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## LA County Plastic Bag Ban Now in Effect

On July 1, 2011, a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags went into effect for all supermarkets and large retail stores with pharmacies within the Los Angeles County unincorporated area.

As a result of the ban, shoppers are now be required to use reusable canvas shopping bags or purchase paper bags in 71 unincorporated area stores.

The ordinance is prohibiting the distribution of single-use plastic carryout bags was approved by the LA County Board of Supervisors in November, 2010 following completion of an environmental impact report that found the ban would substantially reduce litter, protect wildlife and marine habitats, and improve water quality throughout the county.

The action follows similar bans already in place in other California communities, including Marin County, Berkeley, Manhattan Beach, Malibu, Pasadena, San Francisco, Long Beach and Santa Monica.

In the months leading up to the ban, teams from the County Public Works



Area resident picking up free, reusable carryout bags at Hows Market in East Pasadena.

Department's Environmental Programs Division visited more than 60 supermarkets to give away thousands of reusable canvas shopping bags and educate shoppers about the ban. The teams were joined in their efforts by several major supermarket and grocery store chains, who also gave away their own reusable bags to customers.

The second phase of this ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2012 covering the remaining grocery stores, convenience stores and pharmacies in the unincorporated areas of the County.

County residents can learn more about the single-use plastic carryout bag ban at [www.aboutthebag.com](http://www.aboutthebag.com).

County Public Works Environmental Programs Division employees showing examples of reusable canvas shopping bags.



## 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

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### **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

**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 County Public Works at **1 (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652)**, or visit [www.CleanLa.com](http://www.CleanLa.com).



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**August 18 | September 15 | October 20**

For information, call Tranette Sanders at 626-458-3562, M -Th, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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

**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 **Suk Chong** at 626-458-5167, ([schong@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:schong@dpw.lacounty.gov)), or **Michael Kaspar** at 626-458-4088, ([mkaspar@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:mkaspar@dpw.lacounty.gov)). Quarterly meetings are held at the County Public Works Headquarters to discuss and review upcoming newsletters. If you want to be involved or to contribute, please join the Subcommittee!

# ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMER WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR LOCAL EDUCATORS

Summer is the perfect time for teachers to catch up on environmental learning in preparation for the upcoming school year.

To assist them in this effort, LA County's Generation Earth Program sponsored a free, two-day workshop for middle and high school teachers throughout the County. The event was held August 3-4 at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena.

Local educators explored methods for creating service learning projects and were provided with an in-depth focus on service learning techniques and case studies. The workshop also included an environmental field trip and resource fair featuring local environmental groups.

Generation Earth is an environmental education program of the LA County Public Works Department with the objective of educating middle and high school students to be activists in reducing the amount of waste generated and preventing pollutants from entering the storm drain system.

To learn more about Generation Earth Program, visit [www.generationearth.com](http://www.generationearth.com).



*Teachers check out information on local environmental resources at Generation Earth's Summer Institute Workshop.*

## CALABASAS HELPS RESIDENTS SHRED THEIR PAST

The City of Calabasas Environmental Service Division recently held a free document "Shred Event" at Calabasas City Hall. In partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the event provided Calabasas residents and surrounding communities the opportunity to drop off personal documents for shredding. The event also served as a means to educate the public on the importance of safely discarding

sensitive documents that pose risks for identity theft. More than 80 vehicles passed through the event, dropping off nearly 13,000 pounds of old tax returns, medical records, bank statements and other sensitive documents. All paper tonnage was recycled and diverted from local landfills and will be reported to CalRecycle on the Cities 2011 Annual Solid Waste Report.

*Calabasas area residents dropping off "shredable" documents.*





## GROUNDWATER HEALTH PROTECTED BY EQUINE BEST PRACTICES

The City of Santa Clarita is now providing free, unlimited 64-gallon containers for the collection of manure to any residential customer requesting them.

The “greenwaste” manure containers are then picked up as part of the regular weekly residential collection service where it is taken to a nearby composting facility.

Santa Clarita is home to hundreds of equestrian friendly properties where residents house, train, and breed horses. In order to deal with the large amount of animal waste being generated, the City has developed a manure management program in association with its residential franchise waste hauler, Waste Management.

The improper disposal of all animal manure is a leading cause of harmful urban run-off into regional flood control

systems and water supplies. The waste contains bacteria and toxins that pollute local groundwater. Disposing of the waste in traditional, non-recyclable trash container guarantees it will take up valuable space in a landfill and squanders a potentially beneficial natural resource.

Since it began in the summer of 2009, program has been enthusiastically embraced by residents. In 2010 over 1,800 tons of equine waste was collected and this year’s pace will put it over 2,000 tons. Recycling horse manure has become an easy, cost effective way to protect water quality while keeping horses and people happy and healthy.

For more information, please contact Mark Patti, Project Development Coordinator, at the City of Santa Clarita, at (661) 286-4173 or [mpatti@santaclarita.com](mailto:mpatti@santaclarita.com).

## Interest High in Conversion Tech Sites



An outpouring of local interest in the development of conversion technology sites in the County is the highlight of a recent status report submitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

In their semi-annual status update to the Board, Public Works identified 23 sites for possible future conversion technology projects with a new batch of proposed sites now under active consideration.

The interest continues to be very strong and Public Works has issued a Request for Expressions of Interest to technology vendors and financial firms interested in partnering on future conversion technology projects in the County.

The companies that meet the County’s criteria will be included in an online database that may be used by site owners, facility operators, and other County stakeholders who are considering a conversion technology project.

For additional information and a copy of the April 20, 2011 report, please visit [www.socalconversion.org](http://www.socalconversion.org), or contact Tobie Mitchell at [tmitchell@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:tmitchell@dpw.lacounty.gov).



*Local trash hauler picking up new 64-gallon manure container.*

# Local Youth Use Trash to Inspire Green Living



*Julia Engfer's winning sculpture depicting a computer monitor and keyboard.*

Santa Monica school children were recently invited to submit sculptures crafted from items typically recycled or thrown away as part of the Resource Recovery & Recycling Division's 2011 Art of Recycling Sculpture Contest.

This year's contest theme, Rethink, Repurpose, Reuse!, gave students a chance to revitalize recycled or typically trashed items into works of art. Entrants were urged to use art as a way to illustrate the "extended life" of products all around us. With over 165 participants, entries ranged from small to over 5 feet tall and were submitted by students between the ages of 3 and 12.

All participants were deemed winners, but special recognition was given to:

**Ms. Silhavy's 5th grade class at Franklin Middle School** – Best In Show Award (8-12 years old category)

**Mount Olive Preschool** – Best In Show (3-7 years olds old)

**Muir/SMASH Crest Program** – R3 Award (best use of materials; 8-12 years old)

**First Step Nursery School** – R3 Award (best use of materials; 3-7 years old)

The final category was decided at the Santa Monica Main Library on Saturday, June 4th where more than 100 visitors voted for the People's Choice Award. After tallying all the votes, Julia Engfer of Lincoln Middle School was announced the winner for her computer sculpture made from Styrofoam, a product that is very hard to recycle and typically ends up in the landfill.

Students will receive special prizes for their efforts. Contest sponsors include Scribble Press, Schmerty's Cookies, Ameci's Pizza, Pacific Park, the Pier Carousel and Soda Jerks!

For further information please contact: Kim Braun, Manager Resource Recovery and Recycling at Kim.Braun@smgov.net or (310) 458-8258 (310) 458-8596 (office) (310) 264-7750 (fax).

## City of LA Moves Forward with Alternative Tech Project

On May, 25, 2011, the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works (BPW) authorized the Bureau of Sanitation (Bureau) to enter into contract negotiations with Green Conversion Systems (GCS) with the purpose of developing the first Alternative Technology facility in the City. GCS, a waste-to-energy project developer, is proposing to build a facility in the City of Los Angeles that can manage up to 1,100 tons per day. The facility would include an upfront pre-processing system (recovery of recyclables) followed by a waste-to-energy system (a second generation WTE). In addition, the BPW directed the Bureau and City Attorney to rghd-ranked proposer, for development of a second Alternative Technology facility.

On June 22, 2011, the City Council unanimously approved a motion that authorized and directed the Bureau to conduct concurrent negotiations with Urbaser-Keppel Seghers for an emerging Alternative Technology facility with the flexibility for the Bureau to negotiate for increased tonnage.

For more information on the City's alternative technology program, please contact Miguel Zermeno at miguel.zermeno@lacity.org.



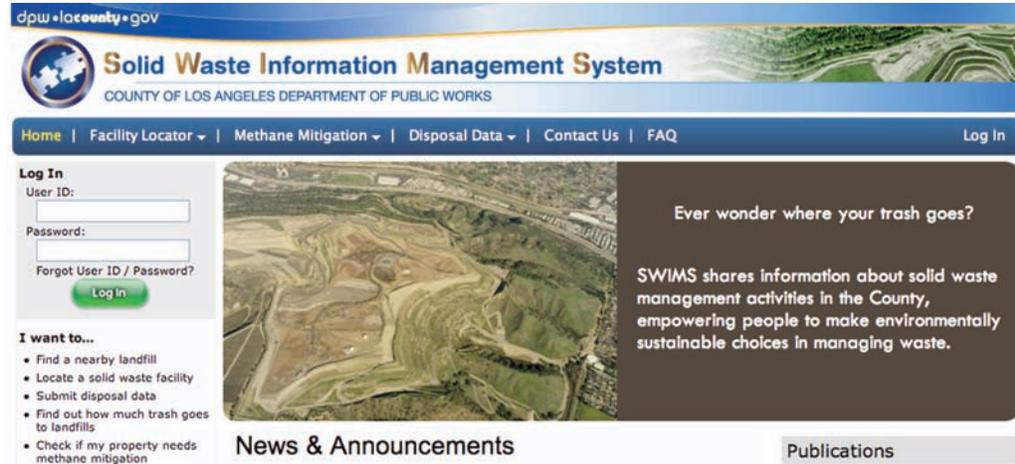
# Upgraded Website Leads Consumers to Better Waste Disposal Solutions

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works recently launched its improved Solid Waste Information Management System (SWIMS) website called LACountySWIMS.org.

With enhanced features and faster response times, the improved website will enable the public to more easily access information, such as locations and descriptions of solid waste facilities, the County's latest forecast of long-term disposal needs, as well as up-to-date disposal data for over 300 jurisdictions to meet the State's disposal reporting requirements.

LACountySWIMS.org also features Google Map directions to nearest landfills, expanded GIS functionality for easier search capabilities, a simpler login process, and quick access to the most popular disposal tonnage reports. Cutting-edge technological features allow users to quickly find out whether a site requires protection against potential methane gas intrusion due to its proximity to landfill sites or oil and gas wells. Additionally, online submittal and approval is now available through LACountySWIMS.org for those applying for a methane gas mitigation system permit.

Originally launched in 2003 and updated in 2008, LACountySWIMS.org is the first website developed in California to meet the disposal reporting needs of a county and its cities. It provides a user-friendly online interface that accepts solid waste disposal data from solid waste enterprises and automatically generates state-mandated and other analytical reports to meet the reporting requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939).



SWIMS allows for the uploading, managing, reporting, publicizing, and downloading of solid waste disposal information. Every month, the operators of landfills, waste-to-energy facilities, transfer stations, materials recovery facilities, and waste haulers submit the required solid waste disposal information for their facilities. Upon submitting the information, they can generate reports, update figures, and make changes easily and conveniently.

Public Works is available to answer questions submitted via e-mail or by phone, and routinely maintains the website with updates and user-friendly enhancements based on user feedback.

To learn more about SWIMS, visit [www.LACountySWIMS.org](http://www.LACountySWIMS.org) or contact the SWIMS Administrator at (800) 320-1771, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or by e-mail at [swims@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:swims@dpw.lacounty.gov).

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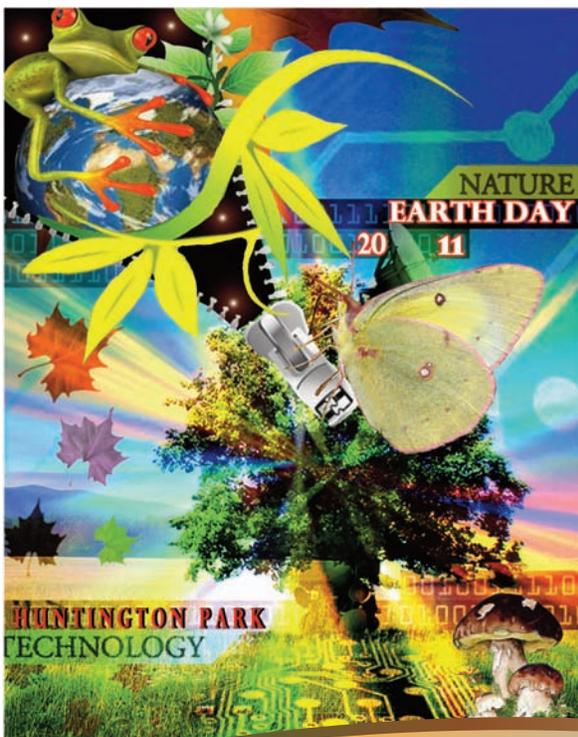
# Huntington Park Celebrates its Green-Minded Students

The City of Huntington Park recently recognized five Huntington Park High School students for their participation in the city's annual environmental poster contest.

Every year, city staff visit local schools and encourage students to enter artwork on a specific environmental theme. For this year's "The Huntington Park Earthday Graphic Art Contest," students were asked to design a poster or logo using a school or personal computer to illustrate an environmental issue.

The top two award recipients, senior Emma Martinez and junior Anthony Zamora, used their creative talents to address two different environmental themes.

*Emma A Martinez's winning poster.*



Winners Emma Martinez and Anthony Zamora



All five awardees received gift certificates and letters of recognition from the mayor and city council. Martinez and Zamora also received tickets to see the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Angels.

In keeping the city's ongoing support for the contest, all of the winning artwork is on display at Huntington Park City Hall.

"These are truly talented young men and women in our community that are an inspiration to us all," said Mario Rivas, recycling coordinator for Huntington Park. For more information call Mario Rivas at (323)584-6274 or [mrivas@huntingtonpark.org](mailto:mrivas@huntingtonpark.org).

*Anthony Zamora's winning poster.*



Martinez's poster portrayed an image of nature being unzipped by technology that underscored the use of technology as a positive way to work in harmony with the environment. Martinez is currently enrolled in an advanced graphic arts class at the school and looking forward to attending college.

Best Logo winner Zamora focused on the importance of recycling and the City and received the award for his creative use Huntington Park landmarks and recycling logos. He is planning on attending college after graduation.

# County Opens Smart Gardening Center in Sylmar

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works recently announced the opening of a new outdoor smart gardening learning center at El Cariso Community Regional Park in Sylmar. This new learning center is part of Public Works' planned expansion of the Smart Gardening Program throughout the County. The 17-year old program is designed to reduce the amount of residential yard waste entering area landfills.

The new center includes seating benches made from recycled material, native and drought-tolerant landscaping, planters with drip-irrigation, bio-swale, demonstration compost bins, cistern, and educational signage. The \$150,000 center is an ideal site for free community workshops to teach residents on smart gardening techniques such as composting, grass recycling, water-wise gardening, fire-wise gardening, and low impact design.

Workshops will be held on select Saturday's from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Composting bins are available at the workshops for a subsidized price of \$40. Also on sale is a worm composting bin, including a half a pound of worms, for \$65.

For workshop schedules, gardening tips, and program information, please visit [www.SmartGardening.com](http://www.SmartGardening.com) or contact the Program Manager, at (626) 458-3554, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



El Cariso's drought tolerant garden (above) and "classroom" for weekend training courses.





# First Earth Day Celebration for Huntington Park High School Students

The first annual “Huntington Park High School Earthday” event got off to a rousing start with over 500 hundred students participating in a variety of events, educational and environmental displays and demonstrations.

Organized by students, teachers, school administrators and Huntington Park city staff, Earthday underscored the

importance of recycling and conservation. Student groups and organizations took the opportunity to demonstrate the many ways everyone can incorporate environmentally responsible behavior into their daily lives.

Among the participating student groups was the school’s Solar Cup Team, which

showcased the solar powered boat designed and built for the 9th Annual Solar Cup Race, to be held at Lake Skinner in Temecula Valley. The race, which featured 39 other Southern California high school teams, is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to learn about conservation, alternative energy, engineering, problem solving and team building.

Another campus group at Earthday was the ‘HPHS riderz’ bicycle club, which put together a demonstration on the art of bicycle repair and the benefits of cycling. Club members also promoted their latest project, an electric bicycle prototype that they hope to complete by the end of the school year.

The school’s Drama Club took part in a silent “flash mob” that focused on putting an end to littering on campus. The club’s presentation was inspired by large amount of trash frequently left around the school.

During the event, Huntington Park city staff distributed reusable shopping bags and information on the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

“This is very positive, it’s important for the community to know what’s going on here and for students to know that they can make a difference,” said Mario Rivas, recycling coordinator for Huntington Park. More environmental events are being planned for the upcoming America Recycles Day on November 15th.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact Mario Rivas at (323)584-6274 or [mrvivas@huntingtonpark.org](mailto:mrvivas@huntingtonpark.org)



*Racing to win the Solar Cup.*

*The Huntington Park High School Solar Cup Team standing alongside their entry into the race at Lake Skinner in Temecula Valley.*



# JULY 2011 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

## 2011-2012 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 bills the Task Force has taken a position on through July 2011.*

| Bill Number | Task Force Position | Status  | Summary   |
|-------------|---------------------|---|---|
| AB 34       | Oppose              | Assembly Appropriations Committee<br>2 year bill    | This bill would require CalRecycle to adopt, by July 1, 2012, regulations with which LEAs would be required to comply when adopting site-specific objective odor performance thresholds for compost facilities. The bill would authorize a compost facility operator to apply to an LEA to adopt performance thresholds and to pay an application fee in accordance with a fee schedule adopted by the LEA. The bill would also prohibit an LEA from verifying a complaint that originates from a compost facility unless the odor violates certain performance thresholds. |
| AB 341      | Strongly Oppose     | Senate Environmental Quality Committee              | This bill would require CalRecycle, beginning Jan. 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, to ensure that 75% of all solid waste is diverted; provide that Non-Disposal Facility Element updates are not subject to CalRecycle approval or comment/review by a local task force; require jurisdictions establish a mandatory commercial recycling program; require the enforcement agency to give notice of its determination to allow certain changes to the operation of a solid waste facility without a revision to the facility's solid waste facility permit.               |
| AB 480      | Oppose              | Senate Insurance Committee                          | This bill would specify that an insurance carrier established by a solid waste facility 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.  |
| AB 525      | Support if Amended  | Senate Environmental Quality Committee              | This bill would require CalRecycle to set aside 16% of grant funding for local government public works projects that use waste tires. The bill would make the grant program inoperative on June 30, 2015. Amendments requested related to equitable (per capita) distribution of grant funding for the Los Angeles County region.   |
| AB 712      | Oppose              | Senate Environmental Quality Committee              | This bill would prohibit CalRecycle from making any payments, grants, or loans to a jurisdiction, if that jurisdiction has adopted or is enforcing a land-use restriction that prevents the siting or operation of a certified recycling center at a supermarket site.  |
| AB 789      | Support if Amended  | Assembly Natural Resources Committee<br>2 year bill | This bill would require CalRecycle to set aside 16 percent of grant funding for local government public works projects that use waste tires. The bill would make the grant program inoperative on June 30, 2015. Amendments requested related to equitable (per capita) distribution of grant funding for the Los Angeles County region.  |
| AB 812      | Support             | Assembly Transportation Committee<br>2 year bill    | This bill would delete the requirement that the DOT or the Dept of General Services specifically request recycled concrete. This bill would require the DOT to increase the allowable amount of recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) to 50% for hot mix asphalt mixes, unless the Director of Transportation determines that the use of the material is not practical, cost effective, or appropriate for a given application.   |

# MARCH 2011 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



| Bill Number | Task Force Position   | Status  | Summary  |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| AB 818      | Oppose                | Senate Environmental Quality Committee                | This bill would require an owner of a multifamily dwelling, defined as consisting of 5 or more living units, to arrange for recycling services that are appropriate and available for the multifamily dwelling. The Task Force opposed this bill as local governments have the ability to implement multifamily recycling requirements, and the bill does not address the lack of markets for recyclable materials in the State.   |
| AB 960      | Support               | Senate Environmental Quality Committee                | This bill would require that CalRecycle determine that the recycler has demonstrated to DTSC that all E-waste has been managed in a specified manner. The bill would revise the requirements imposed on E-waste exportation. The bill would repeal the existing exemption for exportation of component parts that are reused or recycled and would instead require CalRecycle to adopt regulations regarding exemptions.   |
| AB 1149     | Support and Amend     | Senate Environmental Quality Committee                | This bill would extend the sunset date for the Plastic Market Development Program to continue investment until January 1, 2017. Amendments requested related to safeguarding funds from being raided by the State.   |
| AB 1178     | Oppose                | Senate Environmental Quality Committee                | This bill would prohibit a city, county from restricting the importation of solid waste into that city or county based on the place of origin, except as specified with regard to publicly owned solid waste facilities or the local land use authority.   |
| AB 1189     | Oppose unless Amended | Assembly Natural Resources Committee<br>2 year bill   | The bill would require a producer or the household battery stewardship organization created to submit a household battery stewardship plan to CalRecycle, by January 1, 2012. By April 1, 2013 governmental entities that operate a location or a curbside collection program that includes used household batteries would be required to sort those batteries from other collected materials and be required to continue to provide for the collection of used household batteries. The Task Force requested removing the potentially costly requirements on local governments. |
| AB 1303     | Support               | Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee | This bill would extend the use of specified moneys deposited in the Public Interest Research, Development, and Demonstration Fund until January 1, 2020, for implementation of renewable energy programs. This bill would require that 20% of the deposited funds be used for programs that are designed to diversify in-state renewable energy production and achieve fully competitive and self-sustaining existing in-state renewable electricity generation facilities.  |
| SBX1-2      | Oppose                | Chaptered   | This bill would revise the 20% RPS implementation date from Dec. 31, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2013 and increase the amount of renewable energy that must be procured to 33% by Dec. 31, 2020. The bill also perpetuates inaccurate definitions that hinder the development of conversion technologies in California.   |
| SB 23       | Concern               | Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee             | This bill would revise the 20% RPS implementation date from Dec. 31, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2013 and increase the amount of renewable energy that must be procured to 33% by Dec. 31, 2020. The bill would also have perpetuated inaccurate definitions that hinder the development of conversion technologies in California.  |

# MARCH 2011 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



| Bill Number | Task Force Position | Status   | Summary  |
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| SB 41       | Support if Amended  | Assembly Health Committee                          | This bill would authorize a physician or pharmacist to furnish 30 or fewer sharps to a person 18 years of age or older without a prescription or permit. This bill also requires pharmacies to provide consumers with prescribed options for the disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes. Amendments requested related to local land use encroachment and the need to ensure the proper collection and management of the needles provided.   |
| SB 515      | Support             | Senate Appropriations Committee, 2 year bill       | The bill would require a producer, or the household battery stewardship organization, to submit a household battery stewardship plan to CalRecycle by Sept. 30, 2012. Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, the bill would prohibit the selling of household batteries unless the battery is included in a stewardship plan, and the plan is deemed complete by CalRecycle.  |
| SB 568      | Support             | Assembly Natural Resources Committee               | This bill would prohibit a food vendor from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container beginning Jan. 1, 2013.  |
| SB 771      | Support and Amend   | Assembly Natural Resources Committee               | This bill would include as 'eligible electricity generating systems' continuous clean renewable energy resources that utilize waste gases from landfills, digesters, or wastewater treatment facilities to generate electricity and allow fuel cells and continuous clean renewable energy resources to size the facilities to fully capture the energy potential of the source of waste gas, not just to offset part or all of the customers' load. Amendments requested related to providing the incentive to all conversion technologies.           |
| SB 833      | Oppose              | Assembly Natural Resources Committee               | This bill would prohibit a person from constructing or operating a solid waste landfill located in the County of San Diego if that landfill is located within 1,000 feet of the San Luis Rey River or an aquifer that is hydrologically connected to that river and is within 1,000 feet of a site that is considered sacred or of spiritual or cultural importance to a tribe and is listed in the California Native American Heritage Commission Sacred Lands Inventory.   |
| SB 915      | Oppose              | Senate Environmental Quality Committee 2 year bill | This bill would require plastic bag use to be reduced by an unspecified percent by an unspecified year. The bill also would establish a mandatory level of recycled content in plastic bags. The bill would require CalRecycle to establish a working group of stakeholders to develop strategies for increasing the recycling of plastic bags and develop suggestions for funding increased consumer awareness. Previously, the bill would have prohibited local governments from implementing a ban or other restriction of single use plastic bags. |
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For more information on these bills or copies of Task Force letters, please visit the Task Force 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.