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The two-day event was designed to cultivate a deeper appreciation of the environment and focus on the importance of community service to sustain and enhance neighborhoods. At the event, students participated in environmental games and learned about the types of items to recycle or take to a Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste Collection event.

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CalRecycle Rolls Out Revised Carpet Plan

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) hosted a three-hour workshop on June 25 to receive Public Comment on the Revised California Carpet Stewardship Plan submitted by Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE).

Carpet America Recovery Effort or CARE was designated as the carpet stewardship organization for the carpet industry under Assembly Bill 2398 (AB 2398), authored by Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez and signed into law in 2010. AB 2398 requires manufacturers of carpets sold in the State, individually or through a carpet stewardship organization, to submit a carpet stewardship plan to CalRecycle.

CalRecycle conditionally approved the first plan submitted by CARE in January 2012. Among the conditions of the approval was that CARE would submit a revised plan by December 31, 2012, as well as update sections of the plan related to the

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

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

Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Collection Centers

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

Services suspended during rainy weather.

Gaffey Street Collection Center

1400 N. Gaffey Street San Pedro, CA 90731

Hyperion Treatment Plant

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

Washington Boulevard Collection Center

2649 E. Washington Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90021

Randall Street S.A.F.E. Center

11025 Randall Street Sun Valley, CA 91352

UCLA Location (E-waste accepted on Saturdays only)

550 Charles E. Young Drive West Los Angeles, CA 90095

Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Los Angeles/Glendale Collection Center

4600 Colorado Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90039

Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center

Antelope Valley Public Landfill

1200 West City Ranch Road Palmdale, CA 93551

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



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Walt Disney Welcomes Environmentally Friendly Youth

Students and teachers were recently recognized for their outstanding environmental stewardship at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank.

Through the County of Los Angeles' Generation Earth program, students played a lead role in developing environmental programs on their school campuses.

The students developed numerous programs including a campus recycling or composting program, hosted an electronic waste collection event, planted a garden and/or trees on campus, and coordinated a beach cleanup event.



A highlight of the celebration was the enthusiasm and support of special guest Cornelia Funke, international author of children and young adult novels. All students received an autographed bookmark from Ms. Funke, and each participating school received the gift of one of her books and \$100 to continue campus environmental projects.

This year's participants were Franklin Classic Middle School, Lynwood Middle School, Rosemont Middle School, Walter Reed Middle School, Diamond Bar High School, Environmental Charter High School, Esteban Torres High School (Humanitas Academy of Art and Technology and The Social Justice Leadership Academy), Franklin High School, Hawthorne Math and Science Academy, Mary Star of the Sea High School, and Norwalk High School.

To learn more about the Generation Earth program, contact Edna Gandarilla of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works at (626) 458-6536, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit generationearth.com.

Hawthorne Math and Science Academy students, from left, Ingrid Maradiaga, Nardeen Gorgy, and Abdul Zahid listen to a presentation by Joshua Choi of Rosemont Middle School.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GREEN FAIR. . . Students, educators and families joined with County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works recently to celebrate the 34th annual Los Angeles Environmental Education Fair at the County Arboretum and Botanic Garden in Arcadia. The event included hands-on activities and games as well as Smart Gardening and teachers' workshops. Jasmine Campbell of LA County Public Works' Environmental Programs Division explains to a constituent the effects of Household Hazardous Waste and about upcoming HHW/E-waste events. To learn more about the County's environmental school education programs, contact Edna Gandarilla at (626) 458-6536, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit www.CleanLA.com.



Closure of Puente Hills Landfill

After 43 years of continuous operation, Puente Hills Landfill prepares to close its doors on October 31, 2013.

The Landfill, owned and operated by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts), was the cornerstone of a system of publicly owned facilities and was instrumental in the establishment of a public-private waste management system in Los Angeles County that offered low-cost disposal of municipal solid waste and an important avenue for the beneficial use of materials such as green waste, incinerator ash, and construction and demolition debris.

The Landfill also supported the development of waste-to-energy projects that have provided a safe disposal option as well as diversion credit for jurisdictions utilizing those facilities. It supported the countywide household hazardous waste management program, and provided funding for the acquisition of approximately 1,900 acres of open space and native habitat areas. It also funded the development of the Districts' waste-by-rail system which will provide a reliable, long-term disposal option for Los Angeles County. Furthermore, thanks to the resources provided by the Landfill, the Districts have been a steady partner to cities and the County of Los Angeles, assisting them in achieving the State's waste reduction mandates. For instance, the Districts supported the development of cities' waste reduction planning documents, provided funding for beneficial use programs for the unincorporated County areas, provided a vehicle for the proper handling of disaster debris, and offered free acceptance of Christmas trees during the holiday season.

The Landfill closure activities will take approximately 12 to 24 months, which consists of placing final cover and construction of the drainage system. The Districts will operate and maintain the landfills environmental control systems such as landfill gas monitoring and control systems and drainage and containment systems for at least the next 30 years.

To compensate for the loss of disposal capacity as a result of the Landfill closure, the daily intake of other waste facilities owned by the Districts, such as South Gate Transfer Station, Downey Area and Recycling Transfer Station, and the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), are being readied with additional equipment and staff to receive and manage additional waste. The Districts, has also entered into a short-term agreement with Orange County to take all of the residual solid waste processed at the Districts' facilities for disposal.

While the current waste hauling contracts with the Landfill will expire upon the closure of the Landfill, the Districts are pursuing new contracts with waste haulers to secure a steady, reliable stream of materials for their MRFs and transfer stations. These contracts provide competitive rates to the haulers for services for managing solid waste, green waste, construction and demolition, mixed recyclables, and food waste recovery.

Upon closure, the Landfill site is designated to be used as open space for recreational purposes which will take years to fully develop. At the time of completion it will be managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Currently, the Districts is working with the Department to complete a Park Feasibility Study.

For more information about the closure of the Puente Hills Landfill, contact Ms. Debra Bogdanoff of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County at (562) 908-4288 Ext. 2734 or dbogdanoff@lacsdc.org.



Need a Place to Take your Green Waste After the Puente Hills Landfill Closure?

On October 31, 2013, the Puente Hills Landfill will be closing leaving many residents, businesses, waste haulers, and gardeners in need of an alternate facility to take their green waste.

Last year, Los Angeles County residents and businesses sent approximately 236,000 tons of green waste to the Puente Hills Landfill for beneficial use purposes such as alternative daily cover and landscaping.

To assist Los Angeles County residents in locating new green waste facilities, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works has developed the Green Waste Management Resource (Guide). The Guide provides addresses, maps, and contact information for composting companies, chipping and

grinding facilities, transfer stations, and landfills that accept green waste. The Guide also provides helpful information about green waste recycling and other sustainable green waste management practices.

To download the Guide, visit www.LACountySWIMS.org/GW. For more information, please contact the Solid Waste Information Management System at swims@dpw.lacounty.gov or (800) 320-1771.



County Honors “Green” Leaders

This past spring, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors presented its Fifth Annual Green Leadership Awards for outstanding and innovative energy conservation and environmental efforts by the private and public sectors.

Each year, the Green Leadership program presents a unique opportunity for residents, businesses, local governments, and community-based organizations of LA County to showcase their innovative and creative solutions for resolving environmental issues. This year the awards were presented by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman, during the weekly Board of Supervisors meeting held at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration on April 23, 2013.

This year’s award winners are:

Public Agency Category

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – Culver City Rainwater Harvesting Program

The pilot program was launched to teach Culver City residents about urban water management and provide an opportunity for participation in “best management practices” on their properties. Rainwater flowing from sidewalks, driveways and streets collects pollutants (lead, copper, nitrate, phosphorous, bacteria) before it reaches a nearby storm drain. Capturing the water from rooftops reduces pollution into the Santa Monica Bay.

Non-Profit Category

California State University Los Angeles – EcoCAR 2 Team

The contest challenges the 15 university teams to reduce the environmental impact of vehicles by minimizing the vehicle’s fuel consumption and reducing emissions while at the same time retaining performance, safety and consumer appeal. The CSULA EcoCAR 2 team aims to meet the competition goals while also educating fellow and middle school students and the public about sustainable technological advances in transportation. Team members, who represent the next generation of engineers, gain real world experience in the development of complex vehicle technologies.

LA County Category

Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sustainable Pavement Treatment for County of Los Angeles Roads

DPW manages the largest network of County roads in the state, and keeping them in good condition is always a challenge. DPW implemented a sustainable pavement treatment program, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and energy usage. The three-prong approach to treating County roads includes (1) pavement preservation, (2) using recycled materials, and (3) reutilizing existing materials in place.

Chair Category

Christina Kull Martens, Manager – Process Improvement, Northrop Grumman

Christina Kull Martens has served as an environmental engineer at Northrop Grumman since 2007, where she has developed and implemented an award-winning employee sustainability team. She has spearheaded efforts in the areas of greenhouse gas reduction, waste reduction and recycling, energy conservation, air quality compliance, corporate social responsibility reporting, and efficiency identification and implementation.

Business Category

Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) – Sustainable Education and Outreach

SPE built its sustainability program on several employee-based initiatives, which focused on educating employees, their families, and local communities. SPE’s aggressive environmental goals included a zero waste studio, a 20 percent carbon reduction across the company, electronic paystub system, an internal bike shuttle program, and a cash-incentive for employees to purchase clean air/energy efficient vehicles and solar panels for their homes. SPE also funded and collaborated on 14 community projects including the Orville Wright/Westchester Community Garden; Green Up with Los Angeles Universal Preschool; and People, Pets, and Native Plants with the Village Gardeners of the Los Angeles River.

For more information on the County’s Green Leadership Awards, contact Victoria Pipkin-Lane at (213) 974-1361, vpipkin@ceo.lacounty.gov or Mary Savinar at (213) 974-1390, msavinar@ceo.lacounty.gov



Diamond Bar High School teacher Angela Jensvold (far right) and students from her Advanced Placement Environmental Science class.

Diamond Bar High School Is Discovering Ways to Help the Environment

Diamond Bar High School students are leading the way to a greener tomorrow.

Using a comprehensive curriculum, students conduct hands-on projects to enhance their campus and community.

In fact, Los Angeles County Generation Earth curriculum has been a part of the school for over ten years under the guidance of educator Ms. Angela Jensvold. Each year the president of the Advanced Placement Environmental Science class leads students in selecting an environmental project and dividing the task into committees.

A few years ago, the project team changed the restroom paper towel dispensers to air dry machines saving the school district over \$6,000 a year in paper towels and janitorial services. This year, the environmental stewards are focusing on replacing water-wasting sprinkler heads and water conservation. To date, the students switched out 85 sprinklers with water-efficient sprinkler heads donated by the Walnut Valley Water District.

In addition, this year's team is developing a presentation for younger students at a neighboring elementary school, including creating a video/interactive skit, and an environmental trivia game focusing on water conservation. Not only has the Generation Earth program had a positive effect on the environment, but also on students. Many of Ms. Jensvold's students have pursued a career in Environmental Science or a related field. One former student is currently working for the Schmidt Family Foundation as a researcher on climate change, and another works for the National Resource Defense Council.

The Generation Earth program provides on-going support and resources to teachers. To learn more about the program, contact Edna Gandarilla, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, at (626) 458-6536, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit www.generationearth.com

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They also learned how worms help convert food waste into compost at the smart gardening booth, and Los Angeles County Graffiti Abatement staff demonstrated how graffiti can negatively affect the community. Other participating agencies supported the event by offering a mentoring program, tree and gardening supplies, and restaurant gift cards provided by Watts Willowbrook Boys and Girls Club. This event was a collaborative effort between the school and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas,

the County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works, Compton Unified School District, TreePeople environmental non-profit organization, and the Watts/Willowbrook Boys and Girls Club.

To learn more about the County's environmental school education programs, please contact Edna Gandarilla, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, at (626) 458-6536, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on environmental resources, visit www.CleanLA.com.



The After Life of a Tire

Did you know that a tire can be more than a wheel or a swing?

Just ask the City of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery & Recycling Division (RRR). By recycling tires into crumb rubber, RRR has managed to divert over 5,000 tires from landfills and create a few innovative products such as rubber bumpers, curb ramps and a boardwalk for residents and tourists with disabilities. Funds for these products were provided through California's Resource Recycling and Recovery Department (CalRecycle) Tire Derived Product grant program.

Boardwalk to the Sea

The boardwalk to the Sea has been installed on the beach north of the Santa Monica Pier. As an extension to the existing wooden boardwalk, approximately 300 rubberized planks offer individuals with disabilities access to the sea at high tide.



Curb Ramps

Over 440 passenger tire equivalents were diverted from landfills and recycled into curb ramps. These rubber ramps are stored in the collection vehicles and are designed to fit snugly in the curb gutters. Staff pushing and pulling recycling trash and food waste bins can now easily maneuver the heavy dumpsters off curbs and into collection trucks using the ramps. As a result, on the job work injuries have also decreased.



Rubber Bumpers for Enclosures

Rubber bumpers are currently installed in trash enclosures to reduce damage to walls and doors when pushing and pulling trash, recycling and food waste bins to the trucks for collection. Approximately, 2,500 passenger tire equivalents were reused for this purpose.



Los Angeles County Public Works Celebrates Earth Day Around the County

This past spring, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works commemorated the 43rd Anniversary of Earth Day with a series of events to educate and inform residents about the environmental benefits of proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

The Department participated in events at LA Live, Sanitation Districts of LA County Earth Fair, Aquarium of the Pacific, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles Zoo, Pasadena, Sony Studios, UCLA, Cal State Universities of Long Beach and Northridge Campus Earth Fair, and

Fox Studios. This year the Department also partnered with 710 ESPNLA to execute "Don't Waste Another Day, CLEANLA!" Employees distributed educational materials and tips on proper disposal of household hazardous waste, waste reduction, and smart gardening.

For more information regarding the County's Household Hazardous Waste program, please contact Natalie Jimenez of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Environmental Programs Division at njimenez@dpw.lacounty.gov.



CalRecycle Rolls Out Revised Carpet Plan

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baseline, measurement methodology, and goals. CARE was unable to meet the December deadline and requested an extension from CalRecycle. The extension was granted in January.

The decision to extend the deadline was largely based on allowing CARE to implement their rural pilot program for a few more months in order to obtain a full year's worth of data, which CARE claimed was essential in determining what aspects of the plan were working and what needed modification.

CalRecycle additionally sent a letter to CARE, which acknowledged that there were significant unexpected obstacles and issues concerning market dynamics and individual operators particularly in the last several months of 2012. CalRecycle's letter also identified additional items that should be covered in the revised plan and expressed their understanding that these measures would include additional costs.

With this in mind, CalRecycle added they are aware CARE has a substantial unused amount of AB 2398 funds in reserve that could be used for these purposes and that CARE is also free to adjust the carpet

assessment as is reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions of AB 2398.

A major obstacle to the success of the program has been the increased use of polyester or PET in carpet. PET from carpet is extremely difficult to recycle due to the brittleness of the specific PET polymer used. CARE data shows that just six years ago PET carpet made up approximately four percent of post-consumer carpet, while in 2013 the percentage is up to 30 percent.

In order to address this problem, CARE recently sent out a Request for Proposal to seek an experienced and proven resource that can be the leader in the development of long lasting solutions for the recycling of post-consumer PET carpet. They hope to study and better understand the PET supply chain and develop a robust market for this material.

Details of the revised carpet plan are available on CalRecycle's website at www.calrecycle.ca.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 952-1147.

Used Motor Oil Recycling on the Rise

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

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

Kimberly Lyman, who manages the Department's Used Motor Oil Recycling and Oil Filter program, said the figures were encouraging. "Most of the material is brought in by do-it-yourselfers, and it's great to see they are acting responsibly in disposing of their used motor

oil products," Lyman said. "Not only does their effort help protect the environment, but the oil is cleaned and recycled for use as fuel."

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

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



New Draft Waste Management Sector Plan Promotes Recycling and Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) co-hosted a public workshop/webinar on June 18, 2013 to seek public comment on its Draft Waste Management Sector Plan.

The workshop's purpose was to seek public input on the draft Plan, which was developed by a joint ARB-CalRecycle workgroup. This draft Plan will ultimately become the Waste Sector Element of the 2013 AB 32 Scoping Plan Update, California's climate change roadmap. The Plan is expected to be released at the end of summer or beginning of fall.

CalRecycle has released a general overview document, five technical papers, and a preliminary implementation plan for stakeholder input. The topics of the technical papers include "Recycling, Reuse, and Remanufacturing," "Composting and Anaerobic Digestion," "Biomass Conversion," "Municipal Solid Waste Thermal Technologies," and "Landfilling of Waste." Each paper addresses general background information and current status in relation to the goals, challenges faced in meeting the goals, and potential solutions for overcoming the challenges.

In order to meet the State's AB 32 (2006) and AB 341 (2011) goals, landfill and disposal-related activities will have to decrease by 22 million tons per year, according to the draft Plan. The draft Plan indicates that this will result in a reduction of 20-30 MMTCO_{2e} (million metric tons of carbon dioxide) by

2020. Additionally, the draft Plan's recommended goals would require the waste sector to achieve net-zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) from the entire waste sector by the year 2035 and a 25 percent reduction in direct GHG emissions from the year 2035 levels by the year 2050.

The Task Force reviewed and provided specific comments, including, but not limited to, the various environmental impacts of processing California's recyclables out of state in all measurement systems (a thorough life cycle analysis); the State's continued support for composting without addressing the documented risks to public health and the environment; the failure to provide any data to substantiate achievement of the goals; the lack of acknowledgement of the extensive research behind the benefits of conversion technologies and failure to include a balanced overview and analysis of these technologies; an inadequate discussion and analysis on the needed infrastructures to divert additional 22 million tons of waste from disposal facilities; and failure to consider the economic impacts of the proposal on local governments.

To see the Task Force comments letter on the draft Plan, please click on the following link: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Letters/07-11-13_Waste%20Sector%20Plan%20Comments.pdf To view the CalRecycle/ARB draft Plan, visit CalRecycle's Website at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/PublicNoticeDetail.aspx?id=986&aiid=900>. For additional information, please contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.



Lunada Bay students sort their lunch waste into compostables and recyclables as part of the Trash Free Lunch Challenge.

Students Take on Trash Free Lunch Challenge

This year, students at 17 LA County schools were not just eating and playing at lunchtime, they were also sorting their lunch waste into compostable and recyclable material as part of the Trash Free Lunch Challenge.

The contest, a partnership between Grades of Green, an environmental nonprofit organization, and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts), is designed to encourage students to reduce waste on their campuses. The program is open to all schools within the Districts' service area. This year's participants reduced the number of trash bags produced at lunch from 178 bags per day to 57 bags per day, a savings of 121 bags per day.

The winner of the Challenge was Lunada Bay Elementary School in Palos Verdes, where students reduced their school's waste by 87.5 percent.

The students made compost from food waste, which is used to sustain the school's garden. They also traded in the schools old trays and utensils for similar items made of recyclable material. The student's effort also saved the school money by reducing trash collection fees. The school won a \$1,000 grant and was featured in local newspapers, the Daily Breeze and Easy Reader.

For more information about the Trash Free Lunch Challenge, please contact Nicole Sevier at nicoles@gradesofgreen.org or call (310) 938-0974.

JUNE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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

2013/2014 Legislative Session

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



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AB 403 Stone	Support	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would require a producer of home-generated sharps or a stewardship organization to submit a home-generated sharps stewardship plan that provides for the development and implementation of a recovery program for used sharps.
AB 416 Gordon	Support	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would require money to be available from the General Fund for purposes of providing grants and other financial assistance to develop and implement greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects in the state.
AB 488 Williams	Support	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	The bill would require a producer of single-use primary household batteries or a single-use primary household battery stewardship organization created by one or more producers to submit a single-use primary household battery stewardship plan to CalRecycle
AB 513 Frazier	Support	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would require CalRecycle to award grants to cities, counties, and other local government agencies for the funding of public works projects that utilize rubberized asphalt concrete.
AB 521 Hueso/Stone	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	CalRecycle would be required, by July 1, 2014, in consultation with other agencies, to adopt a list or category of items that CalRecycle finds are major sources of marine plastic pollution. Producers of those items would be required to design and submit a plan to reduce the producer's proportion of the marine plastic pollution caused by those items, through "recovery" of those items. The bill also classifies "gasification" as transformation thus eliminating its current eligibility for diversion credit and RPS.
AB 794 Gorell	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would exempt CEQA requirements for a project that takes landfill materials/organic waste and converts them into renewable energy if the lead agency finds that the project will result in a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
AB 997 Chesbro	Support (as introduced)	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill when it was introduced on February 22, 2013, defined the term anaerobic digestion and expanded the definition of composting to include anaerobic digestion. The Task Force was supportive of the proposal. However, the bill was "gutted and amended" in the Senate on June 16, 2013. The amended bill would provide that a local enforcement agency (LEA), when exercising the authority or fulfilling the duties specified in certain provisions of AB 939, would be deemed to be carrying out a state function governed by the act. The bill would also provide that, in carrying out this state function, the LEA would be deemed to be independent from the local governing body and the LEA's actions would not be subject to the authority of the local governing body. The 6/18/13 version of the bill has not been considered by the Task Force as of end of June.

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AB 1001 Gordon	Support if amend (as introduced)	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would exempt a recycling center operator from a compliance requirement that they must prove a pattern of operation that complies with statutory requirements and regulations for recycling centers if the operator has no relation to an entity that used the same space previously.
AB 1021 Eggman	Support if amend	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would authorize the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation authority to provide financial assistance to projects that process or utilize recycled feedstock.
AB 1023 Eggman	Watch	Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)	This bill would require CalRecycle, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to annually identify industry sectors that can reduce their greenhouse gas emissions through the increased use of recycled content or by recovering putrescible materials that would have emitted greenhouse gases if disposed.
AB 1126 Gordon/ Mullin	Oppose	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Among other things, this bill would define the term “Engineered municipal solid waste conversion (EMSW)”. This bill would additionally exclude certain used or waste tires or biomass materials from the solid waste calculation used in the waste diversion base rate determination. The bill also would establish a prescriptive list of requirements for EMSW conversion technology facilities which are not scientifically feasible and cause development of thermo conversion technology facilities economically not feasible in California for the foreseeable future.
AB 1337 Allen	Oppose	Died in Assembly	This bill would have prohibited a city, county, or other public agency from adopting, implementing, or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule that prohibits a retail establishment from offering to its customers, or otherwise prohibits a person from using, a single-use plastic carryout bag for purposes of containing specified products
SB 11 Pavely/Canella	Support	Assembly Transportation Committee	This bill would have prohibited a city, county, or other public agency from adopting, implementing, or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule that prohibits a retail establishment from offering to its customers, or otherwise prohibits a person from using, a single-use plastic carryout bag for purposes of containing specified products
SB 254 Hancock	Oppose Unless Amended	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would require a manufacturer of mattresses sold in the state or stewardship organization to provide a plan to CalRecycle that ensures that the manufacturer/organization will be responsible for the collection/recycling of used mattresses.



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SB 405 Padilla	Support if Amended	Senate (2-year bill)	This bill would prohibit stores from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer and would require those stores to meet requirements regarding providing recycled paper bags, compostable bags or reusable bags. The bill would allow a local public agency that has adopted a bag ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule prior to September 1, 2013, to continue to enforce and implement that ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule, but would require any amendments to that ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule to be subject to state preemption.
SB 529 Leno	Support if Amended	Senate Appropriations Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would prohibit a fast food facility from distributing disposable food service packaging or a single-use carryout bag to a customer, unless the packaging/bag meets specified criteria for compostable or recyclable packaging
SB 700 Wolk	Oppose	Senate Appropriations Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would require a retail establishment, as defined, to collect a charge of \$0.05 for each single-use carryout bag provided to a customer. The bill would require the retail establishment to retain \$0.005 of that charge and would allow a retail establishment to retain an additional \$0.005 if the retail establishment credits the consumer no less than \$0.05 for each carryout bag provided by the consumer for packaging his or her purchases, and meets other requirements
SB 715 Lara	Support and Amend	Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communication (2-year bill)	This bill would provide that a facility engaged in the combustion of municipal solid waste shall not be considered an eligible renewable energy resource unless it is located in the County of Los Angeles and was operational prior to September 26, 1996.
SB 727 Jackson	Support	Senate Environmental Quality Committee (2-year bill)	This bill would require a producer of a pharmaceutical sold in the state to, individually or through a stewardship organization, submit a plan, on or before January 1, 2015, to CalRecycle. The bill would require the plan to provide for the development of a program to collect, transport, and process home-generated pharmaceutical drugs and to include specified aspects, including a minimum amount of collection sites
SB 804 Lara	Support	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would revise the definition of “biomass conversion” to include other types of conversion technologies in addition to controlled combustion. The bill would also defines the term anaerobic digestion and expand the definition of composting to include anaerobic digestion.

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H.R. 1686 Moran	Oppose Unless Amended	House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee and House and Means Committee	This bill would impose a five-cent tax on every paper or plastic disposable bag that retailers provide to customers. Businesses would be responsible for collecting the tax which would need to be itemized on receipts. Reusable bags as well as packaged plastic bags (trash bags, pet waste bags) would be exempt from this tax. Monies collected from this bill would go to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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