

Overview of Proposed Budget and Policy Changes to California's Bottle Bill

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Topics to Cover

- Brief History of Bottle Bill
- Beverage Container Recycling Fund Overview
- Proposed Policy Changes
- Conclusion

Introduction – California's Bottle Bill

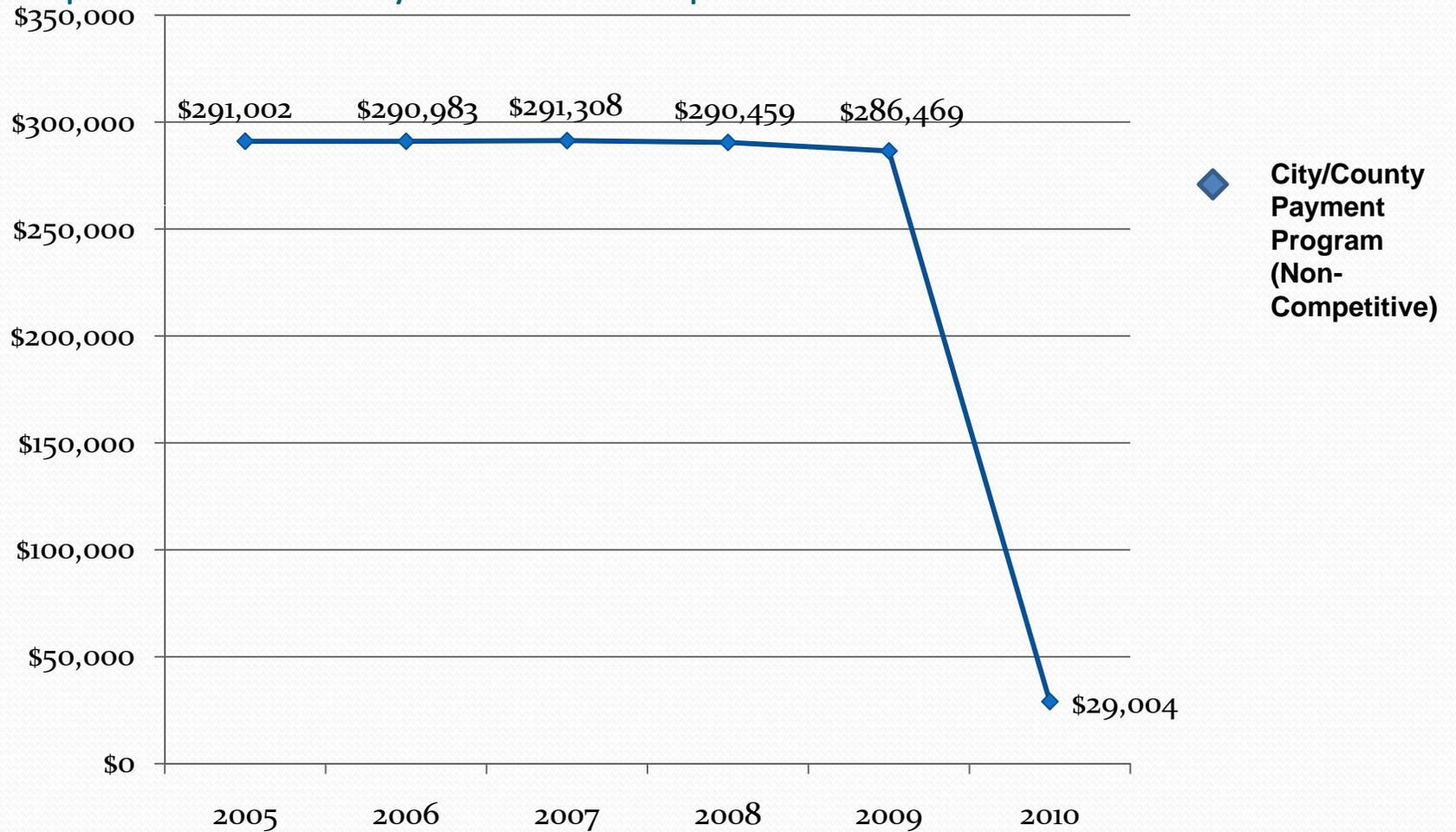
- Bottle Bill – AB2020
 - Enacted 09/29/1986
 - Implemented on 09/01/1987
 - Purpose: To encourage recycling and reduce litter
 - Amount of deposit per container (CRV)
 - 10 cents > 24 oz. and 5 cents < 24oz

Beverage Container Recycling Fund (FUND) Overview

- Brief history of fund transfers
 - Loans from the fund began in 2002
 - Loans total approx. \$566.7 million
 - Loans made to the cash strapped general fund
- Consequences
 - Insufficient funds
- The new budget proposes a loan repayment of:
 - \$54.8 million in 2009-10
 - \$98.2 million in 2010-11
 - Expected full repayment by FY 2013-14

Proportionate Reductions in the City/County Payment Program

Unincorporated LA County Shown as Sample



DOC Grants - City/County Payment Program

- LA County uses of DOC Grants
 - Purchasing of beverage container recycling bins for:
 - County departments
 - Schools
 - Theme parks
 - Non-profit organizations
- Attending community events
- Conducting PR work

Funding Overview – Other Affected Programs

- Beverage Container Recycling
(suspended)
- Recycling Market Development & Expansion
(suspended)
- Multifamily Beverage Container Recycling Fund
(suspended)
- Local Community Conservation Corps Funding
(reduced)



Proposed Changes to the PRC

- Section 14526.5 – “Supermarket” means a full-line, self-service retail store with gross annual sales of ~~two million dollars (\$2,000,000)~~ six million dollars (\$6,000,000), or more, and which sells a line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items and some perishable items. For purposes of determining which dealers are supermarkets, the department shall use the annual updates of the Progressive Grocer Marketing Guidebook and any computer printouts developed in conjunction with the guidebook or other sources as determined by the department.
- Potential impacts:
 - Convenience zone recyclers not incentivized to locate near these markets
 - Unincorporated areas may see a reduction in recycling rates
 - More recyclables may be disposed in landfills

Proposed Changes to the PRC – cont.

- Section 14536 (b)(1) The director shall adopt regulations, and may adopt emergency regulations for the purposes of implementing Sections 14538, 14539, 14541, 14549.1, 14549.2, 14549.7, 14550, 14560, 14560.5, 14561, 14571, 14574, 14575, 14581, 14585, 14588.1, 14588.2, and 14591

Proposed Changes to the PRC – cont.

- Section 14560 defines the refund value and amount of processing payments and fees
- Proposed changes would give the director explicit authority control over redemption payments and refund values in emergency situations
- Potential Impacts
 - California constituent's may pay a higher cost

Proposed Changes to the PRC – cont.

- Implications for the County by including section 14581
 - Gives the director explicit authority over:
 - Handling fees
 - Neighborhood drop-off and curbside programs
 - Grants for beverage container and litter reduction programs
 - Community Conservation Corps
 - Multifamily Beverage Container Recycling
 - City/County Payment Program
 - Recycling Market Development & Expansion
- Possible impacts to local governments:
 - Reductions or elimination of grants to local agencies & non-profits
 - Reductions or elimination of programs that provide:
 - receptacles to provide collection
 - community events to attend and promote recycling
 - outreach to inform residents
 - receptacles to provide to apartments
 - consultation for apartment managers to implement recycling
 - outreach to inform tenants
 - More recyclables may be disposed in landfills



Conclusions

- Staff recommendations:
 - Submit a letter of concern to the governor...