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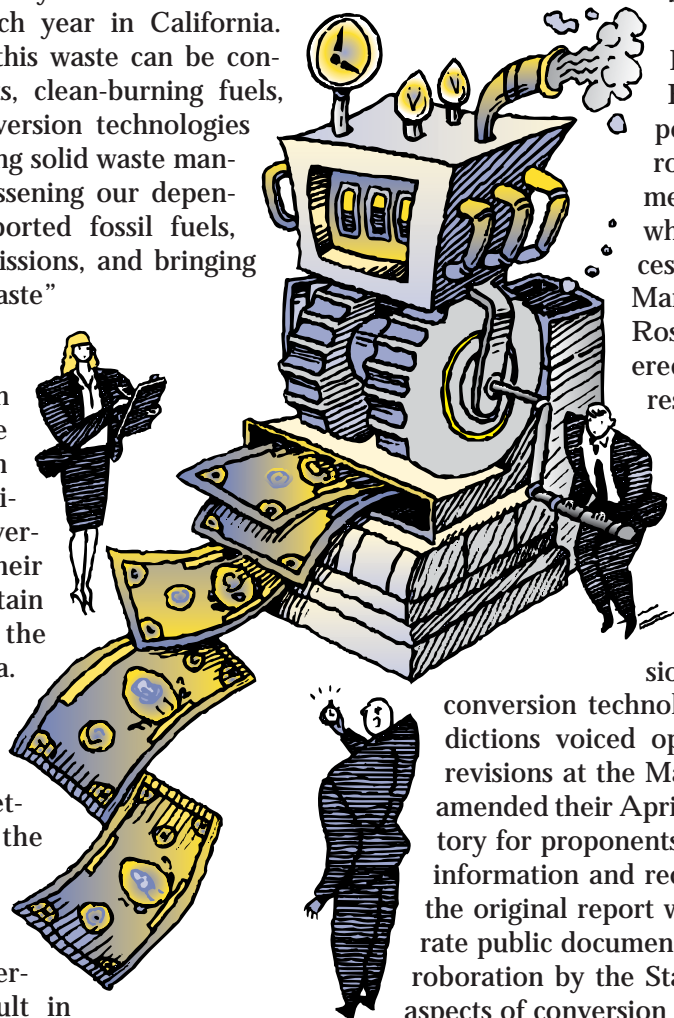
The Task Force has been a consistent advocate for evaluating and implementing conversion technologies as an alternative to landfilling and incineration for many years. Currently, 40 million tons of residual solid waste (the material remaining after recyclables have been extracted) are landfilled each year in California. Instead of being landfilled, this waste can be converted into useable products, clean-burning fuels, and renewable energy. Conversion technologies can address the State's growing solid waste management needs, including lessening our dependence on landfills and imported fossil fuels, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and bringing our State closer to a "zero waste" sustainable future.

AB 2770, signed into law in 2002, directed the Waste Board to conduct studies in order to determine the environmental feasibility of conversion technologies, assess their relative impacts, and ascertain their potential affect on the recycling market in California. On March 15, 2005, the Waste Board capped off the results of a two-year effort involving two studies completed in conjunction with the Universities of California at Riverside and Davis, and adopted a comprehensive report which found that conversion technologies "can result in substantial environmental benefits for California" while complementing and enhancing California's recycling market. The report helped to place conversion technolo-

gy in the proper perspective; it recommended a number of sound and impartial improvements that would allow the legislature and other decision makers to consider conversion technology based on the merits of its relative benefits and impacts.

However, on April 19, the Waste Board buckled under intense political pressure from an environmental group and certain key members of the State legislature who held up the confirmation process of Waste Board Chair Rosario Marin and Waste Board Member Rosalie Mule unless they "reconsidered" the adopted report. As a result of this pressure, the Waste Board voted to remove any information or recommendation not specifically required in AB 2770, purging significant portions from the report including a recommendation to consider providing diversion credit to jurisdictions utilizing

conversion technology. Because many local jurisdictions voiced opposition and concern to these revisions at the May 11 meeting, the Waste Board amended their April 19 decision. In a significant victory for proponents of conversion technologies, the information and recommendations eliminated from the original report will be made available in a separate public document, providing an independent corroboration by the State Waste Board to the positive aspects of conversion technologies the Task Force had been promoting. The Task Force would like to thank cities and all other groups and individuals who sent let-



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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 **True Pawluk** at (626) 458-2112, or tpawluk@ladpw.org. Quarterly meetings are held at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Headquarters to discuss and review upcoming newsletters. If you feel you have something to contribute why not become a member of the Subcommittee?

KEY BILLS CONSIDERED IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

The Task Force continuously monitors and analyzes pending legislative bills that may have an impact on the solid waste management community. If a bill is deemed significant, the Task Force will send a letter of support or opposition to positively affect the final outcome of adopted legislative proposals. During the current legislative session (2005-2006), the Task Force has thus far taken a position on the following Bills:

Bill	Position	Bill Version	Summary
AB 338	Support	4-19-05	Increases use of crumb rubber by Caltrans
AB 399	Oppose (unless amended)	5-11-05	Mandates on-site apartment recycling
AB 574	Support (if Amended)	4-14-05	Restrict the use of recycled concrete by Caltrans
AB 1001	Support	4-19-05	Increase use of recycled aggregate base by Caltrans
AB 1090	Support	2-22-05	Conversion technology support
AB 1193	Support	2-22-05	Requires a return mechanism for all mass mailings of CDs/DVDs
SB 411	Oppose	4-26-05	Prohibits the use of green waste as alternative daily cover
SB 420	Oppose	3-29-05	Increase the 50% diversion requirement to 75% by 2015
SB 926	Oppose	5-09-05	Prohibits importation of sewage sludge to Kern County
SB 1106	Support	4-13-05	Requires State agencies to allocate half of their purchasing budget towards the purchase of recycled products

For more information on these bills or copies of related Task Force letters, please contact Coby Skye of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at (626) 458-5163, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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ters of support to the Waste Board and spoke at the May 11 meeting. Because of the hard work of local jurisdictions, agencies, and non-profit organizations, conversion technologies are gradually becoming a reality.

Our next step is to continue advocating for passage of legislation, such as AB 1090, that advances the development of conversion technology. AB 1090, written based in part on the recommendations of the original report, would correct inaccurate definitions of conversion technologies in the current statute and provide jurisdictions utilizing conversion technology facilities with diversion

credit, an important financial and regulatory incentive for facility development. Joint legislative committee hearings for AB 1090 are scheduled to be held this summer and/or this fall, and it will take significant grassroots support to overcome entrenched opposition to this Bill. The Task Force asks that stakeholders continue to send letters to their state representatives expressing support of conversion technology, and legislation like AB 1090 that will help make conversion technologies a reality in California the way they have become a reality in Europe and Japan. For more information, please contact Mike Mohajer at (909) 592-1147 or via e-mail at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com.

There are five permanent collection centers where L.A. County residents can dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste.

Materials such as paint, motor oil, anti-freeze, cleaning products, and pesticides can be taken to any of the five locations. Electronic waste will also be accepted including computers, monitors, printers, televisions, and cell phones.

Please read each permanent center description below for details or call 1-800-98-TOXIC or 1(888)CLEAN-LA for more information.

GAFFEY STREET COLLECTION CENTER
1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro, CA 90021
Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT
7660 W. Imperial Highway, Gate B
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293
Open Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

WASHINGTON BOULEVARD COLLECTION CENTER
2649 E. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021
Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

RANDALL STREET S.A.F.E. CENTER
11025 Randall St., Sun Valley, CA 91352
Open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

UCLA LOCATION
550 Charles E. Young Dr. West
Los Angeles, CA 90095
Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Electronic waste accepted on Saturdays only

What's Up?

HHW ROUNDUPS are open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. For more information, call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, at **1(888)CLEAN-LA (253-2652)**. For information about City of Los Angeles events call **1(800)98-TOXIC (988-6942)**.

- July 23 **Norwalk/Cerritos** - Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd., Stadium Parking lot
- July 30 **Glendora** - Citrus College, Barranca Ave.
north of Alost, Stadium Parking lot
- August 6 **Whittier** - Rio Hondo College
3600 Workman Mill Road
Parking Lot A
- August 13 **Arcadia** - Santa Anita Race Track, Gate 6
Colorado Place
- August 13 **Sierra Madre** - Mariposa Ave. Parking
9am - 2pm Lot, Mariposa Ave. just west of Baldwin Ave.
- August 20 **Downey** - Columbus Continuation High School
12330 Woodruff Ave.
- August 27 **South Gate** - South Gate Park
Tweedy Blvd. at Hildreth Ave.
- Sept. 10 **Burbank** - Burbank Fire Department Training
Center, 1845 Ontario St.
- Sept. 17 **Alhambra** - Los Angeles County
Department of Public Works Headquarters
900 S. Fremont Ave.
- Sept. 17 **South Pasadena** - South Pasadena Unified
9am - 2pm School District Headquarters Parking Lot on
Diamond Ave. and Mission St.
- Sept. 24 **Covina** - Walmart
1275 Azusa Ave.
Overflow Parking lot North of Arrow Hwy.

TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra.

August 18 - 1 p.m.
 September 15 - 1 p.m.
 October 20 - 1 p.m.

All meetings are in Conference Room B.

For information call Andrea Wong at (626) 458-3547. M -Th, 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Looking for up-to-date information about the Task Force?

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

Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center

You might have already heard about the new permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) center which is about to open at the Antelope Valley Public Landfill in the City of Palmdale on August 20, 2005. The center, called the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC), was established to replace the mobile HHW collection events conducted in the Antelope Valley each March and October. The AVECC is a joint

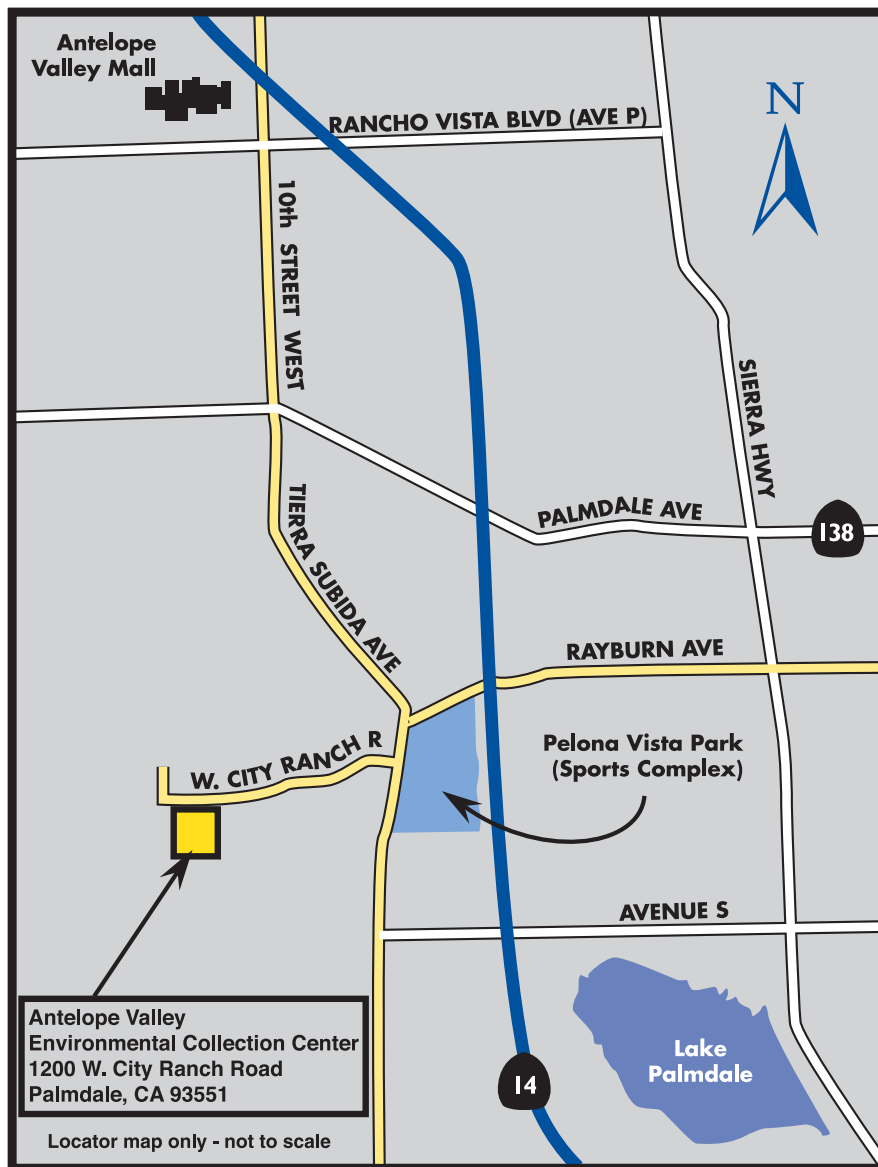
partnership between the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the County of Los Angeles, Supervisor Antonovich's office, and Waste Management, Inc. The Center will provide a safe, efficient and convenient method for the residents of Antelope Valley to drop-off their Household Hazardous Waste and electronic waste without charge.

AVECC address:

**Antelope Valley Public Landfill
1200 West City Ranch Road
Palmdale, CA 93551**

The Center's operating days and hours are:

**1st and 3rd Saturday of each month
From 9 am to 3 pm**



Countywide Siting Element and Summary Plan To be Revised

The County of Los Angeles has initiated the process to amend the Countywide Siting Element and Summary Plan. These key policy documents are part of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP). They describe the steps that will be taken by jurisdictions, acting independently and in concert, to achieve the 50 percent waste reduction mandate, and how the residual solid waste (waste that remains after all recycling activities have occurred) will be handled Countywide for the next 15 years.

The need to amend the documents was based on a Five-Year Review Report of the CoIWMP approved by the Waste Board in September 2004. The Report concluded that the Siting Element and Summary Plan are to be revised for several reasons, including the necessity to remove the previously proposed Elsmere and Blind Canyon landfill sites from the list of future landfill sites, and to re-evaluate the

goals and policies of the Summary Plan to ensure that all jurisdictions in Los Angeles County achieve the 50 percent waste reduction mandate. As a result, the County of Los Angeles has begun amending the Siting Element in coordination with the Task Force, and will also commence revising the Summary Plan this Summer.

Upon Task Force approval, the revised documents will be forwarded to all cities in Los Angeles County, and other stakeholders for comment and approval, and ultimately to the Board of Supervisors and the Waste Board for approval. The revision process involves numerous statutory and regulatory requirements and is expected to be completed in 2007. The County looks forward to the input and participation of the various stakeholders in the revision process.



West Hollywood's Approach to the Tree 3R's

West Hollywood recycling staff offered an eight-week course in "Voluntary Simplicity" this spring to explore ways to reduce consumption. Each class consisted of short environmental readings and discussion. Starting with Thoreau and ending with zero waste, the readings covered all major environmental issues with an emphasis on "pre-cycling" or reducing the need for recycling.

Why do it? Sometimes all our recycling programs need a boost and discussion groups can add different perspectives and new approaches to the three R's. For more information, call Jan Harmon at 323-848-6499 or jharmon@weho.org. Another course, "Choices for Sustainable Living," will be offered in the fall - just in time for the holiday buying season.

Southern California Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Technology Center

The County of Los Angeles' Southern California Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Technology Center (Center) was established in July 1997 by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) and the County. The center is funded by CIWMB in an effort to reduce the State's stockpile of scrap tires and help conserve the State's landfills.

The role of the Center is to promote the use of crumb rubber from scrap tires in roadway surface materials by providing education, training, and technical advice to local agencies within California. Since its inception, the Center has conducted over 25 workshops, participated in conferences and conventions, and distributed over 4,000 publications.

The Center offers incentive programs designed to promote the use of rubberized asphalt in California. Through these incentive programs, the County will disburse incentive payments, provided by the CIWMB, to California cities and counties to be used to offset the costs of pavement deflection testing and quality assurance and control inspections. Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) is produced when crumb rubber is blended with asphalt and aggregate materials under specified conditions. Crumb rubber is usually

made from recycled rubber that is ground and processed into small, uniform pieces. When appropriately used on road resurfacing projects, RAC has many advantages over conventional asphalt. Some of these advantages are:

1. A two-inch-thick rubberized asphalt concrete resurfacing can save as much as \$22,000 per lane mile over conventional asphalt.
2. Rubberized Asphalt Concrete is highly skid-resistant, quieter, and resists shoving and rutting.
3. Rubberized Asphalt Concrete is environmentally friendly. A two-inch resurfacing project uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile.
4. Rubberized Asphalt Concrete provides excellent long-lasting color contrast for striping and marking.
5. Rubberized Asphalt Concrete provides a long-lasting, durable pavement that resists cracking.

Please contact Jeanet Babauta, Assistant Program Director of the Center, at (626) 458-4989 for additional information or visit our website at <http://www.rubberizedasphalt.org/>

