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## UPDATE ON CIWMB'S PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO STRENGTHEN LANDFILL FINANCIAL ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Currently, State regulations require three types of financial assurances for municipal solid waste landfills:

- Closure Financial Assurance to cover the costs associated with closing the landfill;
- Post-Closure Maintenance (PCM) Financial Assurance to cover the costs for maintaining the landfill 30 years beyond its closure date; and
- Corrective Action (CA) Financial Assurance to cover remediation costs associated with water contamination issues.

As required by Assembly Bill 2296 (2006 Statutes), the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) began a two-phase rulemaking process to strengthen the above financial assurance mechanisms in the event a landfill owner or operator fails to meet its fiduciary obligations.

To date, the CIWMB has completed Phase I of the rulemaking process by revising closure and post-closure maintenance cost estimates based on the State's liability should the operator fail to perform its obligation. The regulation became effective on February 25, 2008.

For Phase II, the CIWMB completed a study on various financial assurance mechanisms that would protect the State from long-term PCM or CA costs. After working with the AB 2296 Consulting Group, of which the Task Force is a member, and various stakeholders, the CIWMB directed its staff to begin drafting proposed regulations. The regulations were officially released for a 45-day public comment period on August 20, 2009. Among other things, the proposed regulations:

- Require all landfills permitted after 1988 to update their PCM plans every five years during the PCM period (permitted landfills that closed after 2003 are currently subject to this requirement).
- Require active landfills to provide financial assurance for 30 times the estimated annual cost of PCM. Landfill operators can apply to step down their financial assurance amount in five-year increments *provided* they meet certain criteria. Operators subject to an enforcement order may be required to step up the financial assurance.
- Require financial assurance for CA not related to water quality. The non-water quality CA cost can be based on the estimated cost of final cover replacement or a site-specific CA plan.

The proposed regulations do not include the formation of a pooled fund as previously contemplated. However, with the exception of a trust fund and pledge of revenue, the financial assurance mechanisms allowed under the proposed regulations still do *not* protect local governments from liability in the event an owner and/or operator files for bankruptcy.

For more information, please contact Linda Lee, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, at (626) 458-6973, M-Th., 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or [llee@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:llee@dpw.lacounty.gov) or Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147. For a copy of the proposed regulations, please visit the CIWMB's rulemaking site at [www.ciwmb.ca.gov/rulemaking/Postclosure/default.htm](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/rulemaking/Postclosure/default.htm).

**JOIN THE TEAM:** If you are interested in participating on the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Public Education Subcommittee or if you would like to submit an article for *Inside Solid Waste*, please contact **Vanessa Lopez** at 626-458-6563, or [vlopez@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:vlopez@dpw.lacounty.gov). Quarterly meetings are held at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Headquarters to discuss and review upcoming newsletters. If you want to be involved or to contribute, please join the Subcommittee!

## CALABASAS HONORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTALISTS

The Calabasas Environmental Commission recognized Carolyn Coradeschi and Robin Reilly who led the Lupin Hill Elementary School conservation and recycling program this past year. The parents shared with commissioners how the school has focused on toner recycling and reducing their paper usage. Instead of sending weekly fliers to parents, the school's principal activated a phone calling service and one parent has put together a website. After noticing that there were many computers that needed to be recycled, the parents organized a computer and electronics recycling drive.

"We wanted to make it simple so the kids could be a part of it. They helped with unloading and with drop-offs," Coradeschi said. During the past year, nearly 100 old monitors were collected for recycling. Coradeschi said they'd like to continue doing the drives several times a year.

In addition, there are yearly water conservation assemblies at Lupin and a recycling booth at the school's annual health fair. "It would be nice to see other schools in the area join forces so that we can increase our green initiatives and recycling efforts. It starts with parents getting their kids involved, and our principal is really supporting us," Coradeschi said.

After hearing their presentation, Vice-Chair Levy presented them with a certificate of appreciation for their commitment to protecting the environment.

"For the planet and for the longevity of the kids and us, this is a responsible way to be," Reilly said. "Somehow we have to make this simple for people."

Alex Farassati, Calabasas' environmental services manager, has been supportive of their efforts. "It just takes a commitment— not much time. We are seeing it grow and the message is getting to others," said Farassati.

For more information, contact Alex Farassati, City of Calabasas, at (818) 224-1600.



## CITY OF LONG BEACH RECEIVES AWARD

The City of Long Beach Environmental Services Bureau (ESB) received the 2009 Solid Waste Management Program Gold Excellence Award from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). SWANA is the leading professional association for the solid waste management industry, serving more than 8,200 members throughout North America. Their Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding programs that advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound solid waste management.

Employing a mix of public and private resources, the Long Beach Solid Waste Management Program is designed to protect the environment through resource conservation, materials recovery, market expansion for recycled materials, and economic development of recycling-based industries. SWANA honored ESB during their 2009 WASTECON convention at the Long Beach Convention Center in September 2009 for the following ESB practices:

- A 69 percent rate of solid waste diversion and recycling;
- Convenient and cost-effective services provided to residents and businesses;
- Fiscal planning and management practices;
- Alternative-fuel powered fleet of refuse trucks and street sweepers;
- Consistently high ratings for customer satisfaction; and
- Creative and effective public education and outreach campaigns.

For more information about the Environmental Services Bureau's programs and services, visit [www.longbeach-recycles.org](http://www.longbeach-recycles.org).



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES URGES RV OWNERS TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF RV SEWAGE

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) offers Recreational Vehicle (RV) owners information to properly dispose RV sewage waste at permitted sewage disposal facilities/stations. Sewage waste is harmful to our environment when it enters local waterways. It is illegal to dump sewage into a street gutter or waterway. Also, dumping sewage on the ground may contaminate our groundwater supply.

Public Works wants RV owners to enjoy our beaches and recreational facilities and leave them in good shape for their next visit and future generations of campers.



Public Works recently updated the list of RV sewage disposal stations in the County of Los Angeles in cooperation with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

To locate the nearest disposal station in your community or near your vacation destination, refer to the list below or visit the County's Environmental Resources Website at [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com). To locate additional RV sewage disposal stations in the United States and Canada, visit <http://www.rvdumps.com>. Public Works recommends that consumers call each station first to confirm any fees and verify that the station accepts sewage waste from the general public before traveling to the disposal station.

## RV SEWAGE WASTE DISPOSAL STATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

City/ Community	Facility/Station Name	Address	Zip Code	Telephone Number
Artesia	Pioneer Chevron	16725 Pioneer Blvd.	90701	(562) 860-5718
Bellflower	Affordable RV Storage	8839 Park St.	90706	(562) 633-3171
Carson	Altman's Winnebago	22020 Recreation Rd.	90745	(310) 518-6182
Castaic	Castaic Lake RV Park	31540 Ridge Route Rd.	91384	(661) 257-3340
Cerritos	Ironwood RV Storage, Inc.	16401 Piuma Ave.	90703	(562) 924-7870
Glendora	Rent Private RV	303 E. Arrow Hwy.	91740	(626) 384-6505
La Verne	L.A. County Fair Association Fairplex KOA	2200 N. White Ave.	91750	(909) 593-8915
Lakewood	Paramount Carson RV and Boat Storage	2626 Cover St.	90712	(562) 420-3009
Long Beach	Cherry and Carson RV Storage, Inc.	4160 Cherry Ave.	90807	(562) 595-1461
Long Beach	Don Temple Storage	3750 E. Spring St.	90806	(562) 426-5555
Monrovia	Dry Dock Storage	3131 S. Peck Rd.	91016	(626) 445-8762
Montebello	Alex's Auto Repair & Electric, Inc.	1761 Paramount Blvd.	90640	(323) 722-5252
Pico Rivera	Beverly RV Storage	10000 E. Beverly Blvd.	90660	(562) 695-8085
Pomona	Garey 76 Service Station	2455 N. Garey Ave.	91767	(909) 593-4376
San Dimas	Storage Center	195 E. Arrow Hwy.	91773	(909) 599-5066
Santa Clarita	Camping World, Inc.	24901 Pico Canyon Rd.	91381	(800) 235-3337
Santa Clarita	Kelly's Shell	24440 Lyons Ave.	91321	(661) 259-0169
Santa Clarita	Santa Clarita Mobil Station	23502 San Fernando Rd.	91321	(661) 259-6682
West Covina	Sunset Service Center	901 N. Sunset Ave.	91790	(626) 960-9229

Household Hazardous Waste can be taken to any of these locations. Electronic waste is also accepted. Call 1-800-98-TOXIC or 1 (888) CLEAN-LA for more information.

**Gaffey Street Collection Center**

1400 N. Gaffey St.  
San Pedro, CA 90021  
*Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Hyperion Treatment Plant**

7660 W. Imperial Highway, Gate B  
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293  
*Open Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Washington Boulevard Collection Center**

2649 E. Washington Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90023  
*Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*  
*(Under construction until May 16.)*

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

11025 Randall St.  
Sun Valley, CA 91352  
*Open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

**UCLA Location**

550 Charles E. Young Dr.  
West Los Angeles, CA 90095  
*Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

**Los Angeles/Glendale Collection Center**

4600 Colorado Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90039  
*Open Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

**Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center  
Antelope Valley Public Landfill**

1200 West City Ranch Rd.  
Palmdale, CA 93551  
*Open 1st and 3rd Saturday each month 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

# WHAT'S UP?

**HHW ROUNDUPS** are open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. For more information, call the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works at 1 (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652). For information about City of Los Angeles events, call 1 (800) 98-TOXIC (988-6942).

- Oct. 10 **Duarte** - The City of Hope, Buena Vista Parking Lot, 2144 Buena Vista St.
- Oct. 10 **South El Monte** - South El Monte Community Center, Parking Lot, 1415 Santa Anita Ave.
- Oct. 24 **Covina** - K-mart Parking Lot, 1162 North Citrus Ave.
- Oct. 31 **Unincorporated South Whittier** - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, STAR Training Center, 11515 South Colima Rd.
- Nov. 11 **Bellflower** - Simms Park, Clark Ave. & Oak St.
- Nov. 14 **El Segundo** - Raytheon Company, Parking Lot G, Hughes Way off of Sepulveda Blvd.
- Nov. 21 **Malibu** - Malibu Civic Center, Rear Parking Lot, 23519 West Civic Center Way
- Dec. 05 **Monterey Park** - East Los Angeles College, Stadium Parking Lot, Bleakwood Ave. & Floral Dr.
- Dec. 12 **Lomita** - Lomita City Hall Parking Lot, 24300 Narbonne Ave.
- Dec. 19 **La Verne** - Brackett Field, Fairplex Dr. and West McKinley Ave.

## TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra.

Nov 18  
Dec 16  
Jan 21

All meetings are scheduled at 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

For information, call Benjamin Cortez at 626-458-2536, M-Th, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Looking for up-to-date information about the Task Force?

Visit [www.lacountyiswmtf.org](http://www.lacountyiswmtf.org) where you can find agendas, meeting minutes, and copies of the Inside Solid Waste newsletter.

## COUNTY GREEN BUILDING PROGRAMS WILL LEAD TO INCREASED RECYCLING

On November 18, 2008, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approved ordinances which amended the County Code for low impact development, drought-tolerant landscaping, and green building development standards. Effective January 1, 2009, the County Green Building Programs affects all new construction in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

The low impact development standards are designed to reduce the amount of stormwater and urban runoff on a site. This will replenish groundwater supplies and improve the water quality of the runoff that leaves a site and enters local rivers.

The drought tolerant landscaping requirements specify that only vegetation such as California natives and other drought tolerant landscape be used. This will conserve water since landscaping is one of the largest water uses.

The green building development standards require that new construction meet County standards for building design, energy and water conservation, and construction and demolition debris recycling. Large projects need to meet third-party green building standards such as Leadership and Energy Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

As a result of these ordinances, the County of Los Angeles is reducing its impact on the environment and reducing the amount of resources wasted. For more information, visit the Regional Planning website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/green> or contact Ms. Karen Simmons at the Regional Planning Ordinance Studies Section at (213) 974-6432.

## INGLEWOOD NAMED ALL-AMERICA CITY!

Inglewood received their second All-America City Award by the National Civic League following intense competition from cities across the nation. The award was for their innovative work in urban development, aircraft noise suppression, and youth job training in alternative energy "Green Fleet" and sustainable auto repair.

"We are honored to be the 2009 recipient of this highly coveted award. We look forward to showcasing more of our community at its best," said Mayor Roosevelt F. Dorn. Inglewood received its first All-America City Award in 1989 for their national and regional ground breaking efforts in law enforcement.

A team of residents, local business leaders, and elected leaders represented the City in Tampa, Florida during the national competition on June 17 – 19, 2009, where the team competed against thirty two-cities across the country.

"Being named the All-America City for the second time highlights the City's accomplishments and encourages further investment and growth for our community," said Timothy E. Wanamaker, City Administrator.

For additional information, please contact Ed Maddox, City of Inglewood's Public Information Officer, at (310) 412-5301.

## RMDZ ASSISTS MANUFACTURERS WHICH USE RECYCLED-CONTENT FEEDSTOCK

With the economy in a recession, city governments are assisting their local manufacturers maintain jobs while still helping the environment through the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program. Administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), in concert with appropriate local jurisdiction RMDZ administrators, this program provides business assistance to companies which transform post-consumer waste materials into usable products. RMDZ provides technical assistance, maintains a website with free product marketing, and offers business loans at a competitive interest rate.

The cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, Santa Clarita, and the County of Los Angeles each administer a RMDZ program. The City of Lancaster is a member of the Kern County RMDZ, even though it is not located in that County.

The Los Angeles County RMDZ covers the unincorporated areas along with the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, El Monte, Glendale, South Gate, and Vernon. The program is expanding to include the cities of Compton, Inglewood, Palmdale, and

Torrance. Since the program's inception in 1994, 20 companies received loans, which totaled over \$12.5 million. This program allowed local companies to keep well-paying manufacturing jobs in our communities and divert waste from landfills.

For more information about the RMDZ program, visit the CIWMB website at <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/rmdz/>. For more information about the RMDZ program in specific local governments, contact:

County of Los Angeles: David Coscia – (626) 458-3523

City of Long Beach: Jim Kuhl – (562) 570-2850

City of Los Angeles: Robert Perez – (213) 458-3904  
Michelle Mikesell – (213) 485-3884

City of Santa Clarita: Mark Patti – (661) 286-4173

## OCTOBER 2009 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 bills the Task Force has taken a position on through September 2009.

Bill Number	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 64	Veto 9-21-09 version	Vetoed	This bill, among other things, would provide enabling language for SB 14 which proposes to (a) increase use of renewable energy from the existing 20 percent by 2020 to 33 percent and (b) exclude energy produced by conversion technology processes using MSW as feedstock under the category of in-state renewable energy. The provisions would only apply if both AB 64 and SB 14 are chaptered.
AB 68	Support 12-12-08 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would, on and after July 1, 2011, prohibit a large supermarket, pharmacy, or convenience food store with over 10,000 sq. ft. from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer unless the store charges a fee of not less than \$0.25 per bag at the point of sale. The bill would provide certain exemptions and allow the retail establishment to retain a portion of the fee. 80 percent of funds collected by the State would be available for grants to local government on a per capita basis for litter prevention activities.
AB 87	Support 1-05-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would, on and after July 1, 2010, prohibit a large supermarket, pharmacy, or convenience food store with over 10,000 sq. ft. from providing a single-use carryout bag to customers unless the store charges a fee of not less than \$0.25 per bag at the point of sale. The bill would provide certain exemptions and allow the retail establishment to retain a portion of the fee. Three percent of funds collected by the State would be utilized for administration costs, collection, enforcement, and auditing. Five percent of the funds would be utilized by the Waste Board for programs related to single use carryout bags. Remaining funds shall be given to local government on a per capita basis for litter prevention activities.
AB 222	Support 7-8-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would define "in-state renewable electricity generation facility" to include a facility that uses conversion at a biorefinery. The bill would define "biorefinery" to mean a facility that uses a nonincineration thermal, chemical, biological, or mechanical conservation process, or a combination of those processes, to produce clean burning fuel for generating electricity or a renewable fuel from carbonaceous materials not derived from fossil fuel or solid waste feedstock. This bill would authorize a jurisdiction, should the state law require a solid waste diversion of more than 50 percent, to consider solid waste diverted by to a biorefinery as disposal reduction in meeting the solid waste diversion level requirement above 50 percent, if the jurisdiction makes a specified certification to the Waste Board. This bill would also limit renewable energy diversion credit to the biogenic (non-fossil) fraction of the waste stream.
AB 473	Veto 9-11-09 version	Vetoed	This bill would require an owner of a multifamily dwelling, consisting of 5 or more living units to, on and after July 1, 2010, arrange for recycling services consistent with state or local laws or requirements, with exceptions. However, focusing recycling efforts on the collection of materials, without developing a strong demand for diverted materials, would be difficult to sustain without addressing the need for markets that use the recyclables.

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AB 274	Veto 9-22-09 version	Chaptered	This bill would establish a State Solid Waste Postclosure and Corrective Action Trust Fund (Trust Fund) and allows an operator of a landfill facility in operation on and after July 1, 2011, on a volunteer basis, to participate in the program by paying the State a fee of \$0.12/ton of solid waste landfilled for deposit in the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund would be used by the State for postclosure and corrective action at any in-state landfill should the landfill operator be unable to conduct the required postclosure maintenance and/or corrective action activities, or file for bankruptcy. The bill would not indemnify local jurisdictions (as generators) from cost involving said activities in cases where the landfill is owned/operated by a private entity that has filed for bankruptcy. Unlike a public landfill owner/operator, a private landfill owner/operator could conceivably abandon their responsibility leaving the State unable to recover the funds except from those cities and counties that had used the facility before its closure.
AB 283	Support and Amend 4-13-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would create the California Product Stewardship Act of 2009 requiring the Waste Board to adopt regulations by July 1, 2011 that establish environmentally sound product stewardship protocols that encourage cradle-to-cradle producer responsibility and reduce the end-of-life environmental impacts of products.
AB 478	Oppose 2-24-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would duplicate existing requirements to require the Air Resources Board and State Water Board to consult with the Waste Board to adopt rules and regulations relating to recycling and solid waste management to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Efforts would be duplicated as the ARB is required to consult with all stakeholders in developing GHG regulations.
AB 479	Oppose 2-24-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill proposes to substantially increase the State's mandatory recycling rate from 50 percent to 75 percent by January 1, 2020, and require all jurisdictions by January 1, 2011, to implement a commercial recycling program. AB 479 would burden local governments with these requirements, without providing them with the necessary tools necessary to successfully achieve these new recycling mandates. Moreover, this bill would remove oversight of the local enforcement agency to approve increases in the capacity of solid waste facilities, and would remove the requirement for a local task force to review and comment on amendments to a NDFE.
AB 737	Oppose 9-4-09 version	Two-Year Bill	AB 737 initially dealt with drinking water standards, but was subsequently amended with key provisions of AB 479 and was thus opposed because the bill proposes to increase the State's mandatory recycling rate from 50 percent to 75 percent by January 1, 2020, including requiring all jurisdictions by January 1, 2011, to implement a commercial recycling program.
AB 925	Support 6-30-09 Version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would prohibit a retailer, on and after January 1, 2012, from selling a single-use plastic beverage container with a cap not tethered or affixed to the beverage container.

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Bill Number	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 1085	Sign 9-10-09 version	Chaptered	This bill would require the State Air Resource Board (ARB) to make available to the public each technical, theoretical, and empirical study, report, or similar document, if any, on which the agency relies, related to, but not limited to, air emissions, public health impacts, and economic impacts, before the comment period for any regulation proposed for adoption by the ARB.
AB 1141	Oppose 2-27-09 version	Failed	This bill would prohibit local governments from imposing a fee on paper bags, and would extend the ban on local governments from banning or restricting the use of plastic bags from 2013 to 2017. It would also include paper single use bags within that prohibition, and further usurp local authority by prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting either plastic or paper single use carryout bags. Furthermore it would redefine reusable bags to include lighter weight plastic carryout bags, thereby exempting those bags from recycling requirements within current state law.
AB 1173	Veto 9-21-09 version	Vetoed	This bill would place responsibility for the proper management of Residential Fluorescent Lamps/Bulbs (RFLs) on manufacturers or distributors that receive a subsidy from the Public Goods Charge efficiency program, instead of requiring all RFL manufacturers to be accountable for their products. It would allow for a manufacturer to choose to opt out of the RFL recycling requirements. Moreover, it provides no assurance to local governments, who are currently burdened with end-of-life management of RFLs, that a manufacturer recycling program will be implemented and sustained.
AB 1329	Support 7-01-09 version	Two-Year Bill	When introduced, this bill prohibited a retailer from selling, distributing, or importing in commerce a single-use packaging container that is comprised predominantly of polyvinyl chloride plastic resin. This bill has been gutted and amended on 9/4/09 to delay the operative date of the transfer of duties from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery by one year to take effect January 1, 2011, instead of January 1, 2010.
AB 1343	Support 7-13-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would create the architectural paint recovery program and require architectural paint manufacturers to develop and implement strategies to reduce the generation, promote the reuse, and manage the end-of-life impact of post consumer paint through collecting, transporting, and processing. It would prohibit manufacturers or retailers from selling architectural paint in this State, unless the manufacturer submits a paint stewardship plan individually or through a representative to the Waste Board.
AB 1358	Support 2-27-09 Version	Failed	This bill would, beginning January 1, 2012, prohibit a food vendor from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a disposable polystyrene food container.
AS 14	Veto 9-11-09 Version	Vetoed	This bill would amend the RPS program, effective January 1, 2011, to include local publicly owned electric utilities in the RPS program, and to increase the renewable electricity requirements by the following: 20 percent by 2014, 25 percent by 2017, and 33 percent by 2020. This bill contradicts changes in statute which the Task Force has and continues to advocate for conversion technologies through AB 222. The primary provisions of concern within this bill were derived from the 6/23/09 version of AB 64. The Governor has publicized his intent to veto this bill in recent press releases. This bill would only apply if both AB 64 and SB 14 are chaptered.



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SB 25	Oppose 4-13-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would require the Waste Board, to develop a strategic and comprehensive plan to achieve a 60 percent and 75 percent diversion rate from landfill disposal or transformation by 2015 and 2020. This bill would increase the fee paid by operator of a disposal facility to be equal to \$2.13 per ton from \$1.40 per ton, on and after January 1, 2012, and require the Waste Board to adjust the fee not more than once every 2 years to reflect the cost of living during the prior 2 fiscal years. Substantially increasing the State's mandatory solid waste diversion rates places a significant burden on local governments and fails to provide them with the fundamental tools necessary to achieve these mandates, including addressing producer responsibility, enhancing the State's recycling market development efforts, and conducting a cost/benefit and feasibility analysis of an increased diversion mandate in order to make a determination that the proposed increase in the diversion rate is reasonable and justified.
SB 26	Support 12-01-08 version	Failed	The bill would authorize a local enforcement agency to approve a consolidation point for the collection of home-generated pharmaceutical waste (prescribed over the counter drugs) including but not limited to pharmacies, clinics, and government offices. It would exclude "home-generated pharmaceutical waste," from the definition of medical waste, and allow for grants provided by the Integrated Waste Management Fund to be used by local governments for programs to help prevent the disposal of home-generated sharps waste and home-generated pharmaceutical waste at disposal sites.
SB 390	Support 2-26-09 version	Failed	This bill would extend the program and the continuous appropriation to July 1, 2021. This bill would also authorize the Waste Board, until July 1, 2016, and if the funding for the program is in excess of \$5,000,000, to provide loans that do not exceed the lesser of \$5,000,000 or 3/4 of the cost of the project.
SB 402	Veto 9-15-09 version	Vetoed	This bill would revise the term beverage to include vegetable, fruit, nut, grain, or soy drinks or juices and noncarbonated drinks that contain any percentage of those drinks or juices, and would delete the requirement that a vegetable drink subject to the act, be sold in a container of 16 ounces or less. These provisions would take effect April 1, 2010. AB 402 would also require these beverage distributors, to make the redemption payment no later than the last day of the 2nd month following the sale of the beverages. This bill would also authorize a distributor to withhold payment of redemption payments until the next payment period when the distributor has not received payment for beverage containers on which redemption payments are owed.
SB 486	Oppose 9-10-09 version	Chaptered	This bill would require, on or before July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, a pharmaceutical manufacturer that sells or distributes medication that is self-injected at home through the use of hypodermic needles and other similar devices to submit to the Waste Board or its successor agency, a plan that describes how the manufacturer, if in any way, supports the safe collection and proper disposal of home-generated sharps waste.

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SB 531	Oppose 2-27-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill would provide additional guidance to manufacturers regarding educational materials provided to stores for reducing, reusing, and the recycling of plastic bags on and after July 1, 2011. The bill would authorize the Waste Board to modify and approve those educational materials by January 1, 2012. The bill would also set minimum requirements for information to be included in the educational materials. The February 27, 2009 version of this bill would have extended the prohibition that forbids local governments from imposing a fee on plastic single use carryout bags, and would have include paper single use bags within that prohibit, which currently only encompasses plastic bags.
SB 696	Support 5-05-09 version	Two-Year Bill	This bill originally exempted from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the adoption and implementation of specified district rules, and the creation or the use of specified air emission reduction credits pursuant to a variety of projects within the district, including thermal power plants. The bill was recently modified to allow the south coast district to issue permits to essential public services, except for an electrical generation facility.
SB 832	Oppose 7-13-09 version	In Conference	This bill would, among other things, delete reference to "landfill disposal or transformation" from a section of the Public Resource Code (PRC) that specifies diversion requirements within the source reduction and recycling element. Concerns lie in that the proposed revisions may infer that compliance with the waste diversion requirements is only possible through source reduction, recycling, or composting, thus hindering the advancement of conversion technologies (CTs) as some CT facilities are classified as transformation facilities.
HR. 2454	Support 5-15-09 version	U.S. Senate Rules Committee	This bill, known as the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, would establish emission caps that reduce aggregate greenhouse gas emissions for all covered entities to 3 percent below their 2005 levels in 2012, 20 percent below 2005 levels in 2020, 42 percent below 2005 levels in 2030, and 83 percent below 2005 levels in 2050. The legislation also defines the term 'qualified waste-to-energy' as energy produced from the combustion of municipal solid waste or construction, demolition, or disaster debris, or the gasification or the pyrolysis of these wastes, provided the energy is derived from the non-fossil biogenic portion of the waste; facilities converting the waste-to-energy be in compliance with all federal and state standards; and local governments serving the areas which the municipal solid waste for waste-to-energy is generated offer recycling services. The bill number has been changed. Future reference of this bill will be found under H.R. 2998.
S. 1172	Support 6-03-09 version	U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	This bill, known as the Rubbish to Renewables Act of 2009, would direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program by providing Federal funds up to \$10 million for eligible projects – total appropriation of \$250 million for each fiscal year between 2010-2013, to facilitate the production of clean, renewable energy from municipal solid waste, and additional purposes.

For more information on these bills or copies of Task Force letters, visit our website, [www.lacountyiswmtf.org](http://www.lacountyiswmtf.org), or contact Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, at 626-458-5163, M-Th, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Mike Mohajer, Task Force, at 909-592-1147.

## E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT SPRING 2009

The fourth City-sponsored e-waste recycling event held on April 7, 2009 was a huge success!

Once again, the Vernon Health Department organized the event where Vernon businesses and city employees recycled their old and unused electronic equipment. In addition, fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent lamps, and mercury lamps were also collected – the first 25 items were free and the remainder were at 50 cents per foot to facilitate the proper removal and destruction of the tubes which contain Mercury dust.

All items collected were destroyed and the parts were recycled (plastics, metals, etc.) by “Recycle San Diego,” the City’s State approved vendor and co-host.

The four-hour event collected 13,187 pounds of computer and television monitors, 8,443 pounds of computer parts, 12,188 pounds of other assorted e-waste (telephones, fax and scanner equipment, keyboards, cords, wires, etc.) and 1,560 pounds of batteries for a grand total of 35,378 pounds in materials! Through another vendor, 351 4-foot fluorescent lamps and 251 8-foot fluorescent lamps were collected for a total of 3,412 feet of tubes. Wow!

Due to the success, support, and positive reaction for the program, the City has scheduled another e-waste recycling event on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Vernon Fire Station #1 located at 3375 Fruitland Avenue. Notice of the event will be given through e-mail, reverse 911, mailings, and flyers to citizens and businesses in the City. For additional information, please contact Leonard Grossberg, City of Vernon Health Department, at (323) 583-8811, Extension 231.



## UPCOMING COMPOST WORKSHOP

The City of Santa Monica is hosting a compost workshop on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

The County of Los Angeles will conduct the workshop at Virginia Park located at 2200 Virginia Avenue, Santa Monica from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Santa Monica residents may purchase compost bins from the City’s Solid Waste Management Division at 2500 Michigan Avenue, Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the subsidized rate of \$40.61. Non-residents may purchase compost bins for \$81.22.

The City also sells worm bins to residents at the subsidized rate of \$33.23. Non-residents may purchase worm bins for \$66.46.

Come and learn how to invigorate your yard, promote food and green waste recycling, and help the City of Santa Monica’s Solid Waste Management Division’s efforts toward sustainable practices.

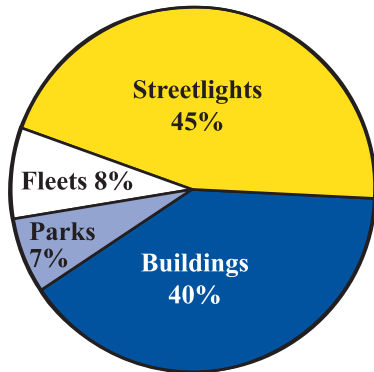
For more information, please contact Wes Thompson, City of Santa Monica, at (310) 458-8546, or [www.wes.thompson@smgop.net](http://www.wes.thompson@smgop.net).



# CITY OF LAWNSDALE GOES GREEN!

The City of Lawndale's Green Team made a significant impact on the City's environmental footprint. In November 2008, the City and its contractor, HF&H Consultants, developed a municipal greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory. The City's operations and facilities were reviewed to account for GHG emissions, including vehicle fleet statistics, electricity usage and solid waste generated from the City's offices and facilities. City staff and Council learned that 200,000 trees would have to be planted every year to offset Lawndale's annual GHG emissions, and that would require a forest equal to 20 percent of the City's total surface area!

**Lawndale GHG Emissions,  
by Facility Type**



The City's GHG inventory also determined that 75 percent of all emissions originate from electricity use, 18 percent from solid waste, and 7 percent from petroleum use. Furthermore, 40 percent of the municipal emissions come from City buildings, 45 percent come from streetlights, and the remaining emissions are shared between the City's parks and

vehicle fleets. It should be noted that the City measured emissions from services and facilities which it has direct operational jurisdiction.

After learning the City's environmental impact, the Green Team went right to work reducing electricity consumption by installing motion-activated light switches, asking staff to unplug computers overnight, and placing "Turn off the lights" decals on light switches. It also directed staff to increase margins on printed documents, shorten templates for City forms, and use dishes and silverware for meetings, instead of disposable plates or styrofoam.

For more information, contact Jeff Knoche, City of Lawndale Public Works Department, at 310-973-3260, or [jknoche@lawndalecity.org](mailto:jknoche@lawndalecity.org). Questions regarding the greenhouse gas inventory can be directed to Debbie Morris of HF&H Consultants at (949)-251-1106 or [dmorris@hfh-consultants.com](mailto:dmorris@hfh-consultants.com).

