste in the landfill (calculated in Mobile-Disposal tab).

Proposed Ordinance	Annual Disposal (tons)	GHG Emissions (MT CO ₂ e)*
Paper	7524	1,655

*Total emissions associated with landfilling and degradation of paper products

Conversion Factors	
kg to pounds	2.20462
g per pound	453.592
tons to metric tons	0.907185
pounds per ton	2000
pounds per metric ton	2204.62262
months per year	12
days per year	365
Global Warming Potential	
CO ₂	1
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Exhibit 3-26: Landfilling Emission Factors for Paper Products (MTCO₂E/Short Ton)

Material	Raw Material Acquisition and Manufacturing (Current Mix of Inputs)	Transportation to Landfill	Landfill CH ₄	Avoided CO ₂ Emissions from Energy Recovery	Landfill Carbon Storage	Net Emissions (Post-Consumer)
Corrugated Containers	–	0.02	1.05	-0.11	-0.72	0.23
Magazines/Third-Class Mail	–	0.02	0.48	-0.05	-0.85	-0.39
Newspaper	–	0.02	0.40	-0.05	-1.19	-0.82
Office Paper	–	0.02	1.49	-0.18	-0.12	1.22
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Mixed Paper (general)	–	0.02	0.93	-0.11	-0.72	0.13
Mixed Paper (primarily residential)	–	0.02	0.90	-0.10	-0.76	0.07
Mixed Paper (primarily from offices)	–	0.02	0.88	-0.10	-0.64	0.17

Note: The emission factors for landfill CH₄ presented in this table are based on national-average rates of landfill gas capture and energy recovery. Avoided CO₂ emissions from energy recovery are calculated based on the non-baseload GHG emissions intensity of U.S. electricity generation, since it is non-baseload power plants that will adjust to changes in the supply of electricity from energy recovery at landfills. Negative values denote GHG emission reductions or carbon storage.
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Vehicle Weight Classes & Categories

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Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (lbs)	Federal Highway Administration		US Census Bureau
	Vehicle Class	GVWR Category	VIUS Classes
<6,000	Class 1: <6,000 lbs	Light Duty <10,000 lbs	Light Duty <10,000 lbs
10,000	Class 2: 6,001 – 10,000lbs		
14,000	Class 3: 10,001 – 14,000 lbs	Medium Duty 10,001 – 26,000 lbs	Medium Duty 10,001 – 19,500 lbs
16,000	Class 4: 14,001 – 16,000 lbs		
19,500	Class 5: 16,001 – 19,500 lbs		
26,000	Class 6: 19,501 – 26,000 lbs		Light Heavy Duty: 19,001 – 26,000 lbs
33,000	Class 7: 26,001 – 33,000 lbs	Heavy Duty >26,001 lbs	Heavy Duty >26,001 lbs
>33,000	Class 8: >33,001 lbs		

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (lbs)	EPA Emissions Classification			
	Heavy Duty Vehicle and Engines			Light Duty Vehicles
	H.D. Trucks	H.D. Engines	General Trucks	Passenger Vehicles
<6,000	Light Duty Truck 1 & 2 <6,000 lbs	Light Light Duty Trucks <6,000 lbs	Light Duty Trucks < 8500 lbs	Light Duty Vehicle < 8500 lbs
6,000		Heavy Light Duty Trucks 6,001-8,500 lbs		
8,500	Light Duty Truck 3 & 4 6,001 – 8,500 lbs	Light Heavy Duty Engines 8,501 lbs – 19,500 lbs	Heavy Duty Vehicle Heavy Duty Engine >8,500 lbs	Medium Duty Passenger Vehicle 8,501 – 10,000 lbs
10,000	Heavy Duty Vehicle 2b 8,501 – 10,000 lbs			
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26,000	Heavy Duty Vehicle 6 19,501 – 26,000 lbs			
33,000	Heavy Duty Vehicle 7 26,001 – 33,000 lbs	Heavy Heavy Duty Engines Urban Bus >33,001		
60,000	Heavy Duty Vehicle 8a 33,001 – 60,000 lbs			
>60,000	Heavy Duty Vehicle 8b >60,001			

These charts illustrate the vehicle weight classes and categories used by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the U.S. Census Bureau, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The vehicle weight classes are defined by FHWA and are used consistently throughout the industry. These classes, 1-8, are based on gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), the maximum weight of the vehicle, as specified by the manufacturer. GVWR includes total vehicle weight plus fluids, passengers, and cargo. FHWA categorizes vehicles as Light Duty (Class 1-2), Medium Duty (Class 3-6), and Heavy Duty (Class 7-8). EPA defines vehicle categories, also by GVWR, for the purposes of emissions and fuel economy certification. EPA classifies vehicles as Light Duty (GVWR < 8,500 lb) or Heavy Duty (GVWR > 8,501 lb). Within the Heavy-Duty class, there is a Medium Heavy Duty Diesel Engine class for engine-only certification, but no Medium-Duty Vehicle class. The September 2011 U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)/EPA rulemaking on [Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles](#) uses categories and weights for Heavy-Duty Vehicle Classes 2b through 8, similar to the FHWA weight classes.

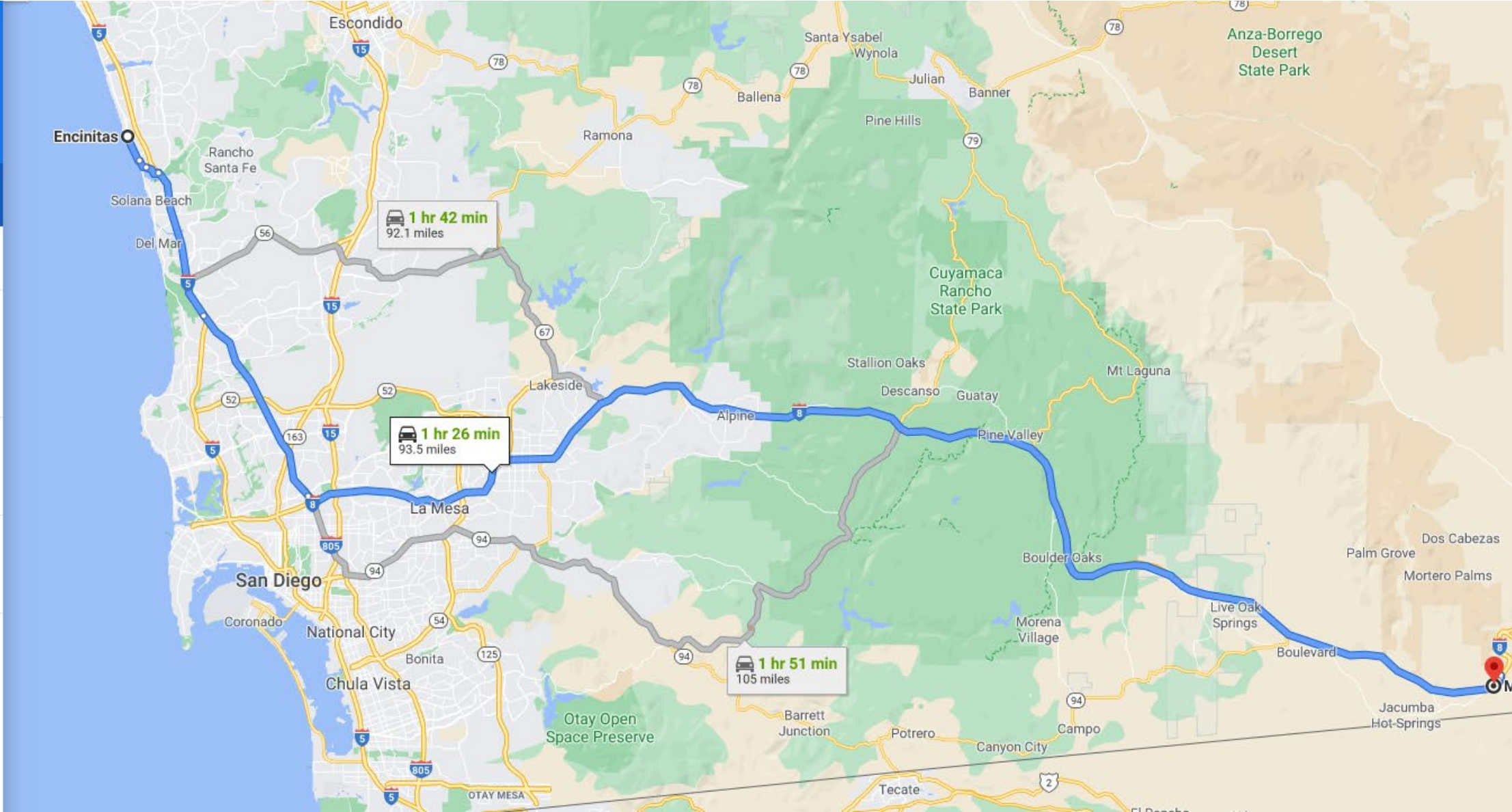
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- via I-8 E **1 hr 26 min**
 Fastest route, the usual traffic
 93.5 miles
 DETAILS
- via CA-67 S and I-8 E **1 hr 42 min**
 92.1 miles
- via CA-94 E and I-8 E **1 hr 51 min**
 105 miles

Explore Mountain Empire Unified

- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Gas stations
- Parking Lots
- More



Mobile Source Emissions Associated with Disposal to Landfill

Annual Existing Polystyrene Weight (lbs)	6,270,000
Annual Round Trips	224
Annual Truck Trips	448

Annual	Paper (lbs)	Plastic (lbs)
Proposed Ordinance	0	15,675,000
Truck Round Trips	0	560
Total One-Way Truck Trips	1120	

Annual Mobile Source Emission Estimates Associated with Disposal to Landfill/Recycling Center						
tons per year						MT per year
ROG	NOx	CO	SOx	PM10	PM2.5	CO2e
Existing Polystyrene Delivery Emissions						
0.00	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.00	27.74
Proposed Ordinance Delivery Emissions						
0.00	0.20	0.18	0.00	0.05	0.01	69.35
Net Change						
0.00	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.03	0.01	41.61

Daily Mobile Source Emission Estimates Associated with Disposal to Landfill/Recycling Center					
pounds per day					
ROG	NOx	CO	SOx	PM10	PM2.5
Existing Polystyrene Delivery Emissions					
0.01	0.52	0.47	0.00	0.12	0.03
Proposed Ordinance Delivery Emissions					
0.01	1.29	1.19	0.00	0.30	0.08
Net Change					
0.01	0.78	0.71	0.00	0.18	0.05

Emission Factors (grams/mile)							
Vehicle Type	ROG	NOx	CO	SOx	PM10	PM2.5	CO2e
T7 SWCV	0.097914529	8.665973861	7.939434251	0.022032394	2.0192555	0.525474042	3282.813492

Notes: Assumes solid waste collection vehicles are 55% diesel fueled and 45% natural gas powered per EMFAC2021 data for San Diego County in 2021.
PM emissions include travel on paved roads.

CO2	CH4	N2O
3096.26036	1.708505432	0.523452755

Assumed trip length (miles)	18.87
Estimated Weight Capacity per SWCV (lbs)	28,000
Days of Transport per Year (6 days per week)	312

Notes: Assumes that all containers are disposed at a landfill/recycling center.

Distance between City and Landfill (miles)	% of Material Disposed at Facility
Miramar Landfill	15.6 53%
Otay Landfill	24.7 31%
Sycamore Landfill	18.4 16%

Distance between City and Recycling Center (miles)	
EDCO Recycling	7.0
Allan Company	17.2
IMS Recycling Services, Inc.	4.0

Source: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/environmental-services/geninfo/pdf/draftnondisfacelement.pdf>

Trip distance based on the weighted average trip distance between City of San Diego and Miramar Landfill, Otay Landfill, and Sycamore Landfill (which is more conservative than the distance between City of San Diego and recycling centers).

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/environmental-services/pdf/wastemanagementhistory.pdf>

Weight capacity of SWCV based on 14 tons of waste per <https://scdhec.gov/environment/land-and-waste-landfills/how-landfills-work>

The County developed a network of landfills, which, by 1990, included a large landfill in the northern part of the County (San Marcos), one in the east (Sycamore, located in the City of San Diego, adjacent to Santee), and another in the south (Otay, located with the City of Chula Vista on land that is unincorporated). This network, together with the City's Miramar Landfill in the center of the City of San Diego's population, allowed relatively short collection routes. Based on CalRecycle 2020 Jurisdiction Disposal and Beneficial Reuse by Destination data, these landfills are the destination facility for 93% of the material.

GWP Values	
CO2	1
N2O	265
CH4	28

Conversion Factors	
g ton	
907185	1
lbs MT	
2204.62	1
g MT	
1.00E+06	1
lbs ton	
2000	1

Sources:

<https://afdc.energy.gov/data/10380>

Indirect GHG Emissions from Disposal at Landfill

Annual Existing Polystyrene Weight (lbs)		6,270,000
Annual	Paper (lbs)	Plastic (lbs)
Proposed Ordinance	15,048,000	15,675,000

Note: Analysis conservatively assume replacement products are 100% paper.

Landfilling Emission Factors for Paper Products (MT CO₂e/Short Ton)

Material	Landfill CH ₄	Avoided CO ₂ Emissions from Energy Recovery	Landfill Carbon Storage	Net Emissions (Post-Consumer)
Corrugated Containers	1.05	-0.11	-0.72	0.22

Notes: Emission Factors from EPA GHG Emission Factors used in the WARM tool (February 2016) Exhibit 3-26

Does not include transportation to landfill as those emissions are calculated in Mobile-Disposal tab using emission factors specific to San Diego County

WARM calculates emission factors for each of these three landfill types and uses the national average mix of collection systems installed at landfills in the United States to calculate a national average emission factor that accounts for the extent to which CH₄ is not captured, is flared without energy recovery, or is combusted onsite for energy recovery.

Because plastics do not contain biodegradable carbon, they do not generate CH₄ and are not considered to store any carbon when landfilled. The only emissions associated with landfilling plastics are from transportation to the landfill and moving waste in the landfill (calculated in Mobile-Disposal tab).

Proposed Ordinance	Annual Disposal (tons)	GHG Emissions (MT CO ₂ e)*
Paper	7524	1,655

*Total emissions associated with landfilling and degradation of paper products

Conversion Factors	
kg to pounds	2.20462
g per pound	453.592
tons to metric tons	0.907185
pounds per ton	2000
pounds per metric ton	2204.62262
months per year	12
days per year	365
Global Warming Potential	
CO ₂	1
Ch ₄	28
N ₂ O	265

Exhibit 3-26: Landfilling Emission Factors for Paper Products (MTCO₂e/Short Ton)

Material	Raw Material Acquisition and Manufacturing (Current Mix of Inputs)	Transportation to Landfill	Landfill CH ₄	Avoided CO ₂ Emissions from Energy Recovery	Landfill Carbon Storage	Net Emissions (Post-Consumer)
Corrugated Containers	–	0.02	1.05	-0.11	-0.72	0.23
Magazines/Third-Class Mail	–	0.02	0.48	-0.05	-0.85	-0.39
Newspaper	–	0.02	0.40	-0.05	-1.19	-0.82
Office Paper	–	0.02	1.49	-0.18	-0.12	1.22
Phonebooks	–	0.02	0.40	-0.05	-1.19	-0.82
Textbooks	–	0.02	1.49	-0.18	-0.12	1.22
Mixed Paper (general)	–	0.02	0.93	-0.11	-0.72	0.13
Mixed Paper (primarily residential)	–	0.02	0.90	-0.10	-0.76	0.07
Mixed Paper (primarily from offices)	–	0.02	0.88	-0.10	-0.64	0.17

Note: The emission factors for landfill CH₄ presented in this table are based on national-average rates of landfill gas capture and energy recovery. Avoided CO₂ emissions from energy recovery are calculated based on the non-baseload GHG emissions intensity of U.S. electricity generation, since it is non-baseload power plants that will adjust to changes in the supply of electricity from energy recovery at landfills.

Negative values denote GHG emission reductions or carbon storage.

– = Zero emissions.

Source: EMFAC2021 (v1.0.1) Emission Rates

Region Type: County

Region: San Diego

Calendar Year: 2021

Season: Annual

Vehicle Classification: EMFAC202x Categories

Units: miles/year for CVMT and EVMT, trips/day for Trips, kWh/day for Energy Consumption, g/mile for RUNEX, PMBW and PMTW, g/trip for STREX, HOTSOAK and RUNLOSS, g/vehicle/day for IDLEX and DIURN

Region	Calendar Year	Vehicle Category	Model Year	Speed	Fuel	Population	VMT	Trips	NOx_RUNEX	PM2.5_RUNEX	PM2.5_PMTW	PM2.5_PMBW	PM10_RUNEX	PM10_PMTW	PM10_PMBW	CO2_RUNEX	CH4_RUNEX	N2O_RUNEX	ROG_RUNEX	CO_RUNEX	SOx_RUNEX	
San Diego	2021	T7 Single Other Class 8	Aggregate	Aggregate	Diesel	1466.443924	87978.514	13813.9	2.157789331	0.028991488	0.009000003	0.029102233	0.030302354	0.03600001	0.083149237	1678.211528	0.0020124	0.26440291	0.043326426	0.181171467	0.01589166	
San Diego	2021	T7 SWCV Class 8	Aggregate	Aggregate	Diesel	729.9374923	0.55	47399.767	3357.712	12.87937665	0.015015057	0.009000003	0.073500021	0.015693972	0.03600001	0.21000006	4242.658305	0.000869827	0.668432544	0.018727144	0.056384319	0.040175437
San Diego	2021	T7 SWCV Class 8	Aggregate	Aggregate	Natural Ga	605.5471329	0.45	39032.344	2785.517	3.549337455	0.00482913	0.009000003	0.073500021	0.005252119	0.03600001	0.21000006	1704.10733	3.782209502	0.347393427	0.194077436	17.51238569	0
Emission Factor for Solid Waste Collection Vehicles							86,432.11		8.66597	0.01042	0.00900	0.07350	0.01098	0.03600	0.21000	3096.26036	1.70851	0.52345	0.09791	7.93943	0.02203	

Paved Road Dust		$EF_{DUST} = [(k(sL)^{0.951} \times (W)^{1.02})(1 - P/4N)]$	
Source: AP-42 Section 13.2.1 (Paved Roads) - http://www.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch13/final/c13s0201.pdf			
Variable	Value	Description	
k (PM10)	0.0022	particle size multiplier for particle size range and units of interest (lb/VMT)	
k (PM2.5)	0.00054	particle size multiplier for particle size range and units of interest (lb/VMT)	
sL	0.1	road surface silt loading (g/m ²)	
W	24	delivery truck weight (tons)	
W	14	SWCV weight (tons)	
P	40	number of "wet" days with at least 0.254 mm (0.1 inches) of precipitation during the averaging period (San Diego County)	
N	365	number of days in averaging period	
Delivery Truck			
EF (PM10)	3.053788971	g/VMT	
EF (PM2.5)	0.749566384	g/VMT	
Solid Waste Collection Truck			
EF (PM10)	1.762276915	g/VMT	
EF (PM2.5)	0.432558879	g/VMT	

Conversion Factors	
	g/lbs
453.592	1