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State Adopts AB 341

New law mandates commercial recycling, sets 75% diversion goal

The recent passage of California State Assembly Bill 341 (AB341) ushers in a new phase in the management of solid waste by creating a commercial recycling program and setting a goal for the State's waste reduction efforts.

The passage of the bill, one of the most significant pieces of solid waste legislation in California since the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), establishes mandatory commercial recycling (MCR) and a Statewide goal to source reduce, recycle, or compost no less than 75% of the solid waste generated by 2020 and annually, thereafter.

AB 341 also requires CalRecycle to submit to the State legislature, by January 1, 2014, a report identifying strategies for achieving the 75% goal. The report must identify problematic waste streams, evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs, and offer suggestions on how to improve them if needed. CalRecycle held the first hearing regarding the development of this report on May 14, 2012 in Sacramento, with a Southern California workshop to be held in the near future.



The MCR requirement will apply to all businesses that generate more than four cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week and multifamily residential dwellings of five units or more. Each jurisdiction is required, by July 1, 2012, to implement a commercial waste recycling program and track business compliance.

Jurisdictions are also required to report their progress as part of their annual report to CalRecycle.

For more information, please contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

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 County Public Works at
1 (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652)*

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

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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.



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Non-Exclusive Commercial Waste Collection Franchise System Arrives in Los Angeles County Unincorporated Areas



The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recently approved a non-exclusive commercial waste franchise system that will improve commercial trash collection and recycling services in County unincorporated areas.

The new system, which takes effect on July 1, 2012, will help ensure commercial waste haulers meet new State recycling law (Assembly Bill 341) mandates. As part of the system, commercial customers

will receive: free recycling services and on-site consultations, bulky item and electronic waste collection, holiday tree collection, graffiti removal, clean fuel collection trucks to reduce air pollution and noise, and customer dispute resolution.

Affected customers include businesses and apartment/condo complexes, as well as single-family homes using large bins and dumpsters for trash collection. Residential customers who subscribe to curbside cart collection service (typically a 3-carts trash collection system using automated vehicles to pick up the carts at curbsides) will not be impacted.

The new non-exclusive franchise system is replacing the existing “open-market” commercial waste collection system in the County unincorporated communities. Under the new system current waste

haulers will continue to operate provided they enter into a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the County as well as meeting the agreement’s performance and customer service standards which will be enforced by the County Department of Public Works.

The new system will maintain competition among waste haulers entering into the non-exclusive franchise agreement with the County. And, most importantly, customers will continue to have the ability to choose their waste hauler and negotiate prices directly with the hauler.

For additional information, please contact Martin Aiyetiwa at (626) 458-3553, Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or visit www.CleanLa.com.

County Partners to Keep California Beautiful

More than 51 billion pieces of litter land on U.S. roadways each year. That’s 6,729 items of litter per mile.

In an effort to keep our communities clean, the County of Los Angeles and Keep California Beautiful have partnered for the statewide *Littering is Wrong Too* public awareness campaign that strives to educate individuals on the environmental consequences of littering and illegal dumping.

The campaign takes a tongue-in-cheek approach to changing perceptions about the act of littering by comparing it to outrageous behavior like texting during surgery or sending Mother’s Day flowers C.O.D. The campaign is aimed at 18-34 year olds, identified as the demographic most likely to litter.



The campaign also gives participants an opportunity to share behavior they believe is outrageous, vote on behavior posted by others, and share the campaign with friends.

To pledge your support by “writing your wrong” or for more information on the litter prevention campaign visit www.litteringiswrongtoo.org/.

COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS TAKES THE LEED . . .

The LA County Board of Supervisors recently congratulated its Public Works Department for achieving Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Public Works' Alhambra headquarters tower became the first pre-existing County building to achieve Gold Certification for building improvements that included more efficient air filters, a Green Cleaning Entryway System, new plumbing fixtures, gas and water

meters, and CO2 sensors in the conference rooms. The improvements resulted in a 15% reduction in energy consumption. The County Internal Services Department Headquarters building was also recognized with a Silver Certification for addressing building cleaning and maintenance issues, recycling and maintenance programs, and systems upgrades. The Southern California Gas Company also commended the Public Works Department on the LEED Certification.



Pictured during the ceremony are LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman; LA County Public Works Director Gail Farber; and LA County Public Works Assistant Director Jose Quevedo.

Earth Day Events 2012

This year, the Los Angeles County Public Works Department commemorated Earth Day by participating in several activities and events throughout the month of April.

During the month-long celebration, Public Works staff distributed over 2,500 reusable bags at seven Earth Day events throughout the County.

Participants were also given the opportunity to learn about the County's free environmental services programs and receive the tools they need to make greener, more environmentally friendly decisions in their everyday lives.

Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson on April 22, 1970. Since then, it has reached all corners of the world inspiring millions of people to become more eco-conscious. The monumental day has laid the foundation for the modern environmental movement and resulted in the passage of landmark environmental legislation including the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

Earth Day may be over now, but it's never too late to make everyday Earth Day by conserving resources, avoiding wastefulness, and redesigning daily activities to be as sustainable as possible.

Get started today and learn more by visiting the LA County Public Works website at www.dpw.lacounty.gov and click on the Clean



Cheryl Wyche of the Los Angeles County Public Works Department distributes reusable shopping bags at an Earth Day event in Burbank.

Student Stewardship Program Wins the Green

A Los Angeles County Public Works Department program that educates thousands of students about protecting and improving the environment has been honored with a 2012 Green Leadership Award from the County Board of Supervisors.

The Generation Earth Service Learning Program was recognized for its outstanding community energy conservation and environmental efforts.

The program, implemented on a Countywide basis, was created in response to a State mandate requiring implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs as well as educating school aged students on how to protect and improve the environment.

The program integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities. Students engage in real-life problem solving by identifying environmental concerns on campus, and finding and implementing solutions. The program provides curriculum support, field trip assistance, connection to community resources and assistance to ensure school administration buy-in.

Generation Earth serves middle and high schools, both public and private, in Los Angeles County. Last year, more than 330 teachers at 217 schools participated in projects.

The Board of Supervisors developed the Green Leadership Award to recognize innovative strategies and initiatives that enhance our environmental sustainability, and inspire constituents to make every day Earth Day. The program is open to all County residents, public

agencies, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

To learn more the Generation Earth Program, go to www.generationearth.com.

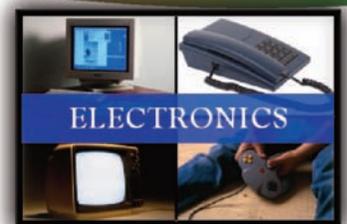


LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman, presents LA County Department of Public Works Director Gail Farber (far right) and Generation Earth program managers Kimberly Lyman and Edna Gandarilla with a 2012 Green Leadership award for outstanding community energy conservation and environmental efforts.

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Don't Throw it. Post it.

Want to get rid of extra paint, scrap metal, containers, and building materials? Then try posting them on LACoMAX.com, a free online service provided by the County of Los Angeles.

The primary goal of LACoMAX is to conserve landfill space by helping businesses, organizations, and institutions find alternatives to the disposal of valuable materials after discarded as waste.

Users can search the entire database for available and wanted materials. Listings are categorized by 15 material

classifications and 6 regions, and include common items such as wood pallets, out-of-fashion textiles, and chemicals as well as more uncommon items, like mulch. Listings contain contact information, allowing for direct contact with the listing party. Pick up or delivery of all donations is arranged between interested parties.

Do your part to divert materials from landfills. Post on www.LACoMAX.com.

Judge Upholds County's Bag Ban

The Los Angeles County Superior Court ruled against a lawsuit filed by plastic bag manufacturers to block implementation of Los Angeles County's Plastic and Paper Carryout Bag Ordinance.

Although the petitioners filed an appeal, this ruling is expected to bolster efforts currently underway to adopt similar local ordinances, as well as to encourage uniform statewide legislation.

Los Angeles County's Plastic and Paper Carryout Bag Ordinance took effect July 1 last year for larger stores and Jan. 1 this year for smaller stores in the unincorporated areas. Additionally, affected stores providing paper carryout bags are required to charge consumers 10 cents for each paper carryout bag.

In October 2011, South Carolina-based Hilex Poly, a large producer of single use plastic bags, filed the suit claiming that the requirement to charge 10 cents for paper bags was a "tax", and therefore its adoption by the County Board of Supervisors violated the requirements of Proposition 26, which requires local "taxes" be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the electorate.

In his ruling, Superior Court Judge James Chalfant ruled that the 10-cent charge was neither a "general tax" imposed for governmental purposes nor a "special tax" collected by the County for a specific purpose.

"An unstated premise of the Petitioner's case is that a payment compelled by ordinances can be a tax where the government does not

receive any portion of the money" said Chalfant. "While it is true that the Constitution does not expressly provide that a local government must receive a levy, charge or exaction in order for it to qualify as a tax, this is likely due to the fact that it is so obvious and unquestioned as to not be open to debate. As a general rule, taxes are imposed for revenue purpose."

In Los Angeles County, the cities of Calabasas, Long Beach, Malibu, Manhattan Beach and Santa Monica have adopted similar bans. The Cities of Inglewood, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and West Hollywood are currently contemplating adoption of similar bans.

For more information on the L.A. County Bag Ordinance, visit www.AboutTheBag.com or call 1(888) CLEAN LA.

APRIL 30, 2012 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

2012 Legislative Session



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 April 2012.

Bill Number	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 480	Oppose	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would specify that, until January 1, 2017, an insurance carrier established by a solid waste facility (SWF) operator to meet the financial assurance obligations of that operator that meets all of those specified requirements shall be eligible to provide that insurance and shall not be required to be a California admitted insurer nor be required to provide the insurance through a surplus line broker. It would add as a requirement for approval of a SWF operator meeting its financial assurance obligations by establishing an insurance carrier that the insurance mechanism not provide in excess of 75% of the financial assurance obligation that the solid waste facility operator is required to meet in the state.
AB 812	Support	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	This bill would authorize the Department of Transportation, by January 1, 2014, to establish specifications for the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) of up to 40% for hot mix asphalt mixes. The bill would require the department to submit a report to the Legislature, by March 1, 2016, on its progress, since 2011, toward the development and implementation of these specifications.
AB 1442	Support	Assembly Appropriations Committee	This bill would define pharmaceutical waste for purposes of the Medical Waste Management Act, and would authorize a medical waste generator or parent organization that employs health care professionals who generate pharmaceuticals to apply to the enforcement agency for a pharmaceutical waste hauling exemption if the generator, health care professional, or parent organization retains specified documentation and meets specified requirements and if the facility receiving the medical waste retains specified documentation.
AB 1900	Oppose, Unless Amended	Assembly Appropriations Committee	This bill would require the PUC to identify all constituents that may be found in landfill gas that is to be injected into a common carrier pipeline and that could adversely impact the health and safety of the public, and to specify the maximum amount of those constituents that may be found in that landfill gas. It would require the PUC to develop reasonable and prudent testing protocols for gas collected from a solid waste landfill that is to be injected into a common carrier pipeline to determine if the gas contains any of the identified constituents at levels that exceed the standards set by the PUC. It would prohibit a gas producer from knowingly selling, supplying, transporting, or purchasing gas collected from a hazardous waste landfill. This bill would become operative only if this bill and AB 2196 of the 2011-12 Regular Session are both enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2013.

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AB 2257	Oppose	Assembly Local Government Committee	This bill would provide that no waste management activity, operation, or facility, or appurtenances thereof, as defined, in operation for more than 3 years, and conducted or maintained for commercial purposes in a manner consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards, shall become a nuisance due to any changed condition in the locality if it was not a nuisance at the time it began, except as specified. Under the bill, in an action or proceeding to abate the use of waste management activities, proof that the waste management activities have been in existence for 3 years will constitute a rebuttable presumption that the activities do not constitute a nuisance.
AB 2336	Oppose	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would prohibit a manufacturer from selling a plastic product that does not meet specified labeling requirements. The bill would delete the authority of a city or county to impose a civil penalty for a violation of those provisions, among other things.
SB 568	Support	Inactive	This bill would prohibit a food vendor, on and after Jan 1, 2016, from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container. The bill would provide that a school district is not required to comply with the bill's requirements until July 1, 2017, and would allow a food vendor or a school district to dispense prepared food in a polystyrene foam food container after that date if a policy or ordinance establishing a specified recycling program for polystyrene foam food containers is established.
SB 964	Support	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would provide that the exemption for the adoption of regulations for the issuance, denial, or revocation of specified waste discharge requirements and permits shall not apply to general permits or waivers issued under state law or the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, as defined, thereby requiring the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards to comply with provisions that require the adoption of regulations under those circumstances.
SB 965	Support	Senate Appropriations Committee	This bill would align State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards ex parte prohibitions with rules applicable to other State environmental boards and commissions.
SB 1106	Oppose	Senate Environmental Quality	This bill would require a person that manufactures a reusable bag to print or attach a warning label on the reusable bag containing specified information. It would also require a person who sells or distributes a reusable bag to conspicuously display that warning near the display where reusable bags are sold or distributed or provide that warning in another written form.

April 30, 2012 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



Bill Number	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
SB 1118	Oppose, Unless Amended	Senate Appropriations Committee	This bill would require manufacturers of mattresses, on and after July 1, 2013, to establish and implement a program to collect and recycle used mattresses from consumers, as specified. The bill would also require a retailer, on and after July 1, 2013, in coordination with a manufacturer, to provide or arrange for the pickup of a used mattress from a consumer purchasing a new mattress. It would authorize the manufacturer, in lieu of establishing the program, to remit, on a voluntarily basis, to the CalRecycle a payment of \$25 for each mattress sold in the state.
SB 1128	Support, If Amended	Senate Appropriations Committee	This bill would allow the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to expand a sales and use tax exemption to include projects that promote the utilization of advanced manufacturing.
SB 1159	Oppose	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would enact the Plastic Bag Reduction and Recycling Act of 2012 and would prohibit the operator of a supermarket, as defined, on and after July 1, 2013, from distributing a plastic carry out bag to a customer unless the plastic carryout bag displays the phrase "Please Recycle This Bag," in accordance with specified requirements. It would authorize the city attorney or district attorney to bring an action against the operator of the supermarket convicted of violating this requirement, and for the recovery of the costs of the enforcement action.
SB 1219	Support	Senate Appropriations Committee	This bill would extend at-store plastic bag recycling program requirements until January 1, 2020, and would repeal the provisions preempting local regulatory action.
HR 66	Support	House Ways and Means Committee	Waste-to-Energy Technology Act of 2011 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a 30% energy tax credit for investment in qualified waste-to-energy property. Defines "qualified waste-to-energy property" as property comprising a system that uses municipal solid waste or sewage sludge as the feedstock for producing solid, liquid, or gas fuel, or for producing energy, and that is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury as eligible for a credit under this Act. Excludes certain landfill facilities from such definition.

For more information on these bills or copies of Task Force letters, please visit the Task Force website, <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/>, or contact Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, at (626) 458-5163, Mon-Thu, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Mike Mohajer, Task Force, at (909) 592-1147.