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Waste Collection Center Opens

Los Angeles County now boasts its second permanent household hazardous waste and electronic waste collection center.

The new center, located at the EDCO Recycling and Transfer facility in the City of Signal Hill, opened in March following a brief ceremony. The center is a collaborative effort between the County of Los Angeles, the cities of Long Beach and Signal Hill, EDCO, CalRecycle, and the Sanitation Districts of LA County. It provides a free, convenient and environmentally safe way for Los Angeles County residents to drop off such items as unused non-controlled pharmaceuticals, needles and syringes, antifreeze, car batteries, cleaning supplies, cosmetics, used motor oil, pesticides, household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, TVs, computers, VCRs, stereos, and cell phones. Pictured following the ceremony are, from left, County Public Works Director Gail Farber, EDCO President and CEO Steve South, County Sanitation District Chief Engineer and General Manager Grace Chan, Linda Burr, EDCO founder Ed Burr, Cole Burr and County Supervisor Don Knabe.

CSAC and LA County Co-Sponsor Conversion Technology Bill

Los Angeles County and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) recently co-sponsored legislation with a goal to establish a clear permitting pathway to encourage the development of conversion technologies in the State.

State Senator Ricardo Lara (District 33) introduced Senate Bill 804 on February 22, 2013 with the intent to establish clear science based definitions for thermal, chemical, mechanical and/or biological conversion technologies, which are capable of converting post-recycled residual solid waste into useful products and chemicals, green fuels and clean renewable energy.

The Task Force has been an ardent supporter of conversion technologies for over a decade and regards these technologies as innovative landfill alternatives and a potentially viable component of the State's integrated waste management system. In 1999, the Task Force successfully made a recommendation to the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to support these technologies. This initial support propelled an effort by the County and the Task Force to successfully implement a countywide program to evaluate and encourage the development of these technologies.

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Weekly Hazardous Waste Roundups Accept Most Consumer Electronics with a Circuit Board

Household Hazardous Waste/ Electronic Waste Roundups are conducted on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 1 (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652), or visit www.CleanLA.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Collection Centers

City of Los Angeles Permanent Collection Centers are open on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted. For information, call 1 (800) 98-TOXIC (988-6942).

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 For more information, call County Public Works at 1 (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652)



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L.A. County Bag Ordinance Prevails Again

On February 21, 2013, The Second District Court of Appeal issued a decision upholding Los Angeles County's ordinance banning single use plastic bags and the required 10 cent charge for paper bags.

The judges, in a 3-0 decision, affirmed a decision by Superior Court Judge James Chalfant regarding the suit brought by Hilex Poly, the nation's largest plastic bag manufacturer, finding that the County ordinance does not violate Proposition 26.

In his ruling, Superior Court Judge James Chalfant ruled that the 10 cent charge was neither a "general tax" imposed for governmental purposes nor a "special tax" collected by the County for a specific purpose. The Court of Appeal agreed, finding that because the paper bag charge is payable to and retained by an affected store and is not remitted to the County, it is not a tax under Proposition 26. Hilex

Poly indicated that it intends to file an appeal to the California Supreme Court.

LA County's Plastic and Paper Carryout Bag Ordinance went into effect in July 2011 at large stores and January 2012 for smaller stores in the unincorporated areas. Affected stores providing paper carryout bags are required to charge consumers 10 cents for each paper carryout bag and make reusable bags available.

To date, 50 cities and counties around the nation have enacted similar laws. Several bills restricting carryout bag usage at retail stores are also currently

under development in both houses of the state legislature (see Legislative Update for more information on these and other bills).

For more information on the County Bag Ordinance, visit www.AboutTheBag.com or call 1 (888) CLEAN LA. Follow us on Twitter @CleanLA for the latest reusable bag giveaway events.



Conversion Technology Bill

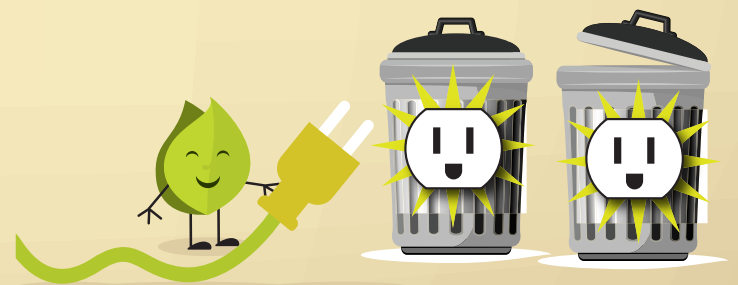
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Last September, L.A. County Board of Supervisor Don Knabe (4th District) introduced a motion directing the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and Chief Executive Office to pursue legislation creating a permitting pathway for conversion technologies in California and ensuring they receive appropriate incentives for producing renewable energy, reducing landfill disposal and producing low carbon fuels. The motion, which was unanimously approved, led to the introduction of SB 804.

California is long overdue to establish a pathway for the development of new technologies to manage our residual waste more effectively. The economic and environmental benefits of conversion technologies have now been well documented in other countries, and the first commercial scale conversion technology facilities have already begun operation in other States in the U.S.

without legislative action, California will quickly fall behind other States. The Task Force encourages anyone interested in the development of conversion technologies to get engaged in the effort to pass SB 804.

For more information regarding SB 804 and conversion technologies, please contact Coby Skye at cskye@dpw.lacounty.gov or visit www.SoCalConversion.org.





Update on Odor Mitigation Efforts at Sunshine Canyon Landfill

In response to an increase in the number of odor complaints and public nuisance violations due to odors at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has requested and the SCAQMD Hearing Board has issued several Orders for Abatement to address the odors.

Most recently, and in an effort to further mitigate the trash and landfill gas odors from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, in July 2012, per SCAQMD's request, the Hearing Board issued an amended Order for Abatement imposing additional requirements beyond those in the previous Orders for Abatement and SCAQMD rules.

This latest amended Order for Abatement requires implementation of additional mitigation measures to further improve the landfill gas collection system and its collection efficiency, as well as other measures to mitigate odors from the landfill. In addition, the latest amended Order for Abatement includes a timeline by which the landfill

operator is required to install another new flare no later than August 1, 2013, and to achieve a minimum landfill gas collection rate.

While significant infrastructure improvements have been implemented at the Landfill, odors continue to impact the nearby community. In a concerted effort to reduce odors emanating from the Landfill, regulatory agencies, including SCAQMD, the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, and County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works have formed an Inter-Agency Working Group which meets regularly and is currently finalizing

recommendations for additional mitigation measures for implementation at the Landfill to supplement the existing improvements already in place and those being implemented.

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force has been closely monitoring the implementation of all mitigation measures, and will continue to follow the progress of these efforts until the odor issues are resolved.

For any questions, please contact Emiko Thompson of County Public Works at (626) 458-3521 or ethomp@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



DEADLINE LOOMING FOR AB 341 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE 75% DIVERSION GOAL BY 2020

At its March 21, 2013 meeting, the Task Force discussed a pending report regarding how the State will achieve 75% waste diversion through source reduction, recycling, and composting.

The California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is required to submit the report to the State Legislature by January 1, 2014, as required under Assembly Bill 341 (Chapter 476 of the State Statute of 2011). According to statements made by CalRecycle staff, their top priorities are to divert all organics out of landfills and to eliminate the diversion credit for utilizing green material as alternative daily cover (ADC). This could have significant financial and practical impacts on jurisdictions' compliance with AB 939. Additionally, as indicated by Calrecycle, conversion technologies will not be eligible for diversion credit toward the 75% goal.

In addition, CalRecycle continues to work with material recovery facilities (MRFs) throughout the State to identify what is being recovered at these facilities. They are seriously considering specifying the type and percentage of materials MRFs may be required to recover in the future, as part of their plan to develop regulations to achieve the goal of 75% waste diversion through source reduction, recycling, and composting.

On May 9, 2012, CalRecycle released the draft Report that suggested monumental structural and legislative changes to the way solid waste has been managed in California for the last several decades. Since then, CalRecycle has conducted a number of workshops, but no updates to the draft Report has been shared with the public. The Task Force submitted comments on the draft Report in May 2012, expressing concerns with a number of the proposals outlined in the draft Report, but have not received a response to those comments.

It was recently reported by CalRecycle officials that, at this time, CalRecycle does not intend to release a revised draft of the Report to the public before presenting it to the Legislature. Considering the significant impact these proposals could have on local jurisdictions and the State as a whole, on April 11, 2013, the Task Force forwarded a letter to CalRecycle requesting that the agency provide an opportunity for stakeholders to review and provide comments on the final draft of the Report prior to it being submitted to the Legislature for further action.

The Task Force is also urging local governments and other stakeholders to contact CalRecycle and request that they allow an opportunity to view and comment on the final draft Report prior to its submittal to the Legislature. Click on the link to view the Task Force April 11, 2013 letter http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Letters/AB341_Report_Legislature_04-11-13.pdf.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 952-1147.





Statewide Composting Regulations in Final Stages

On February 28, 2013, CalRecycle released a consolidated set of draft regulations that included changes made in response to comments they received on the initial discussion draft text.

A workshop was held on March 18, 2013, to discuss the draft text and revisions to the document. The revisions include adding, removing, and editing specific definitions with regards to different types of composting activities. For example, in-vessel digestion is now defined as a combination of transfer processing and compostable material handling activities that include anaerobic digestible material at Public Owned Treatment Works (POTW), dairy digestion operations, agricultural material derived from agricultural sites and returned to the same site, as well as research in-vessel operations.

Both composting activities and in-vessel digestion will need to obtain a Compostable Materials Handling Facility Permit pursuant to the requirements of Titles 14 and 27, California Code of Regulations. This permit will fall in one of the four regulatory tiers which include: the excluded tier, the enforcement notification tier, the registration permit tier, and the full solid waste facility permit. Each composting facility is proposed to be categorized based on quantities received as well as the nature of the feedstock.

In October 2012, CalRecycle released its initial draft odor concept which was commented on by the public. CalRecycle revised the concept and released the new odor proposal on February 28, 2013. The Enforcement Agency (EA) may issue a Notice and Order requiring the operator to take additional reasonable and feasible measures to minimize odors only after considering the results of a Best Management Practices Feasibility Report.

This Report will include data on potential on-site odor sources, including odor severity, characteristics, as well as time and weather conditions, and must be reviewed and approved by both CalRecycle and the EA. The EA in consultation with CalRecycle will request changes or may approve and direct the plan to be implemented. CalRecycle plans to host one last workshop that will be announced at a future date that will allow for additional commenting and discussion on the document.

The State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) released a draft Order, Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), on Aug 7, 2012, which detailed the environmental impacts related to the discharge of waste at compost facilities.

The Task Force sent a letter to the SWRCB with comments on the initial study/mitigated negative declaration. The November 6, 2012, meeting which would have discussed and potentially adopted the IS/MND was canceled by the SWRCB and has not been rescheduled.

The Task Force generally supports CalRecycle and the SWRCB in their efforts, however expressed the need for coordinated efforts among the regulatory agencies to ensure the regulations are applied uniformly to all technologies as they pertain to solid waste, and that health and safety are not compromised in any way.

For more information, please contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147 or MikeMohajer@yahoo.com, or Wu Tan of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works at wtan@dpw.lacounty.gov, or visit http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/compost/ and <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking/Compost/default.htm>.



GREENING EFFORTS RECOGNIZED BY LOCAL LEADERS

Students and teachers from five schools were recently recognized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for reducing waste on their school campuses.

Overall, students diverted 68,600 pounds of waste during a three-month period as part of the 2012 Battle of the Schools competition. The competition included conducting a waste audit, analyzing the impact of pollution on their campus, and implementing source reduction such as recycling.

This year's recipients were: Humanitas Academy of Art and Technology, Los Angeles; Jefferson High School, Los Angeles; Palisades Charter High School, Pacific Palisades; Hughes Middle School, Long Beach; and San Gabriel Christian School, San Gabriel.

This is the third consecutive year that Hughes Middle School, Palisades Charter High School and San Gabriel Christian School received the award. The annual competition, hosted by Generation Earth, an environmental education program that provides students an opportunity to take an active role in solving environmental programs, was open to all middle and high school students.

Generation Earth is funded and managed by the LA County Public Works. To learn more about the program, visit www.generationearth.com or contact Edna Gandarilla at (626) 458-6536.



Supervisor Gloria Molina and First District award recipients from Humanitas Academy of Art and Technology, from left, Principal Deborah Thompson, Mateo Salgado, teacher Afrodita Fuentes, Diana Zamora, Diana Correa, and Jazmin Castaneda.



Supervisor Don Knabe and Fourth District award recipients from Hughes Middle School, from left, Kim Peterson, Allison Leang, Cassidy Hunt, Eric Estrada, Kimberly Amaya, Cathy Procipio, and Antoni Jorgensen.



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and Fifth District award recipients from San Gabriel Christian School, from left, Annie Yerevanian, Allyson Wei, teacher Clarence Atwater, Nikita Tsai, Dominic Mercado, and Thomas Holmes.



Supervisor Zev Yaroslowsky and Third District award recipients from Palisades Charter High, from left, environmental science teacher Steve Engelmann and Diane Dallal.

Update on Paint Take-Back Program

On March 26, 2013 the City of Pasadena hosted Southern California's Household Hazardous Waste Information Exchange meeting.

Paul Fresina, PaintCare Senior Director of Operations and Communications gave a brief update on PaintCare's current status. Mr. Fresina stated that a total of 383 retail (paint) stores in California were collecting paint as part of the Paint Stewardship Program. He also confirmed that ten jurisdictions or governing bodies had signed contracts with PaintCare; in Southern California the signed contracts included the Counties of Kern and San Bernardino; and San Diego's Regional Solid Waste Association. Additionally, Riverside County's contract was pending.



At this time however, the County of Los Angeles is working to resolve issues with the drafted PaintCare contract to feasibly establish an agreement for the paint collected through the County's mobile collection events and permanent collection centers. The County is working in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles and the Sanitation Districts and their counsel to craft language that would alleviate liability issues on the County. Once a mutual agreement is reached, the County hopes to potentially reduce its paint disposal costs.

On September 2010, Assembly Bill 1343, was enacted and is the first major extended producer responsibility law in California. PaintCare is an industry sponsored paint stewardship company established to manage the reuse, recycling and proper disposal of unused architectural paint in California. For more information on paint drop-off locations and program details, please visit www.PaintCare.org or call (855) 724-6809. For information on LA County's Household Hazardous Waste Management Program and other environmental programs, visit www.CleanLA.com or call toll free 1(888) Clean LA

County of Los Angeles – 67 Paint Care Drop-off Sites

Paint is accepted during store hours only or as noted. Limit = gallons per visit. *Please call stores before dropping off paint. Updates to this list are posted at paintcare.org/ca

Name	Limit	Address	City	Zip	Telephone
Dunn-Edwards	20	11645 South St.	Artesia	90701	562-809-4667
Sherwin Williams	5	11405 Artesia Blvd	Artesia	90701	562-924-4268
Shilpark Paint	20	11521 Artesia Blvd	Artesia	90701	562-924-0292
Acrylatex Coatings & Recycling	500	1000 W Kirkwall Rd	Azusa	91702	626-812-0191
Sherwin Williams	5	6849 Topanga Canyon Blvd	Canoga Park	91303	818-715-9863
Sherwin-Williams	5	21021 Soledad Canyon Rd	Canyon Country	91351	661-260-1581
Vista Paint	20	10717 E South St	Cerritos	90703	526-866-1200
Sherwin Williams	5	10230 Mason Ave	Chatsworth	91311	818-885-1651
Sherwin-Williams	5	1165 Wright Way	City Of Industry	91748	909-598-5504
Dunn-Edwards	20	5777 W Washington Blvd	Culver City	90232	323-935-0487
Sherwin-Williams	5	5756 Mesmer Ave	Culver City	90230	310-390-7736
Sherwin-Williams	5	9788 Firestone Blvd	Downey	90241	562-862-6024
Scotch Paint	100	555 W 189th St	Gardena	90248	310-329-1259
Sherwin-Williams	5	17500 S Main St	Gardena	90248	310-329-0831
Dunn-Edwards	20	501 East Broadway	Glendale	91205	818-243-6211
Sherwin Williams	5	1000 E Colorado St	Glendale	91205	818-242-2647
Vista Paint	20	420 E Colorado St	Glendale	91205	818-937-9004
Dunn-Edwards	20	630 S Grand Ave	Glendora	91740	626-335-7900
Super Hardware (Mission Ace)	5	531 S Glendora Ave	Glendora	91741	626-914-7980
Dunn-Edwards	20	15300 Hawthorn Blvd	Lawndale	90260	310-219-2112
Shilpark Paint	20	15617 Hawthorne Blvd	Lawndale	90260	310-676-6760
Vista Paint	20	16325 Hawthorne Blvd	Lawndale	90260	310-371-3713
Dunn-Edwards	20	2211 N Bellfower Blvd	Long Beach	90815	562-494-2718
Sherwin Williams	5	1168 Harbor Ave	Long Beach	90813	562-432-7961
Vista Paint	100	3405 E Artesia Blvd	Long Beach	90805	562-531-8038
Dunn-Edwards	20	11710 Santa Monica Blvd	Los Angeles	90025	310-481-0841
Dunn-Edwards	20	2001 S Hoover St	Los Angeles	90007	213-747-9441
Dunn-Edwards	20	7003 Topanga Canyon Blvd	Los Angeles	91303	818-598-0401
Dunn-Edwards	20	7064 W Sunset Blvd	Los Angeles	90028	323-469-1743
Frazee Paint	5	805 N Highland	Los Angeles	90038	323-467-2468
Sherwin-Williams	5	1367 Venice Blvd	Los Angeles	90006	213-365-2471
Sherwin-Williams	*5	883 N Western Ave	Los Angeles	90029	323-460-2011

Name	Limit	Address	City	Zip	Telephone
Vista Paint	*20	4225 W Pico Blvd	Los Angeles	90019	323-954-8611
Dunn-Edwards	20	4869 E Slauson Ave	Maywood	90270	323-560-4400
Dunn-Edwards	20	15335 Chatsworth St	Mission Hills	91345	818-361-8632
Vista Paint	100	11034 Sepulveda Blvd	Mission Hills	91345	818-837-9503
Sherwin Williams	5	11305 Magnolia Ave	N Hollywood	91601	818-762-1229
Sherwin-Williams	5	8311 Haskell Ave	North Hills	91343	818-891-0518
Dunn-Edwards	20	12861 Sherman Way	North Hollywood	91605	818-764-3945
Dunn-Edwards	20	9167 Reseda Blvd	Northridge	91325	818-727-0594
Dunn-Edwards	20	12125 Imperial Hwy	Norwalk	90650	562-864-7162
Dunn-Edwards	20	730 W Rancho Vista Blvd	Palmdale	93551	661-224-1988
Sherwin-Williams	5	550 W Avenue P	Palmdale	93551	661-947-6748
Sherwin-Williams	5	7613 Somerset Blvd	Paramount	90723	562-531-1850
Dunn-Edwards	20	3897 E Colorado Blvd	Pasadena	91107	626-577-0880
Dunn-Edwards	20	3574 Rosemead Blvd	Rosemead	91770	626-312-5152
Vista Paint	20	173 N Village Ct	San Dimas	91773	909-599-6803
Super Hardware Inc	5	501 W Valley Blvd	San Gabriel	91776	626-284-7021
Vista Paint	20	20655 Soledad Canyon Rd	Santa Clarita	91351	661-424-0603
Sherwin Williams	5	816 Pico Blvd	Santa Monica	90405	310-399-0157
Vista Paint	20	5840 Sepulveda Blvd	Sherman Oaks	91411	818-787-7991
Sherwin-Williams	5	1000 E Willow St	Signal Hill	90755	562-490-3337
Smith Paint	20	2875 Cherry Ave	Signal Hill	90755	562-595-4761
Dunn-Edwards	20	25520 The Old Rd	Stevenson Ranch	91381	661-255-5301
Dunn-Edwards	20	4127 Pacific Coast Hwy	Torrance	90505	310-378-0740
Sherwin-Williams	5	1731 Crenshaw Blvd	Torrance	90501	310-320-4973
Dunn-Edwards	20	6315 Sepulveda Blvd	Van Nuys	91411	818-902-1908
Frazee Paint	5	15725 Saticoy St	Van Nuys	91406	818-785-3003
Glidden Professional	5	7554 Van Nuys Blvd	Van Nuys	91405	818-997-7072
Shilpark Paint	20	6254 Sepulveda Blvd	Van Nuys	91411	818-988-4985
Dunn-Edwards	20	2824 E Garvey Ave S	W Covina	91791	626-966-3625
Sherwin-Williams	5	1705 W Garvey Ave N	W Covina	91790	626-960-0806
Vista Paint	20	235 N Azusa Ave	W Covina	91791	626-966-1203
Dunn-Edwards	20	14870 Whittier Blvd	Whittier	90605	562-945-0823
Vista Paint	20	22504 Ventura Blvd	Woodland Hills	91367	818-876-0290

Sweeping Waste Bill Reintroduced to State Legislature

Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro (D-North Coast) recently introduced a bill that would have far-reaching impact on the management of solid waste in California and that is strongly opposed by the Task Force.

Assembly Bill 323 (AB 323), introduced on February 12, 2013, would among other things, eliminate solid waste diversion credit for the use of green waste as alternative daily cover (ADC); require so-called and undefined “large-quantity commercial organics generator” that generates “significant amounts” (undefined) of organic waste to arrange for separate collection of these waste materials and divert them from landfill disposal through recycling and/or composting; and broaden the definition of a “business” that would be subject to the State’s recently implemented mandatory commercial recycling law.

Chesbro introduced a similar bill (AB 2670) during the 2011/2012 legislative session that was stopped by local agencies and other affected stakeholders including the Task Force.

The Task Force opposes AB 323 as currently drafted, including the elimination of diversion credit for green waste used as ADC. The Task Force believes that prior to phasing out the use of green waste as ADC, an alternative organics management infrastructure and markets for the end products must be developed, a critical issue that AB 323 has failed to address. Accordingly, the Task Force has urged the State to consider providing economic and other incentives as well as removing legislative and regulatory barriers that currently impede a viable alternative organics management infrastructure such as conversion technologies.

Furthermore, the Task Force believes the lack of clear definitions for key terms within the bill can prove to be problematic if not properly addressed. For instance, the bill would require large-quantity organics generators to arrange for separate organics collection and recycling and/or composting services. However, the absence of a clear definition of “organics” would lead one to assume that all organics are included in the definition and requirement, including “compostable organics” such as green waste, food scraps, etc., and “non-compostable organics” such as those with fossil fuel origin. Moreover, while “large-quantity commercial generator” is defined as a business that generates “significant” amounts of organic waste, the term “significant” is not defined. Lastly, recycling and/or composting services for such separately collected organics are not well developed or widely available throughout the State potentially resulting in significant costs to separate materials that would simply be disposed of.

The Task Force urges legislators, local agencies and other affected stakeholders to express their opposition to this latest attempt at restricting the flexibility of local jurisdictions to manage a very large portion of their waste.

For more information please contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.





MARCH 2013 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 pending legislation the Task Force has taken a position on through March 2013.

Bill Number/Author	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 158 Levine	Support	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would prohibit specified stores from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer and would require those stores to meet requirements regarding providing recycled paper bags, compostable bags or reusable bags.
AB 323 Chesbro	Oppose	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would require CalRecycle to develop regulations that would state that the use of green material as alternative daily cover does not constitute diversion. Additionally, the bill requires "large" (undefined) commercial businesses generating "significant" (undefined) of "organic" (undefined) waste to divert these materials from landfill disposal through recycling and/or composting.
AB 403 Stone	Support	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee	This bill would require a producer of home-generated sharps or a stewardship organization to submit a home-generated sharps stewardship plan that provides for the development and implementation of a recovery program for used sharps.
AB 488 Williams	Support	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	The bill would require a producer of single-use primary household batteries or a single-use primary household battery stewardship organization created by one or more producers to submit a single-use primary household battery stewardship plan to CalRecycle
AB 513 Frazier	Support	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would require CalRecycle to award grants to cities, counties, and other local government agencies for the funding of public works projects that utilize rubberized asphalt concrete.
AB 794 Gorell	Watch	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would exempt CEQA requirements for a project that takes landfill materials/organic waste and converts them into renewable energy if the lead agency finds that the project will result in a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Bill Number/Author	Task Force Position	Status	Summary
AB 997 Chesbro	Watch	Assembly Natural Resources Committee	This bill would define the term “anaerobic digestion,” for purposes of the act, as a process using the bacterial breakdown of compostable organic material in a controlled environment that meets the parameters that may be established by the department, and would revise the definition of the term “composting” to include anaerobic digestion.
SB 254 Hancock	Watch	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would require a manufacturer of mattresses sold in the state or stewardship organization to provide a plan to CalRecycle that ensures that the manufacturer/organization will be responsible for the collection/recycling of used mattresses.
SB 405 Padilla	Support	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would prohibit specified stores from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer and would require those stores to meet requirements regarding providing recycled paper bags, compostable bags or reusable bags.
SB 529 Leno	Support if Amended	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would prohibit a fast food facility from distributing disposable food service packaging or a single-use carryout bag to a customer, unless the packaging/bag meets specified criteria for compostable or recyclable packaging.
SB 700 Wolk	Oppose	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee	This bill would require a retail establishment, as defined, to collect a charge of \$0.05 for each single-use carryout bag provided to a customer. The bill would require the retail establishment to retain \$0.005 of that charge and would allow a retail establishment to retain an additional \$0.005 if the retail establishment credits the consumer no less than \$0.05 for each carryout bag provided by the consumer for packaging his or her purchases, and meets other requirements.
SB 727 Jackson	Watch	Senate Environmental Quality Committee	This bill would require a producer of a pharmaceutical of a covered drug from selling or distributing that pharmaceutical unless it is included in a product stewardship plan approved by CalRecycle and operated by a producer individually or through a stewardship organization.
SB 804 Lara	Watch	Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communication	This bill would make a statement of legislative intent regarding the development of waste conversion technology facilities.

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