

## OCTOBER 2011 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 October 2011.

### 2011-2012 Legislative Session

Bill Number	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 34	Oppose	2 Year Bill	This bill would establish site-specific odor performance thresholds for compost facilities. The Task Force was opposed to provisions that would prohibit a Local Enforcement Agency from verifying a complaint that originates from a compost facility unless the odor violates those performance thresholds.
AB 341	Oppose	Chaptered	This bill will, among other things: (1) declare the State's policy goal that not less than 75% of all solid waste generated be source reduced, recycled, or composted by the year 2020, excluding all other solid waste management options such as conversion technologies; (2) eliminate Local Task Force review and CalRecycle approval of amendments to Nondisposal Facility Elements (NDFEs); (3) establish mandatory commercial recycling (MCR), including requiring a jurisdiction to implement a MCR program and include that program in a jurisdiction's AB 939 compliance review.
AB 358	Oppose	Chaptered	This bill will, among other things, authorize the Water Resources Control Board to require closure of any underground storage tank (UST) case. The Task Force expressed concerns that the bill would result in lowering the standards for UST case closure while imposing an unfunded mandate on local governments.
AB 480	Oppose	2 Year Bill	This bill would, among other things, specify that an insurance carrier established by a solid waste facility operator shall not be required to be a California admitted insurer. The Task Force opposes this bill since it would weaken existing regulations and releases captive insurance companies from State requirements which would pose a financial risk to the State and local governments.
AB 525	Support if Amended	Chaptered	This bill authorizes CalRecycle to set aside grant funding for local government public works projects that use waste tires. The Task Force requested amendments related to per capita distribution of grant funding related to projects using waste tires for the Los Angeles County region. The bill also reauthorized the fee collection mechanism for AB 2398, the paint stewardship law passed in 2010 but subject to Proposition 26.
AB 712	Oppose	Chaptered	This bill will prohibit CalRecycle, on and after July 1, 2012, from making any payments, grants, or loans to a jurisdiction that has adopted or is enforcing a land-use restriction that prevents the siting or operation of a certified recycling center at a supermarket site. The Task Force expressed concern that this bill is an infringement of local land-use autonomy.
AB 789	Support if Amended	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 sunset the grant program on June 30, 2015. The Task Force requested amendments related to per capita distribution of grant funding for the Los Angeles County region.

AB 812	Support	2 Year Bill	This bill would, among other things, require the Department of Transportation to increase the allowable amount of recycled asphalt pavement to 50% unless it is determined to not be practical.
AB 818	Oppose	Chaptered	This bill would have required an owner of a multifamily dwelling, defined as consisting of 5 or more living units, to arrange for recycling services for the multifamily dwelling. The Task Force opposed this bill as local governments have the ability to implement recycling requirements. This bill would have become operative only if AB 341 was not chaptered.
AB 960	Support	2 Year Bill	This bill would, among other things, require development of regulations to ensure E-waste is properly managed and not improperly exported if the E-waste is receiving reimbursements under the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003.
AB 1149	Support	Chaptered	The bill will extend the State's recycled plastic market development program an additional 5 years.
AB 1178	Oppose	2 Year Bill	This bill would prohibit any restrictions on the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility based on place of origin. The Task Force strongly opposed the bill since it would overturn the will of California voters, interfere with judicial matters, and usurp local government authority.
AB 1189	Oppose Unless Amended	2 Year Bill	The bill would, among other things, require battery manufacturers to submit a household battery stewardship plan to CalRecycle, by January 1, 2012. The Task force expressed concerns with provisions that would require governmental entities that operate an HHW collection program to sort batteries from other collected materials.
AB 1303	Support	2 Year Bill	This bill would, among other things, extend the Public Interest Energy Research program utilized to promote renewable energy and clean technology projects.
SBX1-2	Oppose	Chaptered	This bill delayed the current 20% Renewable Portfolio Standard by one year, to Dec. 31, 2013, and increased the amount of renewable energy utilities were required to procure to 33% by Dec. 31, 2020. The Task Force opposed the provisions of the bill that perpetuate inaccurate definitions that hinder the development of conversion technologies in California.
SB 41	Support if Amended	Chaptered	This bill will 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 while requiring pharmacies to provide consumers with options for the disposal of sharps. 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	2 Year Bill	The bill would establish an extended producer responsibility program for household batteries.
SB 568	Support	2 Year Bill	This bill would, among other things, prohibit a food vendor from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam (EPS) food container beginning Jan. 1, 2013.
SB 589	Support if amended, oppose if not amended	2 Year Bill	This bill would, among other things, establish an extended producer responsibility program for household mercury-containing lamps. The Task Force sent suggested amendments for the bill addressing provisions that did not fall within the Extended Responsibility Framework set forth by CalRecycle.

SB 771	Support and Amend	Chaptered	This bill will, among other things, 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. Amendments requested related to providing the incentive to all conversion technologies.
SB 833	Oppose	Vetoed	This bill would have, among other things, prohibited a person from constructing or operating a solid waste landfill disposal facility located in the County of San Diego that is located within 1,000 feet of the San Luis River or a site considered sacred by a Native American tribe. The Task Force expressed concerns regarding the potential unintended impacts of the bill and the negative precedent for overturning local land use authority.
SB 915	Oppose	2 Year Bill	This bill declares the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to require a reduction in plastic bag use. The version opposed by the Task Force would have suspended local plastic bag ordinances.

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