

SEPTEMBER 2012 TASK FORCE 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 State legislation the Task Force has taken a position on through September 13, 2012.

Summary of Key Bills for 2011/2012 Legislative Session

Bill Number/ Author	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 298 Brownley	Support	Dead	This bill would, as of January 1, 2014, prohibit stores (as defined) from providing a single-use plastic carryout bag to a customer.
AB 480 Solorio	Oppose	Enrolled	This bill would specify that, until January 1, 2018, an insurance carrier established by a solid waste facility (SWF) 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.
AB 549 Carter	Oppose, Unless Amended	Enrolled	This bill would, in addition to existing verification requirements, require authorized electronic waste collectors or recyclers to demonstrate that collected covered electronic waste was generated in the state.
AB 812 Ma	Support	Chaptered	This bill would authorize the Department of Transportation, by January 1, 2014, to establish specifications for the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement of up to 40% for hot mix asphalt mixes.
AB 845 Ma	Oppose	Enrolled	This bill would prohibit an ordinance enacted by a city or county from otherwise restricting or limiting the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility in that city or county based on place of origin.
AB 960 Lowenthal	Support	Dead	This bill defines "electronic device" and "electronic waste" and would require CalRecycle to determine that e-waste recyclers have demonstrated to the DTSC that all e-waste handled by recyclers has been managed in specified manner.
AB 1178 Ma	Oppose	Dead	This bill would prohibit an ordinance enacted by a city or county from otherwise restricting or limiting the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility in that city or county based on place of origin.
AB 1442 Wieckowski	Support	Enrolled	Redefines pharmaceutical waste to ease restrictions for the transportation of unwanted medication for proper management of waste.
AB 1834 Brownley	Support	Dead	This bill would revise the definition of the term "reusable bag" to require the bag to meet specified requirements while also deleting the prohibition on local governments from taking specified regulatory actions with regards to plastic carryout bags.
AB 1900 Gatto	Oppose, Unless Amended	Enrolled	This bill would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to establish a health standard for biogas injected into the natural gas pipeline. This bill is double joined with AB 2196.

AB 2196	Oppose, Unless Amended	Enrolled	The bill establishes eligibility and verification criteria for the use of landfill gas, digester gas or another renewable fuel delivered to a facility through a common carrier pipeline as a renewable resource, comparable to those criteria statutorily applicable to other renewable energy sources. This bill is double-joined with AB 1900.
AB 2257 Achadjian	Oppose	Dead	This bill would provide that no waste management activity, operation, or facility, or appurtenances thereof, as defined, in operation for more than 3 years, shall become a nuisance due to any changed condition in the locality if it was not a nuisance at the time it began, except as specified.
AB 2336 Mansoor	Oppose	Dead	This bill would prohibit a manufacturer from selling a plastic product that does not meet specified labeling requirements while deleting the authority of a city or county to impose a civil penalty for a violation of those provisions, among other things.
AB 2390 Chesbro	Support, If Amended	Dead	This bill would require the Energy Commission to establish an incentive program to compensate producers and collectors of biomass material associated with forest fuel reduction and fire prevention activities that are delivered to eligible biomass facilities for use as a fuel source.
SB 568 Lowenthal	Support	Dead	This bill would prohibit a food vendor, on and after Jan 1, 2016, from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container.
SB 589 Lowenthal	Support, If Amended	Dead	This bill would require a manufacturer of household mercury-containing lamps, individually or through a stewardship organization, to prepare and submit to the CalRecycle for approval a household mercury-containing lamp stewardship plan to establish a recovery program for the management of end-of-life household mercury-containing lamps.
SB 964 Wright	Support	Dead	This bill would provide that the exemption for the adoption of regulations for the issuance, denial, or revocation of specified waste discharge requirements and permits shall not apply to general permits or waivers issued under state law or the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, as defined.
SB 965 Wright	Support	Enrolled	This bill would align State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards ex parte prohibitions with rules applicable to other State environmental boards and commissions.
SB 1106 Strickland	Oppose	Dead	This bill would require a person that manufactures a reusable bag to print or attach a warning label on the reusable bag containing specified information.
SB 1118 Hancock	Oppose, Unless Amended	Dead	This bill would establish the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act and would require a manufacturer of mattresses sold in California, individually, collectively, or through a designated third party, to submit a mattress recovery and recycling plan to CalRecycle by April 1, 2013.
SB 1122 Rubio	Support, And Amend	Enrolled	This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to direct electrical corporations to collectively procure at least 250 megawatts of electrical generating capacity from developers of biomass and biogas projects.

<p>SB 1128 Padilla</p>	<p>Support, If Amended</p>	<p>Enrolled</p>	<p>This bill would require the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to provide financial assistance to projects for renewable energy generation facilities, combined heat and power systems, facilities designed for the production of renewable fuels, certain distributed generation and energy storage technologies, and energy efficiency devices and technologies.</p>
<p>SB 1159 Calderon</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>Dead</p>	<p>This bill would enact the Plastic Bag Reduction and Recycling Act of 2012 and would prohibit the operator of a supermarket, as defined, on and after July 1, 2013, from distributing a plastic carry out bag to a customer unless the plastic carryout bag displays the phrase "Please Recycle This Bag".</p>
<p>SB 1219 Wolk</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Enrolled</p>	<p>This bill would extend at-store plastic bag recycling program requirements until January 1, 2020, and would repeal the provisions preempting local regulatory action.</p>