

HF&H Consultants Legislative Update (October 2011)

Solid Waste & Diversion		
Bill	Status	Overview
AB 34	Introduced 12/6/2010 Amended 5/10/11 5/28/2011: Failed deadline; 2 year bill Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_34_bill_20101206_introduced.pdf	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. This bill would prohibit an LEA from verifying that an odor complaint originates from a compost facility, unless the odor violates certain performance standard thresholds. Organization Positions*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America): Concerns • Los Angeles County Task Force: Oppose • CSAC (California State Association of Counties): Pending • League of California Cities: Watch • CAW (Californians Against Waste): Support
AB 255	Signed into law by Governor Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0251-0300/ab_255_bill_20110906_chaptered.pdf	Currently HHW facilities are only authorized to accept hazardous waste from conditionally exempt small quantity generators. This bill allows a permanent HHW facility (if it complies with certain requirements) to accept recyclable latex paint from any generator.
AB 341	Signed into law by Governor Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0301-0350/ab_341_bill_20111006_chaptered.pdf	This bill provides CalRecycle the authority to implement the mandatory commercial recycling program. The mandatory commercial recycling program requires jurisdictions, on and after July 1, 2012, to implement a commercial solid waste recycling program that meets the bills specifications. Additionally, this bill requires that CalRecycle to provide to the Legislature by January 1, 2014, a report that provides strategies to achieve the policy goal of a state diversion rate of 75% by 2020. See HF&H's website for a comprehensive summary of this bill.

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AB 818	<p style="background-color: yellow;">Signed into law by Governor</p> <p>Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0801-0850/ab_818_bill_20110907_chaptered.pdf</p>	<p>Also known as the “Renter’s Right to Recycle Act”, this bill would require the owner of a multi-family dwelling complex with 5 or more units to subscribe to recycling services that are appropriate for and available to the multi-family dwelling units.</p>
AB 900	<p>Introduced 2/17/2011 Amended 5/10/2011 Amended 9/8/11 Signed into law by Governor</p> <p>Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0851-0900/ab_900_bill_20110927_chaptered.pdf</p>	<p><u>Amended language:</u> This bill, as amended, enacts the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011</p>
AB 1178	<p>Introduced 2/18/2011 Amended 5/10/2011 Amended 8/24/11 Senate Held in Environmental Quality (2 year bill)</p> <p>Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_1151-1200/ab_1178_bill_20110824_amended_sen_v94.pdf</p>	<p>This bill would prohibit a city or 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.</p> <p>Organization Positions*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWANA: Oppose • Los Angeles County Task Force: Letter of opposition sent 5/27/11 • CSAC: Neutral • League of California Cities: Oppose • CAW: Oppose

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Plastic Bag Bills		
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AB 298	Introduced 2/9/2011 Amended 4/14/2011 Inactive Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0251-0300/ab_298_bill_20110330_amended_asm_v98.pdf	This bill prohibits manufacturers from selling or distributing bags as “reusable” unless the bag can be cleaned and disinfected (and includes instructions on how to do so), and the bag does not contain heavy metals in toxic amounts. Organization Positions*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWANA: Watch • Los Angeles County Task Force: Watch • CSAC: Pending • League of California Cities: Watch • CAW: Support
SB 915	Introduced 2/18/2011 Amended 3/25/2011 5/10/2011: Failed deadline; 2 year bill Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/sen/sb_0901-0950/sb_915_bill_20110325_amended_sen_v98.pdf	This bill would state that the intent of the Legislature is to enact subsequent legislation that would require a reduction in plastic bag use, establish a mandatory level of recycled content in plastic bags based on a specified schedule, increase funding for recycling education, and establish consumer incentives to return or recycle plastic bags. Organization Positions*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWANA: Watch • Los Angeles County Task Force: Oppose • CSAC: Pending • League of California Cities: Watch • CAW: Watch

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Polystyrene Bills		
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SB 568	Introduced 2/17/2011 Amended 5/23/2011 Amended 7/12/11 2 year bill Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/sen/sb_0551-0600/sb_568_bill_20110712_amended_asm_v95.pdf	<u>Amended language:</u> This bill would prohibit food vendors from dispensing food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container on and after January 1, 2014 2016 (school districts July 1, 2015 2019). Organization Positions*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWANA: Support • Los Angeles County Task Force: Letter of support sent 3/31/11 • CSAC: Watch • League of California Cities: Watch • CAW: Support

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Grants and Loans		
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AB 525	Introduced 2/15/2011 Amended 4/25/2011 Amended 9/1/11 Signed into law by Governor Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0501-0550/ab_525_bill_20111008_chaptered.pdf	<p><u>Amended language:</u> This bill would require CalRecycle to provide outreach to local agencies regarding a program it may establish under existing law to award grants to cities, counties, and other local government agencies for the funding of public works projects that use waste tires. This bill would make the grant program inoperative on 6/30/2015.</p>
AB 789	Introduced 2/17/2011 5/10/2011: Failed deadline; 2 year bill Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0751-0800/ab_789_bill_20110217_introduced.pdf	<p>This bill would require CalRecycle to provide outreach to local agencies regarding a program it may establish under existing law to award grants to cities, counties, and other local government agencies for the funding of public works projects that use waste tires in public works projects, as provided. The bill would prohibit the amount appropriated from the fund for this purpose from being less than 16% of the amount of the funds appropriated for market development and new technology activities for used tires and waste tires. This bill would make the grant program inoperative on 6/30/2015.</p> <p>Organization Positions*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWANA: • Los Angeles County Task Force: Support if amended • CSAC: Pending • League of California Cities: Watch • CAW:

Please note that these two bills are very similar. The difference is AB 525 would require a cap on funding and AB 789 would prohibit it.

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Product Stewardship		
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SB 41	Introduced 12/7/2010 Amended 5/24/2011 Signed into law by Governor Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sb_41_bill_20111009_chaptered.pdf	This bill would authorize a physician or pharmacist to provide, without a prescription, 30 or fewer sharps to a person 18 or older if the physician or pharmacist offers consumers one or more of the following safe sharps disposal options: 1) Onsite collection and disposal; 2) Provide, or make available, mail-back sharps disposal containers; and/or 3) Provide, or make available, a personal sharps disposal container.
SB 515	Introduced 2/17/2011 Amended 5/2/2011 5/28/2011: Failed deadline; 2 year bill Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/sen/sb_0501-0550/sb_515_bill_20110217_introduced.pdf	This bill would require a household battery stewardship organization created by one or more producers of any and all household batteries, or a producer, or a registered household hazardous waste transporter to submit a household battery stewardship plan to CalRecycle by 9/30/2012. This bill would prohibit the selling of household batteries without a stewardship plan deemed complete by CalRecycle on or after 1/1/2014. This bill also requires a plan submitter to pay a plan review fee and administrative fee. Organization Positions*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWANA: Support • Los Angeles County Task Force: Support • CSAC: Support • League of California Cities: Support • CAW: Support

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Greenhouse Gas Bills		
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AB 1332	Introduced 2/18/2011 5/10/2011: Failed deadline; 2 year bill Full bill text: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_1301-1350/ab_1332_bill_20110218_introduced.pdf	This bill would abolish the California Air Resources Board and transfer its authority, duties, powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction to the California Environmental Protection Agency. Organization Positions*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWANA: • Los Angeles County Task Force: • CSAC: • League of California Cities: Watch • CAW:

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