



# INSIDE SOLIDWASTE



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## Update on Sunshine Canyon Landfill Odor Mitigation

A comprehensive set of measures has been developed by an inter-agency working group in a coordinated effort to reduce odors emanating from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

The working group, which consists of representatives from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, and County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, released a set of recommendations on June 24, 2013, to supplement ongoing odor reduction efforts currently taking place at the landfill.

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## Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

This holiday season, recycle your Christmas tree and help preserve natural resources and reduce waste.

Residents in the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas can recycle trees by placing it curbside on collection day from December 26, 2013, through January 18, 2014. Residents living in incorporated cities should contact their city hall or waste hauler to find out the availability of the program in their city, or nearest designated collection site. Items such as water containers, tree stands, ornaments, tinsel, and nails should be removed. Collected trees will be recycled into compost, mulch, or ground cover.

Last year, 348,195 Christmas trees totaling 3,483 tons were recycled. In addition to the trees collected through the program, participating landfills collected 8,540 tons of green waste. For more information on the County's Christmas Tree Recycling Program or to locate a collection site, please visit [www.cleanla.com](http://www.cleanla.com) or call 1(888) CLEANLA.

## Weekly Hazardous Waste Roundups Accept Most Consumer Electronics with a Circuit Board

Household Hazardous Waste/ Electronic Waste Roundups are conducted on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 1 (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652), or visit [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com).

### Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Collection Centers

City of Los Angeles Permanent Collection Centers are open on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted. For information, call 1 (800) 98-TOXIC (988-6942). Services suspended during rainy weather.

#### **Gaffey Street Collection Center**

1400 N. Gaffey Street San Pedro, CA 90731

#### **Hyperion Treatment Plant**

7660 W. Imperial Highway, Gate B Playa Del Rey, CA 90293

#### **Washington Boulevard Collection Center**

2649 E. Washington Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90021

#### **Randall Street S.A.F.E. Center**

11025 Randall Street Sun Valley, CA 91352

#### **UCLA Location** (E-waste accepted on Saturdays only)

550 Charles E. Young Drive West Los Angeles, CA 90095  
Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### **Los Angeles/Glendale Collection Center**

4600 Colorado Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90039

#### **Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center**

Antelope Valley Public Landfill  
1200 West City Ranch Road Palmdale, CA 93551

Note: Open 1st and 3rd Saturday each month 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., rain or shine. Common items accepted include household cleaners, paint, unused medications, sharps waste, household batteries, TV's, computers, stereos, and printers. For more information, call LA County Public Works at 1 (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652)



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# Public Works Launches Think Blue Campaign



LA County Public Works' recent recycling campaign attracted some major celebrity endorsements.

Sponsored by the Department's Environmental Programs Division and CalRecycle, the "Think Blue" message reached millions of County residents through special promotions on radio and at major sporting events.

The campaign kicked off earlier this year in partnership with 570 AM Fox Sports Radio. That's when Public Works' Assistant Director Mark Pestrella showed off his prowess on the mound at Dodger Stadium by throwing out the first ceremonial pitch during a game between the Dodgers and the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Dodgers promotion included in-stadium, on-air, and online commercials and messages about the recycling campaign.

Pestrella was assisted in his rookie appearance at Chavez Ravine by honorary catcher and Dodger great Shawn Green, pictured right.



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Photo: Natalie Jimenez

The campaign continued when Public Works Director Gail Farber last month teamed up with 102.7 KIIS FM morning radio host Ryan Seacrest, pictured left, to record two public service announcements to air on the popular radio station.

The public education campaign raised awareness of beverage container recycling and urged residents to use their blue recycling bins.

## Whittier Campers Rock the Planet

Environmental stewardship was the order of the day for more than 200 youngsters during the second annual Eco-Ranger summer camp held recently at parks in the County unincorporated area of Whittier.

The week-long event for campers aged 6 to 12 years included a beach cleanup at Dockweiler State Beach, a tour of the Puente Hills Landfill, an overnight campout at Castaic Lake State Recreation area, and nature hikes as well as LA County Public Works Department's Environmental Defenders Rock the Planet Tour, an interactive, musical assembly about the four Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink), stormwater pollution prevention, and the proper disposal of household hazardous and electronic waste.

About 40 teens served as camp counselors following a Teen Eco-Ranger Leadership Academy training course. To learn more about the Department's Environmental Defenders program, call Monica Roldan at (626) 458-5966.





# CalRecycle Rejects Carpet Stewardship Plan

At its October 2013 public meeting, the Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) briefly addressed recent developments regarding the state's carpet recycling program established under AB 2398 (Perez, 2010).

CalRecycle reported that they reviewed Carpet America Recovery Effort's (CARE) first annual report, which covers the program from its inception in July of 2011 up to and including June of this year, identifying several items they would like to be included in the annual report and asking CARE to include the information in their second annual report due in July 2014.

CalRecycle is currently reviewing a revised carpet stewardship plan, and in the interest of not over-extending resources reviewing both the report and revised plan, they did not ask CARE to revise the report.

Also, CARE submitted a revised stewardship plan as a result of CalRecycle rejecting their previous version at its August monthly public meeting due to the absence of "sufficient demonstration that continuous and meaningful improvements in carpet diversion and recycling is likely to occur."

According to CalRecycle, one of the key problems with the rejected plan had to do with the lack of details describing how CARE will spend a projected \$8 million in reserve funds, which is double the annual assessment collected to run the entire program. CalRecycle has suggested that some of the unused funds could be used to support activities related

to achieving more robust recycling and diversion goals. Moreover, CalRecycle and stakeholders have not been satisfied with the plan's relatively low recycling goal of 16 percent for 2016 and diversion goal of 33 percent. During a recent webinar hosted by CARE, at the request of CalRecycle, board of director's member Dr. Robert Peoples addressed the deficient goals. However, he could not give any details beyond stating that the targets for 2020 would exceed the 2016 targets.

Dr. Peoples addressed other specific issues of the rejected plan that CalRecycle felt needed improvement, such as the lack of detail of the job description for the California-based CARE staff member position that CARE is attempting to fill. The position was created due in large part to stakeholder criticism of the program's lack of "boots on the ground" and how that has contributed to insufficient knowledge of the carpet collection and recycling market in the state.

The low recycling and diversion goals, reserve fund activities, as well as the California-based staff member were addressed in CARE's required annual report to CalRecycle. However, CalRecycle stated that the activities would need to be incorporated in the Plan since it is the governing document according to AB 2398.

Dr. Peoples added that given CARE's success in rural counties, CARE is looking to expand the number of participating counties from six to ten by January 2014. CARE has also committed \$300,000 to research grants to a California university to study improvements in carpet recycling and has introduced and approved new incentive programs that went into effect in the second quarter of 2013.

For more information, contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 952-1147.



# County's Long-Term Solid Waste Management Plan Countywide Siting Element

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) requires each county to prepare a Countywide Siting Element that describes how the county plans to manage the disposal of its solid waste for a 15-year planning period.

The existing Countywide Siting Element for the County of Los Angeles, which pertains to all 88 cities within the County and the unincorporated areas, was approved by CalRecycle in 1998.

The Countywide Siting Element is currently being updated as required by State law. A preliminary draft of the document has recently been prepared by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force and its Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee, to incorporate updated solid waste facility information as well as goals and policies to be consistent with current solid waste industry practices and technologies.

The Preliminary Draft of the revised Countywide Siting Element includes the following significant changes: (1) removal of Elsmere Canyon and Blind Canyon from the list of future potential landfill sites; (2) identifying potential expansions of certain in-County landfills; (3) updates to the goals and policies in accordance with the new solid waste management paradigm; (4) potential sites for alternative to landfill technology facilities; and (5) discussion regarding the development of infrastructure to transport solid waste to out-of-County landfills to complement the County's waste management system.

On November 15, 2012, the Task Force concurred with the Preliminary Draft of the revised Countywide Siting Element. Subsequently, Public Works advertised a Request for Proposals for consultant services to perform the following services to support the revised Countywide Siting Element: (1) graphic design and publishing; (2) environmental document preparation; (3) public outreach; (4) printing and



distribution; and (5) technical consultant services. On June 4, 2013, the Board of Supervisors awarded a Consultant Services Agreement to Tetra Tech BAS to assist Public Works with performing such services.

An Initial Study is currently being prepared to assess the environmental impacts of the project and will be released for review and comment by cities in Los Angeles County and other responsible agencies. Following the study, the environmental document will be prepared. The Preliminary draft Countywide Siting Element and its environmental document are anticipated to be released for public review around the summer of 2014.

For more information, contact Emiko Thompson of Public Works at [ethomp@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:ethomp@dpw.lacounty.gov) or (626) 458-3521, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.



## Used Motor Oil Recycling on the Rise

Los Angeles County residents are responding positively to calls to recycle their used motor oil.

LA County Public Works reports the amount of used oil it collected last year for recycling rose by 36 percent, up from 1,915 gallons in 2011-12 to 2,600 gallons in 2012-13. In addition, through a recycling partnership with O'Reilly Auto Parts, residents turned in more than 30,000 used oil filters at 42 of the company's County-based stores.

Kimberly Lyman, who manages the Department's Used Motor Oil Recycling and Oil Filter program, said the figures were encouraging. "Most of the material is brought in by do-it-yourselfers, and it's great to see they are acting responsibly in disposing of their used motor oil products," Lyman said. "Not only does their effort help protect the environment, but the oil is cleaned and recycled for use as fuel."

The program, which is funded by grants from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and the County Solid Waste Management fund, includes collection events, educational materials, and advertising. Collection events are held regularly throughout the County. Used motor oil and oil filters can also be recycled at certified collection centers. In exchange for recycling, program participants receive a free oil and filter container, oil funnel, and a shop towel.

For the schedule of collection events or to find the nearest collection center, visit [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com), or call (626) 458-5966.

## Driver Convicted in Steve Uselton's Death

Earlier this year, a driver was sentenced to 30 years to life in state prison for the death of respected waste management professional, Steve Uselton.

Steve was a loyal employee of the California Integrated Waste Board since 1990, and continued his work with the newly formed Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) in 2010. Most recently, Steve served as the Branch Manager for the Southern California office of Local Assistance and Market Development, and represented CalRecycle at the LA County Integrated Waste Management Task Force meetings.

On December 18, 2010, Steve and his 17-year-old son, Douglas, were on their way to an early-morning school event when they were struck and

killed by a drunk driver. According to reports, the driver had a 0.13 blood alcohol level at the time of the crash and was traveling approximately 80 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone.

In recognition of his service to Los Angeles County residents and businesses, on recommendation of Supervisor Michael Antonovich, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adjourned its meeting of January 11, 2011, in the memory of Steve Uselton and his son. Steve is survived by his wife Desiree and daughter Erin.



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## Update on Sunshine Canyon Landfill Odor Mitigation

The group's strategy is to take a comprehensive approach, rather than any single measure, to collectively facilitate odor reduction. Recommendations include further enhancing the efficiency of the landfill gas management system by reanalyzing the adequacy of existing design parameters, improving odiferous loads handling procedures, improving odor suppression techniques during gas collection system installations, and undertaking other maintenance and preventative measures.

The recommended measures serve as a basis for coordinated and comprehensive actions among the agencies. They are to be implemented in phases by the agencies within their respective areas of purview and authority as they deem appropriate. However, actions that can be taken by the agencies are not limited to those identified in the group's set of recommendations.

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force has been closely monitoring the odor mitigation efforts by the regulatory agencies and landfill operator, Republic Services.

In an August 1, 2013 letter, the Task Force offered the working group the following recommendations to supplement ongoing odor reduction efforts at the Landfill:

- Seek input from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee regarding odor mitigation recommendations;
- Include a discussion regarding a reduction in daily tonnage received at the Landfill; and
- Identify timelines and milestones for the implementation and monitoring of the mitigation measures.

On August 27, 2013, The Task Force received a response letter from the working group encouraging the Community Advisory Committee to provide comments. For more information, contact Emiko Thompson of LA County Public Works at [ethomp@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:ethomp@dpw.lacounty.gov), or (626) 458-3521 Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Regulatory Updates

## 2013 Update of the AB 32 Scoping Plan: Waste Management Sector Plan



CalRecycle conducted a stakeholder workshop on September 17, 2013, in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board, to discuss the final draft of the Waste Sector Plan, a component of the 2013 Update of the AB 32 Scoping Plan, and its implementation schedule.

The Waste Sector Plan includes numerous new policies and proposed regulatory changes to six areas of solid waste management (1) Recycling, Reuse, and Remanufacturing; (2) Composting and Anaerobic Digestion; (3) State Procurement; (4) Biomass Conversion; (5) Municipal Solid Waste Thermal Technologies; and (6) Landfilling of Waste.

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force had significant concerns regarding the draft Plan, which was first released in June of this year. Unfortunately, CalRecycle is moving to finalize the document although it has yet to adequately address significant

concerns raised by the Task Force and echoed by many stakeholders throughout the State. The Task Force encourages jurisdictions to review these documents as they will influence the AB 341 Report to the Legislature and guide the next two decades of solid waste management in California.

For information on the Waste Sector Plan visit [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/PublicNoticeDetail](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/PublicNoticeDetail). To read the Task Force letter, click on the following link: [Waste Sector Plan Comments 07-11-13](#). For more information contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

## CARB 5-Year Update to AB 32 Scoping Plan Looming

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is currently developing the 2013 Update of the AB 32 Scoping Plan to define climate change priorities for the next five years and lay the groundwork to reach post-2020 goals set forth in Executive Orders S-3-05 and B-16-2012.

The Update will highlight California's progress toward meeting the "near-term" 2020 Greenhouse Gas emissions reduction goals defined in the original Scoping Plan (2008) and evaluate how to align the State's longer-term GHG reduction strategies with other State policy priorities such as water, waste, natural resources, clean energy and transportation, and land use.

The Waste Sector Plan, under development and finalization by CalRecycle, will influence the waste element of the 2013 AB 32 Scoping Plan Update (see separate article regarding the Waste Sector Plan).

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force submitted comments to CARB on August 5, 2013, highlighting the critical role solid waste plays as a sustainable feedstock in the

production of bioenergy, which in turn influences GHG emissions in end use markets in the water and transportation sectors. The Task Force urged CARB to consider the lifecycle effects of specific waste management practices and cautioned that prescriptive standards being developed by CalRecycle under the auspices of AB 341 may have negative impacts on the State's GHG reduction goals and hinder the production of in-state bioenergy.

CARB will consider the 2013 AB 32 Scoping Plan Update for adoption at their December Board Meeting.

To read the Task Force letter, click on the following link: [AB 32 Scoping Plan 08-05-13](#). For more information contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.



# STATEWIDE COMPOSTING REGULATIONS UPDATE

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force sent a letter to CalRecycle on October 10, 2013, commending the agency's efforts to revise the regulations to manage compostable wastes in a manner that protects public health and safety. The letter identified the need to define terms such as "organics" and "compostable organics" throughout the regulatory process in order to avoid any ambiguities and ensure compliance with the regulations. Moreover, the Task Force commented on the need to refine the proposed "Joint Permit Application Form" in a manner that would ensure mitigating measures established pursuant to CEQA are properly monitored by the responsible agencies. While CalRecycle has not announced any future workshops, the Task Force will continue to monitor CalRecycle's progress in revising Title 14 and 27 regarding composting regulations.

On July 19, 2013, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) released a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations. To protect ground and surface water quality, SWRCB proposes adopting general waste discharge requirements that would provide coverage for composting operations in the State of California. The Order would apply to all areas used for the receipt, processing, and storage for the conversion of certain eligible organic materials into a compost product. The draft working concepts of the Order was released on August 16, 2013, and a Public Scoping Meeting was held on August 23, 2013.

The Task Force sent a letter to SWRCB on September 4, 2013, commenting on the working concepts of the draft Order. The Task Force recognizes and commends SWRCB in their efforts to adopt general waste discharge requirements for composting operations in California and expressed the need for coordinated efforts among the regulatory agencies to ensure the regulations are applied uniformly to all technologies as they pertain to solid waste and that health and safety are not compromised.

For more information, please visit [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/compost/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/compost/) and <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking/Compost/default.htm>, or contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147 or [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com).

CalRecycle held two informal workshops on April, 11 and 16, 2013, to discuss the revisions from the Consolidated Draft Regulation Text released on February 28, 2013.

The revisions include adding, removing, and editing specific definitions with regards to different types of composting activities in order to eliminate ambiguities in the language and eliminate regulatory overlap or confusion among the various regulatory agencies and others involved in the facility's operation. Another key issue mentioned during the workshops was that in-vessel digestion is now proposed to be defined as a combination of transfer processing and compostable material handling activities. The Odor Concept was also revised on February 28, 2013, based on comments made during the last comment period to address chronic odor complaints and identify sources of odors as discussed at CalRecycle's informal workshop on May 14, 2013.

Regulatory Updates

## SWRCB Seeks to Revise Composting Regulations

On September 4, 2013, the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force submitted a letter to State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding their Notice of Preparation and the Notice of Public Scoping Meeting, Environmental Impact Report for General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations, which was released for public review and comment on July 19, 2013.

In an effort to protect public health and the environment, the Task Force submitted a number of recommendations including, but not limited to, requiring that chipping and grinding operations be subject to the same level of regulations for composting operations, and that these operations must be in compliance with the Federal Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.

The Task Force has consistently urged the State to strike a balance between the need for additional waste management infrastructure

and the critical need to protect the public health and safety, the environment, and the quality of life of residents.

To read the Task Force letter, click on the following link: [CEQA Composting General Order NOP 09-04-13](#). For more information contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

## CalRecycle Presses AB 341 Mixed Waste Processing Facility Standards



Dozens of stakeholders from Southland communities and hauling operations gathered on July 18, 2013, at CalRecycle's Lakewood workshop to hear the State's approach for determining if Mixed Waste Processing Facilities (MWPF) are "comparable" to source separation as required in AB 341 (2012, Chesbro).

Despite numerous concerns from stakeholders in letters and at previous workshops, CalRecycle indicated it would be pursuing a numerical approach.

The numerical approach proposed will be comprised of two standards. The first would specify the minimum amount of specific recyclables that would need to be recovered from a MWPF and the second would specify the maximum amount of specific recyclables allowed to be disposed from a MWPF. MWPFs would be required to meet both numerical standards in order to be certified as a "High Performing" MWPF. Only businesses that have a source separated recycling service or are being served by a High Performing MWPF would be considered in compliance with the AB 341 mandatory commercial recycling requirement.

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force sent a request to CalRecycle on July 31, 2013, asking that the process be placed on hold until certain key issues could be addressed, especially (1) whether there is any validity to the premise that an external process is needed to assure MWPFs provide "diversion results comparable to source separation;" (2) whether the proposal would be economically feasible; and (3) whether the net result would be consistent with the intent of AB 341 including providing for a reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions.

To read the Task Force letter, click on the following link: [MWPF Standards 08-01-13](#). For more information contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.



# OCTOBER 2013 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The Task Force continuously monitors and analyzes pending legislative bills that may impact solid waste management in Los Angeles County. Below is a summary and status of pending legislation the Task Force has taken a position on through October 15, 2013.

## 2013/2014 Legislative Session

Bill Number/ Author	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 5 Ammiano	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would enact the Homeless Person's Bill of Rights and Fairness Act, which would provide that every homeless person has the right, among others, to self-employment, including, but not limited to, junk removal and recycling that requires the collection, possession, redemption, and storage of goods for reuse and recycling, without being subject to criminal or civil sanctions, or arrest by law enforcement, public or private security personnel, or BID agents because he or she is homeless.
AB 8 Perrea	Support	Signed and Chaptered	This bill, among other things, would extend until January 1, 2014, the sunset dates of each of the various fees and surcharges that support the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007 (AB 118, Núñez) which provides grants and other financial incentives to accelerate the development and deployment of clean, efficient, low carbon alternative fuels and technology.
AB 153 Bonilla	Support	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would require the State Air Resources Board (CARB), on or before January 1, 2015, to adopt a specified process for the review and consideration of new greenhouse gas emissions offset protocols and, commencing in 2014 and continuing annually thereafter, use that process to review and consider new protocols, if CARB includes the use of market-based compliance mechanisms to comply with AB 32 (Núñez, 2006).
AB 158 Levine	Support	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would prohibit specified stores from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer and would require those stores to meet requirements regarding providing recycled paper bags, compostable bags or reusable bags.
AB 323 Chesbro	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would require CalRecycle to develop regulations that would state that the use of green material as alternative daily cover does not constitute diversion.
AB 371 Salas	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would authorize the Kern County Board of Supervisors to regulate or prohibit by ordinance, in a manner more stringent than state or federal law and in a nondiscriminatory manner, the land application of sewage sludge in unincorporated areas in the jurisdiction of the county, as prescribed.



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AB 403 Stone	Support	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would require a producer of home-generated sharps or a stewardship organization to submit a home-generated sharps stewardship plan that provides for the development and implementation of a recovery program for used sharps.
AB 416 Gordon	Support	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would require money to be available from the General Fund for purposes of providing grants and other financial assistance to develop and implement greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects in the state.
AB 488 Williams	Support	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	The bill would require a producer of single-use primary household batteries or a stewardship organization created by one or more producers to submit a single-use primary household battery stewardship plan to CalRecycle for approval providing for the development and implementation of a recovery program of household batteries.
AB 513 Frazier	Support	Signed and Chaptered	This bill would require CalRecycle to award grants to cities, counties, and other local government agencies for the funding of public works projects that utilize rubberized asphalt concrete.
AB 521 Hueso/Stone	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	Would require CalRecycle, by July 1, 2014, and in consultation with other agencies, to adopt a list or category of items that CalRecycle finds are major sources of marine plastic pollution. Producers of those items would be required to design and submit a plan to reduce the producer's proportion of the marine plastic pollution caused by those items, through "recovery" of those items. The bill also classifies "gasification" as transformation, thus eliminating its current eligibility for diversion credit and RPS, and would redefine "recovery" as "the retrieval or diversion from disposal or from a transformation facility, for the purpose of recycling, reuse or composting".
AB 794 Gorell	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would exempt CEQA requirements for a project that takes landfill materials/organic waste and converts them into renewable energy if the lead agency finds that the project will result in a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

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AB 997 Chesbro	Support	Senate Environmental Quality Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would provide that a local enforcement agency (LEA), when exercising the authority or fulfilling the duties specified in certain provisions of AB 939, would be deemed to be carrying out a state function governed by the act. The bill would also provide that, in carrying out this state function, the LEA would be deemed to be independent from the local governing body and the LEA's actions would not be subject to the authority of the local governing body. (This bill was "gutted and amended" since the Task Force voted to support).
AB 1001 Gordon	Watch	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would exempt a recycling center operator from a compliance requirement that they must prove a pattern of operation that complies with statutory requirements and regulations for recycling centers if the operator has no relation to an entity that used the same space previously.
AB 1021 Eggman	Support if amend	Senate Environmental Quality Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would authorize the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation authority to provide financial assistance to projects that process or utilize recycled feedstock.
AB 1023 Eggman	Watch	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would require CalRecycle, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to annually identify industry sectors that can reduce their greenhouse gas emissions through the increased use of recycled content or by recovering putrescible materials that would have emitted greenhouse gases if disposed.
AB 1126 Gordon/ Mullin	Oppose	Signed and Chaptered	Among other things, this bill defines the term "Engineered municipal solid waste conversion (EMSW)" and clarifies that EMSW Conversion facilities are disposal facilities. The bill excludes EMSW conversion from the definition of transformation, but allows a transformation facility that meets the requirements of EMSW conversion to elect to be considered an EMSW facility. The bill also excludes certain used/waste tires or biomass materials that are converted at an EMSW conversion facility from being considered disposal.
AB 1337 Allen	Oppose	Died in Assembly	This bill would have prohibited a city, county, or other public agency from adopting, implementing, or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule that prohibits a retail establishment from offering to its customers, or otherwise prohibits a person from using, a single-use plastic carryout bag for purposes of containing specified products.



Bill Number/ Author	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
SB 11 Pavely/Canella	Support	Assembly Transportation Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would require the Air Resources Board in consultation with the Bureau of Automotive Repair in the Department of Consumer Affairs, to provide compensation for the retirement of passenger vehicles, and light-duty and medium-duty trucks that are high polluters.
SB 254 Hancock	Oppose Unless Amended	Signed and Chaptered	This bill would require a manufacturer of mattresses sold in the state or stewardship organization to provide a plan to CalRecycle that ensures that the manufacturer/organization will be responsible for the collection/recycling of used mattresses.
SB 405 Padilla	Support if Amended	Senate (2-year bill)	This bill would prohibit stores from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer and would require those stores to meet requirements regarding providing recycled paper bags, compostable bags or reusable bags. The bill would allow a local public agency that has adopted a bag ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule prior to September 1, 2013, to continue to enforce and implement that ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule, but would require any amendments to that ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule to be subject to state preemption.
SB 529 Leno	Support if Amended	Senate Appropriations Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would prohibit a fast food facility from distributing disposable food service packaging or a single-use carryout bag to a customer, unless the packaging/bag meets specified criteria for compostable or recyclable packaging.
SB 700 Wolk	Oppose	Senate Appropriations Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would require a retail establishment, as defined, to collect a charge of \$0.05 for each single-use carryout bag provided to a customer. The bill would require the retail establishment to retain \$0.005 of that charge and would allow a retail establishment to retain an additional \$0.005 if the retail establishment credits the consumer no less than \$0.05 for each carryout bag provided by the consumer for packaging his or her purchases, and meets other requirements.
SB 715 Lara	Support and Amend	Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communication (2-year bill)	This bill would provide that a facility engaged in the combustion of municipal solid waste shall not be considered an eligible renewable energy resource unless it is located in the County of Los Angeles and was operational prior to September 26, 1996.

Bill Number/ Author	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
SB 727 Jackson	Support	Senate Environmental Quality Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would require a producer of a pharmaceutical sold in the state to, individually or through a stewardship organization, submit a plan, on or before January 1, 2015, to CalRecycle. The bill would require the plan to provide for the development of a program to collect, transport, and process home-generated pharmaceutical drugs and to include specified aspects, including a minimum amount of collection sites.
SB 804 Lara	Support	Vetoed	This bill would revise the definition of “biomass conversion” to include other types of conversion technologies in addition to controlled combustion. The bill would also defines the term anaerobic digestion and expand the definition of composting to include anaerobic digestion.
H.R. 1686 Moran	Oppose Unless Amended	House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee and House and Means Committee	This bill would impose a five-cent tax on every paper or plastic disposable bag that retailers provide to customers. Businesses would be responsible for collecting the tax which would need to be itemized on receipts. Reusable bags as well as packaged plastic bags (trash bags, pet waste bags) would be exempt from this tax. Monies collected from this bill would go to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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