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STUDENTS REDUCE WASTE ON CAMPUS

Students and teachers from five local schools were recently recognized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for helping reduce waste on their school campuses by diverting about 73,780 pounds of waste from landfills.

The 2010 Battle of the Schools competition experienced the largest number of contestants with 14,000 students from 56 schools participating in the contest.

The annual competition is part of Generation Earth, an environmental program managed by the Los Angeles County Public Works Department. Generation Earth provides students an opportunity to take an active role in solving environmental problems and encourages them to be stewards of the environment now and in the future.

The Battle of the Schools competition is open to all middle and high school students. During the competition, participating schools must conduct a waste audit, analyze the impact of pollution on their school campus, and implement source reduction techniques such as recycling.

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Insurance Amendment Raises Concern

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force has voiced concern over a proposed amendment to Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations that would allow landfill owners and operators to utilize captive insurance without meeting current state licensing requirements.

In a letter to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), the Task Force said that weakening regulations or releasing captive insurance companies from California Department of Insurance (CDI) requirements would pose a financial risk to the state and local governments.

The Task Force warned that approval of the amendment would leave cities and counties liable for closure, postclosure maintenance, corrective actions and related environmental impairments if landfill owners and operators filed for bankruptcy or walked away from their fiduciary responsibilities.

The letter follows a request to CalRecycle from Waste Management, Inc., to commence a formal rulemaking process to

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Countywide Household Hazardous Waste/ Electronic Waste Roundups are conducted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call County Public Works at **1 (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652)**, or visit **www.CleanLa.com**. For information about City of Los Angeles events, call **1 (800) 98-TOXIC (988-6942)**.

Permanent Collection Centers are open on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 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

HHW/E-Waste Roundups are conducted on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted.

- April 30 **Santa Clarita** - College of the Canyons
South Parking Lot, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road
- April 30 **Unincorporated Lake Los Angeles** - Vista San Gabriel Elementary School, 18020 East Avenue O
- May 7 **Palos Verdes Peninsula** - Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall/ City Yard, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard
- May 14 **Huntington Park** - Huntington Park City Yard, 6900 Bissell Street
- May 21 **West Covina** - West Covina Maintenance Yard, 825 Sunset Avenue
- May 21 **Unincorporated Altadena** - L.A. County Department of Public Works, Fleet Maintenance Yard, 252 West Mountain View Avenue
- May 28 **Maywood** - Maywood Park, 57th Street and Heliotrope Avenue
- June 4 **Irwindale** - L.A. County Department of Public Works, Flood Control Maintenance Yard, 160 East Longden Avenue
- June 11 **Pomona** - LA County Fair, Hotel & Exposition Complex Gate 23, Arrow Highway
- June 12 **Calabasas Landfill** - Calabasas Landfill (Scale Area) 5300 Lost Hills Road
Note: This event is conducted on Sunday.

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TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the County Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Ave., Alhambra.

May 26 | June 16 | July 21

For information, call Tranette Sanders at 626-458-3562, M -Th, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Visit www.lacountyiswmtf.org where you can find agendas, meeting minutes, and copies of the Inside Solid Waste newsletter.



JOIN THE TEAM: If you are interested in participating on the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Public Education Subcommittee or if you would like to submit an article for *Inside Solid Waste*, please contact **Suk Chong** at 626-458-5167, (schong@dpw.lacounty.gov), or **Dena Venegas** at 626-458-3543, (dvenegas@dpw.lacounty.gov). Quarterly meetings are held at the County Public Works Headquarters to discuss and review upcoming newsletters. If you want to be involved or to contribute, please join the Subcommittee!

New Stewardship Models will be Tested with Statewide Carpet and Paint Bills



Last year, California became a pioneer in the field of extended producer responsibility (EPR) by legislating statewide carpet and architectural paint stewardship programs.

EPR recognizes the importance and value of requiring manufacturers of products to have a direct connection and responsibility for the end of life management of their products. Consequently, EPR relieves the burden from consumers and local governments, while providing an incentive for manufacturers to innovate more efficient and environmentally friendly mechanisms for reducing disposal, waste and pollution that may be caused by their products.

According to the California Department of Resources Recovery and Recycling (CalRecycle), carpet makes up "3.2 percent of waste by volume disposed of in California in 2008." The fact that most carpet material is "derived from virgin oil" coupled with the fact that "[s]everal carpet

recycling facilities currently operate in California," presented the ideal scenario for carpet stewardship in California. According to the Carpet America Recovery Effort, the Carpet Product Stewardship bill (AB 2398, 2010 Perez) "represents new thinking in the area of product stewardship in that it incentivizes carpet recycling by rewarding those entrepreneurs and inventors who produce marketable products made from post-consumer carpet." As a result, beginning July 1, 2011, carpet manufacturers will impose a five cent carpet stewardship assessment fee per square yard to the purchase price of carpet to cover the cost of implementing procedures to achieve measurable improvements in the landfill diversion and recycling of postconsumer carpet.

Paint stewardship, like carpet, also provides multiple benefits. The potential toxicity of paint products renders them unsuitable for disposal in a sanitary landfill. To protect the public health and

the environment, post-consumer paint products have been accepted and handled by Household Hazardous Waste collection programs and permanent centers. In fact, architectural paints are both the most voluminous and the most expensive material category for jurisdictions to properly dispose of. With the recent passage of the Paint Recovery Act (AB 1343, 2010 Huffman) jurisdictions look forward to transferring the primary responsibility of collecting, transporting, and processing postconsumer architectural paint to those that benefit from its sale: private industries. The stewardship assessment for paint has not been determined.

CalRecycle anticipates commencing the formal rule making process to adopt regulations associated with the carpet and paint stewardship bills through the Office of Administrative law in April 2011. For up to date information on the proposed regulations please visit <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking/>.

Solid Waste Professionals Say Goodbye to One of Their Own

Officials from Los Angeles County, cities, CalRecycle, and Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich gathered at Christ's Church of the Valley in San Dimas on January 25 to pay tribute to Steve Uselton.

Uselton, a local Section Manager with Cal Recycle's Local Assistance and Market Development Division, and his son, Douglas, lost their lives last December in a car accident.

For the last decade, Uselton led the Local Assistance Office staff in providing excellent service and support to jurisdictions in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force commissioner Mike Mohajer says Uselton will be remembered as a true public servant.

"Uselton went above and beyond the call of duty to support local jurisdictions in expanding waste diversion programs, and he will be missed dearly," Mohajer said.

Tribute attendees were greeted by two refuse trucks with two American flags hung between them. The flags were later presented to Uselton's widow, Desiree, and daughter, Erin. The tribute also included a scroll from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and Task Force Vice Chair and City of Rosemead Council Member Margaret Clark recognizing Uselton's service to jurisdictions in Los Angeles County. The tribute was broadcast to CalRecycle's Sacramento office.

In addition, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, adjourned the



Uselton's widow, Desiree, and daughter Erin outside of memorial.

January 11, 2011 Board meeting in memory of Uselton and his son.

Please visit CalRecycle's online memorial book at <http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/steveuselton/homepage.aspx> to share your memories or express your condolences.

Donations for the family can be sent to:
Oxford Academy Boosters Inc.
Douglas Uselton Memorial Fund
5172 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

Calabasas' 2010 Carl Gibbs Awards

On February 8, 2011, the City of Calabasas' Environmental Commission presented the 2010 Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award to four entities in four different categories.

The 2010 honorees were: California Recycles, Inc. in the category of recycling & waste reduction; Teens Against Toxin, in the category of Public Health; Tree People, in the category of Restoration; and Lupin Hill Elementary School Beautification/Green Team in the category of education and outreach.

The award presented to Ms. Elham Ebiza, CEO of California Recycles, Inc. reads: "In recognition of their commitment to enhance the environment which has been demonstrated by collecting electronic and universal waste, public education and customer service to Calabasas residents, businesses and schools." During the ceremony, a representative of California Senator, Fran Pavley, presented a certificate of appreciation to California Recycles, Inc.

This Los Angeles-based company has provided excellent service to many communities above and beyond their

contractual obligations to local jurisdictions by collecting several hundred thousands of electronics on an annual basis, and by providing customer service to businesses that need a local company to dispose of their electronic waste. California Recycles also provide round ups at schools and community events in various areas within Los Angeles County.

The Environmental Excellence award was established in memory of former Calabasas Environmental Commissioner, Carl Gibbs, an advocate for protecting the environment, preserving natural resources and educating youth. The award is a symbol of commitment to California's environment, and honors a wide array of individuals, businesses, municipalities, government agencies, organizations, and institutions. The Award recognizes voluntary activities by companies and organizations, big or small, private or non-profit, in the City of Calabasas and in California that result in cleaner air or water, less waste, less traffic, conservation of energy and natural resources, efficient and water conserving landscaping, or reduced use of hazardous materials, etc.



WIN ONE FOR THE GIBBER...2010 Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award recipients were recently honored for their efforts to protect the environment, preserve natural resources and educate the youth. The award was established in memory of former Calabasas Environmental Commissioner Carl Gibbs. **Pictured from Left:** Carolyn Coradeschi and Bonnie Latham Lyon of the Lupin Hill Beautification/Green Team, Michelle Smolarsky and Robin Estrim from Teens Against Toxins, Elham Ebiza and Kata Kim from California Recycles Inc., and Chris Imhoff representing Tree People.

California Energy Commission Awards \$4.5M Grant to Southern California Conversion Technology Project

The California Energy Commission recently awarded a \$4.5 million grant to CR&R Incorporated, a solid waste management company based in the City of Perris.

The company will use the funds to develop an anaerobic digestion conversion technology project.

The project would convert 150 tons per day of post-recycled residual solid waste into biogas, using the proprietary ArrowBio anaerobic digestion technology.

Once cleaned, the biogas will be injected into the natural gas pipeline, or upgraded into biomethane and used as a transportation fuel.

The CR&R-ArrowBio project was selected as one of three approved demonstration projects by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in April 2010. The purpose of these projects is to demonstrate the technical, economic, and environmental viability of such facilities in Southern California, and to establish pathways for permitting and financing commercial scale conversion technology projects.

For more information regarding the County's conversion technology program, please visit www.socalconversion.org.

Task Force Encourages Brown To Go Green



Conversion technology infrastructure is a critical component of California's long term environmental and renewable energy goals.

That's the message from the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force to California Governor, Jerry Brown.

In a recent letter to Governor Brown about conversion technology development and its economic and environmental benefits to the state, the Task Force called for the establishment of a statewide framework for regulating and permitting new facilities.

The Task Force also applauded the Governor's goal to produce 20,000 new megawatts of renewable energy in California by 2020 and welcomed the opportunity to collaborate on meeting state environmental goals while encouraging economic development.

A full copy of the letter may be viewed at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Letters/Governor_Brown_02-09-10.pdf.

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amend Section 22248 of Title 27 by removing CDI licensing requirements of captive insurance companies.

Waste Management has not been able to utilize its in-house captive insurance for its landfills due to CDI requirements.

CalRecycle responded in a letter, dated November 29, 2010, that it would facilitate stakeholder input on Waste Management's proposal through its normal regulatory process, which includes informal meetings and public workshops. CalRecycle agreed to commence review of Waste Management's petition, include it as a potential rulemaking package for 2011, and schedule a public workshop in the Spring of 2011.

Currently, landfill owners/operators may choose from several financial assurance mechanisms to demonstrate their ability to cover costs for future closure, postclosure maintenance, and reasonably foreseeable corrective actions. Amongst the options is captive insurance, an in-house insurance coverage provided by a subsidiary to its parent company.

A captive insurer generally operates under fewer restrictions compared to other more standard types of insurance companies and may not necessarily be monitored after obtaining regulatory approvals.

A captive insurer may be able to loan a majority of funds back to the parent company for use in operations regardless of capital and loss reserve requirements. Captive insurance coverage and funds are non-transferable during change of ownership and lack risk transfer in the event either a captive insurer or its parent company files for bankruptcy.

For these reasons, Title 27 was revised in June 2002 to require all issuers of an insurance policy, including captive insurers, to adhere to the CDI licensing requirements.

In its letter to CalRecycle of February 15, 2011, the Task Force said it was "especially concerned" about any proposal that would weaken requirements on captive insurance and requested CalRecycle to keep it apprised of any correspondences, workshops or rulemaking updates regarding the issue.

For a copy of CalRecycle's response to Waste Management's petition, visit <http://www.oal.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/notice/50z-2010.pdf>. For more information, please contact Linda Lee, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, at (626) 458-6973, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., llee@dpw.lacounty.gov, or Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

County's Household Battery Collection Program is AAA Positive

Since its implementation in 2008, the Los Angeles County Household Battery Collection Program has collected over 55,000 pounds of batteries.

State regulations prohibit universal waste such as household batteries from being disposed of in landfills because they contain corrosive chemicals considered hazardous to the environment.

In an effort to educate and encourage residents to properly dispose of their household batteries, County Public Works partnered with the County Public Library, to utilize library locations for the proper collection of household batteries.

Initially, collection tubes for household batteries were placed at 10 library locations and at Library headquarters. Several cities also joined the program by placing collection containers at various facilities, affording their residents additional convenience to dispose of household batteries in a safe and proper manner.

After a very successful launch with over 16,000 thousand pounds of batteries collected, the program was expanded in July of 2010 to include five more library locations.



The program's success was due in part to a proactive public outreach component. Information about the program was distributed to all participating library locations, at outreach events, and on the Public Works environmental programs website.

To find out more about the program and designated collection locations, please visit www.CleanLA.com or Call 1(888) CLEAN LA.

PRINCESS PAPERS INC. RECEIVED \$150,750 LOAN FROM STATE OF CALIFORNIA

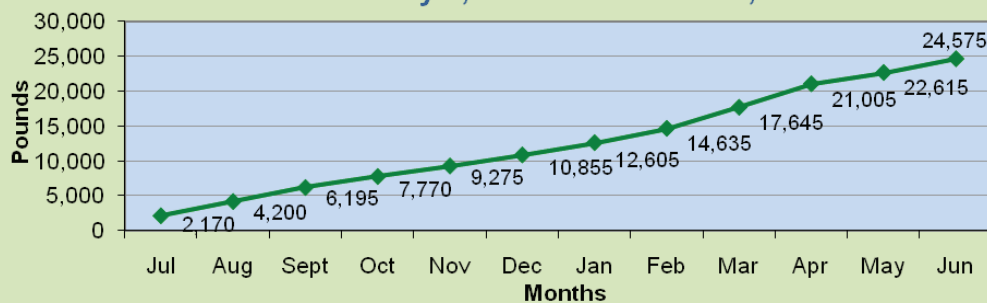
The County's state-sponsored Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program has granted a \$150,750 loan to Princess Papers, Inc., a recycled product converting company in the City of Vernon.

The company, which produces napkins and towels from recycled paper, will use the funds to install a third production line to increase its operational capacity, likely translating in increased employment opportunities and added revenue to the City.

The RMDZ program provides free technical, marketing, and financial assistance to qualified green manufactures and recycling processors. Since the program began in 1994, more than \$20 million of assistance has been loaned to businesses in Los Angeles County RMDZ. The Department of Public Works administers the program throughout unincorporated Los Angeles County as well as the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon.

Interested businesses are encouraged to visit the RMDZ program website, <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/rmdz/> or contact the RMDZ administrator at (626) 458-3551.

**Total Amount of Batteries Collected
July 1, 2009 thru June 31, 2010**





Malibu City Hall Finally Has A Permanent "Green" Home To Call Its Own

Since incorporation in March 1991, Malibu City Hall has never had a home to call its own. But that's about to change.

In the fall of 2009, the City purchased a two-story, 35,000 square foot, multi-use commercial building, located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, for the City's permanent address.

Next began the task of re-designing it to be suitable for municipal operations. First on the City Councils agenda was requiring that the "new" City Hall meet the rigorous environmentally sustainable design, construction and operations standards needed to obtain the Silver certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system that provides third-party verification that a building was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all factors that have the greatest impact on environmental protection such as waste management and reduction.

For example, since the City's renovation included substantial demolition, it was recognized that an effective materials diversion program was necessary. To date, the City's contractor has recycled 96.6% of the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris, which meets the 75% diversion requirement the City

specified. Out of a total of 263.80 tons, 254.89 tons of materials have been recycled so far. The C&D diversion from the landfill exceeds LEED's 95% threshold for credit.

The project which began construction in August 2010 will also house a new Emergency Operation Center and Senior Center. Construction is anticipated to be completed sometime in April.

The City will hold an open house to show off the "new" City Hall during the City's 20th Anniversary celebration on March 28th, immediately following the Council Meeting.

For more information visit the City website at www.ci.malibu.ca.us or contact Rebecca Nelson at (310) 456-2489 ext. 286.



Sowing the Seeds of Urban Greening in the Inner City

A vision to beautify the inner cities will soon come to blossom as the County of Los Angeles plants community gardens at two local schools.

Through a \$435,000 grant, the County Public Works will plant community gardens at Vanguard Learning Center in Willowbrook and Walnut Park Elementary in Walnut Park. The project is part of the County Board of Supervisors efforts to improve inner cities.

The grant, made possible by the Strategic Growth Council of the State of California, will also be used to build Smart Gardening Learning Centers at both schools, where students can learn to

grow their own organic food and compost the food waste back into the garden.

Other features of the gardens include a bio-swale to filter storm runoff, and California native drought-tolerant landscaping. A walking path made from recycled tires will be constructed on the play field at Walnut Park Elementary. Both projects will also benefit the community by providing smart gardening workshops and access to urban green areas to enjoy after hours. The projects are scheduled for construction in 2012.

For more information, contact Wilson Fong, Program Manager at (626) 458-3581, wfong@dpw.lacounty.gov.



County Motor Oil Collection Events

Did you know that just one gallon of motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water? . . . That's a year's supply of water for 50 people.

But fear not, there's a solution. The Los Angeles County Public Works Department is hosting countywide oil collection events.

Residents are invited to recycle used motor oil and oil filters at one of the collection events listed below.

4/16/11

Lakewood O'Reilly Filter Exchange Event

(10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Woodruff Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90713

5/14/11

Lennox Collection Event

(9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

10322 Condon Avenue, Lennox, CA 90304

5/21/11

San Gabriel O'Reilly Filter Exchange Event

(10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

East Las Tunas Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776

For additional information about the program, call 1 (888) CLEAN LA or visit www.cleanla.com for information on upcoming events.



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The school that diverted the most waste from each Supervisorial District over a three-month period received the prestigious award during a recent Board of Supervisors meeting. This year's recipients were:

El Rancho High School,

District 1 (*Supervisor Gloria Molina*)

Jefferson High School,

District 2 (*Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas*)

Paul Revere Charter Middle School,

District 3 (*Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky*)

Hughes Middle School,

District 4 (*Supervisor Don Knabe*)

Luther Burbank Middle School,

District 5 (*County of Los Angeles Mayor Michael D. Antonovich*)

Generation Earth is funded by the LA County Public Works Department. To learn more about the program, visit www.generationearth.com.

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WINNER'S CIRCLE...Calabasas grade-school students pose with their award winning drawings at the 2010 Recycling Drawing Contest award ceremony, held at City Hall. **From Left** Belisa Yu, Khai Berry, Nima Kasmal, Nuphar Ezra, Maureen Raybarn, Emily McGraw, Jenoa Kimbrough, Brooke Flagler (Front Row) Leah Dean, Carley Sanders, Hailey Watts, Rachel Burak, Robert Brooks, Eliana Ariyevich.

Calabasas 2010 Recycling Drawing Contest Winners Announced

The Calabasas Environmental Commission's 5th Annual Recycling Drawing Contest drew more than 250 entries from grades K-8.

Following a review by the commissioners during a public meeting at City Hall, 14 contest winners were selected based on the creativity of their illustration on "Benefits of Electronic Waste Recycling."

Each of the winners read a 2-minute statement on the benefits of e-waste recycling. The most impressive speech was made by Eliana Ariyevich, a 7-year old Bay Laurel Elementary School student, who recited her speech without notes. Here is her presentation:

My name is Eliana. I am 7 years old and I want to live a long and healthy

life. Everyone knows that e-cycling is important. It's not a secret – all second graders know that. Then why don't people e-cycle? Maybe they don't know the 3 W's: what, why and where of e-cycling.

1. *What can be e-cycled? Computer equipment, cell phones, radios, alarm clocks, even hair dryers and electronic toys can be e-cycled.*
2. *Where can you e-cycle? There are many E-waste Collection events around the town, including the ones we have at our school every year. And of course, there is always a nearby Office Depot.*
3. *Why should you e-cycle? Most electronics contain toxic elements, and if they are not e-cycled*

properly, they will pollute our ground, our water and our environment. We will play in polluted playgrounds, drink polluted water, and breathe polluted air. The toxins will make their way into our bodies and will make our lives shorter.

My name is Eliana. I am 7 years old and I want to live a long and healthy life. Don't you?

Each winner received \$25 gift certificate. Also, the winning drawings were featured in the 2011 City of Calabasas Community Recycling Awareness calendar, which was distributed to every school in Calabasas and is available at all City buildings.

For additional information, contact Alex Farassati at 818-224-1600.

CalRecycle Proposes Draft Mandatory Commercial Recycling Regulations, Solicits Input



CalRecycle continues the development of a mandatory commercial recycling measure designed to achieve an annual reduction in the State's greenhouse gas emissions of 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents.

The Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) Measure, adopted in the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Scoping Plan for the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32, Núñez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), will require all businesses, which generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, to recycle their commercial solid waste through source separation or subscription to an alternative recycling service. Business, as defined for this regulation, includes any commercial or public entity and includes multi-family residential dwellings of 16 or more units.

Additionally, the regulations require each jurisdiction to have a commercial recycling program (i.e. policy or ordinance) implemented and to include "identification and monitoring" of businesses and "education and outreach" to those businesses, as well as established enforcement criteria consistent with their authority.

The Task Force expressed concerns that because the MCR regulations are established under the authority of the AB 32 Scoping Plan, it is inappropriate to tie MCR compliance to a jurisdiction's AB 939 compliance. As a result, in the works is a CARB/CalRecycle Enforcement Agreement, which hopefully will alleviate the Task Force's concerns.

The consideration of the proposed MCR regulation has been scheduled for the May 26-27, 2011, CARB Meeting. CARB and CalRecycle anticipate submitting the regulation package to the Office of Administrative Law in early April.

More information can be found at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Climate/Recycling/default.htm> and the proposed draft documents can be found at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/PublicNoticeDetail.aspx?id=332&aiid=319>.

For more information, please contact Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, at (626) 458-5163 or cskye@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

EASIER RIDERS...Fifth graders at Miles Elementary School in Huntington Park recently received new recycling bins donated by Waste Management Company, the city's trash hauler. The school's previous recycling containers had no wheels making it difficult for the children to carry filled containers outside for recycling pickup. Mario Rivas, Huntington Park city recycling manager, said the new containers will make it easier for students to continue to make a difference in their community by saving precious natural resources and landfill space. The bins were purchased through a Keep America Beautiful grant. The children also received recycling booklets and pencils made of recycled materials.



(Photo by Arnold Adler)



MARCH 2011 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

2011-2012 Legislative Session

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 March 2011.

Bill Number	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 341	Concern	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would require CalRecycle, beginning Jan. 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, to ensure that 75% of all solid waste is diverted; provide that Non-Disposal Facility Element updates are not subject to CalRecycle approval or comment/review by a local task force; require jurisdictions establish a mandatory commercial recycling program; require the enforcement agency to give notice of its determination to allow certain changes to the operation of a solid waste facility without a revision to the facility's solid waste facility permit.
AB 525	Support if Amended	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would require CalRecycle to set aside an unspecified percentage of grant funding for local government public works projects that use waste tires. The bill would sunset the grant program on June 30, 2015. Amendments requested related to equitable (per capita) distribution of grant funding for the Los Angeles County region.
AB 789	Support if Amended	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	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. Amendments requested related to equitable (per capita) distribution of grant funding for the Los Angeles County region.
AB 818	Oppose	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would require an owner of a multifamily dwelling, defined as consisting of 5 or more living units, to arrange for recycling services that are appropriate and available for the multifamily dwelling. The Task Force opposed this bill as local governments have the ability to implement multifamily recycling requirements, and the bill would collect additional recyclable materials without addressing the lack of markets for those materials in the State.
AB 1016	Oppose	Assembly Local Government Committee	This bill would provide a nuisance exemption to landfill activities, operations, and facilities, provided certain conditions are met. This bill would require the seller of any residential dwelling in close proximity to a landfill to give written notice to the purchaser before transfer of title that the property is subject to the provisions described above. The Task Force opposed this bill as it would deny the public the ability to file nuisance claims against landfills or their operators.
AB 1303	Support and Amend	Assembly Desk	This bill would extend the sunset date for funding of the Public Interest Research, Development, and Demonstration Program from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2020. Amendments requested related to ensuring the program provides additional support to all conversion technologies.
SB 23	Concern	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	This bill will create an architectural paint recovery program and require architectural paint manufacturers to develop and implement strategies to reduce the generation, promote the reuse, and manage the end-of-life impacts of post consumer paint through collecting, transporting, and processing. It will also prohibit manufacturers or retailers from selling architectural paint in this state, unless the manufacturer is in compliance with this bill.

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SB 23	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations Committee	This bill would revise the 20% RPS implementation date from Dec. 31, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2013 and increase the amount of renewable energy that must be procured to 33% by Dec. 31, 2020. The bill would also perpetuate restrictive requirements that would continue to prohibit municipal solid waste conversion technologies from being classified as "renewable electric generation facilities". This bill is related to SB 23, and was not amended to address the Task Force's concerns.
SB 41	Support if Amended	Senate Health Committee	This bill would 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. This bill also requires pharmacies to provide consumers with prescribed options for the disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes.
SB 515	Support	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	The bill would require a producer, or the household battery stewardship organization, to submit a household battery stewardship plan to CalRecycle by Sept. 30, 2012. Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, the bill would prohibit the selling of household batteries unless the battery is included in a stewardship plan, and the plan is deemed complete by CalRecycle.
SB 568	Support	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would, among other things, prohibit a food vendor from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container beginning Jan. 1, 2013.
SB 771	Support and Amend	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee	This bill would 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; and allow fuel cells and continuous clean renewable energy resources to size the facilities to fully capture the energy potential of the source of waste gas, not just to offset part or all of the customers' load. Amendments requested related to providing the incentive to all conversion technologies.
SB 833	Oppose	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would, beginning Jan. 1, 2012, prohibit an enforcement agency from issuing a Solid Waste Facility Permit if that permit would allow the disposal of solid waste within 500ft of a river that supplies any aquifer that provides drinking water for more than 50,000 persons, or within 1,000ft of a site considered to be sacred and of spiritual importance to a federally recognized Indian tribe. The Task Force opposed this bill as definitions of aquifers and sacred tribal land vary widely, and the bill did not provide any exceptions or process for review.
SB 915	Oppose	Senate Rules Committee	This bill declares the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to require a reduction in plastic bag use. However, the bill would also, among other things, suspend local plastic bag ordinances and prohibit local governments from taking certain actions regarding plastic bags.

For more information on these bills or copies of Task Force letters, please visit the Task Force website, www.lacountyiswmtf.org, or contact Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, at 626-458-5163, M-Th, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Mike Mohajer, Task Force, at 909-592-1147.



CITY OF LOS ANGELES CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION WASTE RECYCLING ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

A new ordinance implemented by the City of Los Angeles will help bring the City closer to reaching its waste diversion goal of 70 percent by 2013.

The Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste recycling ordinance, which took effect January 1, 2011, requires all non-source separated C&D waste generated within the City to be taken to a City Certified Processor instead of a landfill.

The ordinance is expected to result in hundreds of thousands of tons of material being diverted from landfills.

The most common approach to diverting C&D waste to recycling places diversion requirements on the contractor. But given the size of Los Angeles, a city that generates tens of thousands of building permits a year, this approach was neither effective nor feasible.



The City's program takes into consideration the volume of building permits issued and shifts responsibility for the disposition of the waste from the contractor to the waste hauler. This builds on existing programs such as the City Certified Processor and Solid Waste Hauler Permit programs.

Since C&D waste can only be hauled by a Permitted Solid Waste Hauler and only be taken to a City Certified Processor, the City ensures the optimum recycling of C&D waste. City Certified Processors are given facility specific recycling rates based on the percentage of material recycled from the incoming C&D waste, and the facilities are required to maintain recycling rates that will eventually exceed 70%.

To ensure waste haulers are abiding by C&D waste recycling requirements, penalties of up to \$5,000 will be assessed for the unlawful disposition of C&D waste for each load not taken to City Certified Processors.

To learn more about the City's C&D Waste Recycling Ordinance, visit http://www.lacitysan.org/solid_resources/recycling/c&d.htm or contact the Bureau of Sanitation at (213) 485-2260 or by e-mail at SRCRD@lacity.org.



Friday, April 22, 2011, is Earth Day!

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works will celebrate Earth Day 2011 on Friday April 22, with fun-filled activities and events. During the month-long celebration residents will have an opportunity to learn about the County's environmental service programs and receive the tools they need to make greener, more environmentally friendly decisions in their everyday lives.

The original Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin, on April 22, 1970. Since then, Earth Day has inspired millions of people to become more eco-conscious. Earth Day has also laid the foundation for the modern environmental movement and resulted in the passage of landmark environmental legislation including the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

Visit www.CleanLA.com during the month of April for a schedule of events.

Remember to do your part for the environment and make everyday Earth Day.

