

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE
Thursday, September 4, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium – Tony Hill Room
300 Church Street Santa Cruz CA 95060**



Hybrid Meeting Information:

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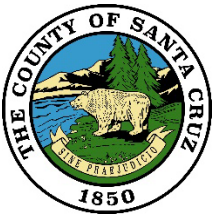
Agenda

- 1) **Welcome and Quorum Verification**
- 2) **Oral communications – Public:** *Informational item* for members of the public to raise issues not on the agenda and within the commission’s subject matter jurisdiction. State law prevents the commission from addressing issues in detail that are not included on the meeting agenda, but it can direct staff to provide a brief answer or schedule the issue for inclusion on a future agenda.
- 3) **Oral communications - Task Force members/alternates:** *Informational item* for commission members and alternates to report on issues of interest within the commission’s subject matter jurisdiction.
- 4) **Review Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) – Motion to approve** June 5, 2025 meeting minutes.
- 5) **Jurisdictional Updates – Informational item** for staff members to provide brief updates on issues within the commission’s subject matter jurisdiction.
- 6) **Watsonville Landfill Update - Informational item** – Watsonville staff will report on Watsonville’s Landfill Expansion Project and take questions about the project.
- 7) **CRV Update – Informational item** – County staff will provide additional information on changes since CRV redemption closed at Ben Lomond Transfer Station and provide an overview of in-store CRV redemption services.
- 8) **Presentation SB 54 Update – Informational item** – County staff will provide an update on SB 54 covered materials list.
- 9) **Countywide Waste Characterization Study – Progress Report - Report** on staff level City/County progress to participate in a countywide waste characterization study to gather local waste data.

- 10) **Code Update – Bag Ban Progress Report** – *Report* on staff level City/County progress to collaborate on developing a local ordinance to respond to state law changes to incorporate SB 1053 (Blakespear 2024) requirements prior to film plastic bag ban beginning 1/1/2026 and also address 50% post-consumer recycled materials in paper carryout bags for covered retailers beginning 1/1/2028.
- 11) **Legislative Update (Attachment B)** - *Staff update* to provide overview of bills introduced in the 2025/2026 legislative cycle affecting solid waste, recycling, edible food, organic waste, waste diversion, universal waste, hazardous materials management, and related topics.

12) Call for meeting agenda items

13) Adjourn



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INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE
Thursday, June 5, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Santa Cruz South County Government Center – Community Room
500 Westridge Watsonville CA 95076



Meeting Minutes

- 1) **Welcome and Quorum Verification:** Quorum present in the room Chair Felipe Hernandez called the meeting to order at 3:02. Staff called roll and meeting attendance was noted as follows:
 - Voting Members/Alternates Present: Felipe Hernandez (County, chair), Sandy Brown (County, alternate), Jacob Guth (County, citizen rep), Erika Senyk (Capitola), Leslie O'Malley (Santa Cruz, alternate), Tami Stolzenhaller (Watsonville, alternate).
 - Non-voting Members/Alternates Present: Ramon Gomez (County, alternate [member present]) Antonio Banderas (Watsonville, alternate not yet sworn).
 - Members/Alternates Absent: Justin Cummings (County), Bob Nelson (Santa Cruz), Allan Timms (Scotts Valley), Rodolfo Onchi (Scotts Valley, alternate) Scott Newsome (Santa Cruz), Rene Golder (Santa Cruz, alternate), Ari Parker (Watsonville), Will Smith (Watsonville).
 - Task Force Staff Present: Beau Hawksford (County), Kasey Kolassa (County), Darcy Pruitt (County)
 - Agency Staff Present: Christina Horvat (County), Bret Williamson (County - online), Carolyn Burke (County online).
 - Guests Present: Sally-Christine Rodgers (Pitch-In), Juan Castillo (GreenWaste Recovery), Claudia Villalta-Mejia (Environmental Innovations).
- 2) **Oral communications – Public:** Sally-Christine Rodgers of Pitch-In Santa Cruz County thanked Task Force member organizations for supporting Pitch-In's efforts to reduce illegal dumping and clean up litter throughout Santa Cruz County. She also made a brief announcement regarding the successful Pitch-In sponsored May cleanup day.
- 3) **Oral communications - Task Force members/alternates:** Tami Stolzenhaller of Watsonville provided two updates to commissioners: 1) Announced CalRecycle's statewide ban of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS, sometimes called Styrofoam) food service ware after failure to meet 25% recycling goal under SB 54. CalRecycle is responsible for enforcing a statewide ban, people and jurisdictions can report EPS violators to CalRecycle. 2) Announced SB 54 regulation update status. Governor rejected CalRecycle final SB 54 regulations in March 2025 for concern that requirements would create excessing costs for business and consumers. CalRecycle reopened rulemaking and developed revised regulations. Comment period for revised regulations closed earlier this week on June 3, 2025. Task Force will continue to track and report on SB 54 status.
- 4) **Approve Meeting Minutes –** L. O'Malley made a motion to approve the March 6, 2025 meeting minutes, T. Stolzenhaller seconded the motion. Chair Hernandez called for a vote from members present at the March meeting. The March minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5) **Jurisdictional Updates –** Sandy Brown, County alternate, announced that the County Board of Supervisors approved a countywide filtered cigarette sales ban that is dependent upon approval by two city jurisdictions to become valid throughout the County. Similar ordinances are proposed in the cities of Capitola and Santa Cruz to eliminate the largest single source of marine micro plastics introduced into the ocean environment.

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- 6) **Green Waste Recovery Services Presentation** - Juan Castillo, General Manager of GreenWaste Recovery provided an overview of services provided in Santa Cruz County, including curbside waste services, roll-off box services, community outreach to teach waste management and environmental stewardship, recycling collection and processing services, and answered questions about items that are difficult to recycle (thermoforms and colored film plastic). Sally-Christine Rodgers asked questions about increasing education about bulky item collection and other issues that may help to reduce illegal dumping throughout the county. Juan Castillo said that GreenWaste will increase outreach to encourage bulky item services by customers. Leslie O'Malley recommended Pitch-In to consider reaching out to the Mattress Recycling Council for additional information and education on mattress recycling in California. [California - Mattress Recycling Council | Recycling Programs in California, Connecticut, Oregon, and Rhode Island](#) **(Presentation Slides are provided as Meeting Minutes - Attachment A)**
- 7) **Countywide Waste Characterization Study** – County staff provided an update on waste characterization efforts and possible collaboration with city jurisdiction to gain local data and improve waste sorting and resource diversion within the county. Staff outlined CalRecycle study methodology requirements and provided costs to conduct a waste characterization study for the unincorporated county to provide perspective on overall costs. Commission members from cities requested a copy of presentation slides to be able to consider the costs and study methodology outline. **(Presentation slides are provided as Meeting Minutes -Attachment B.)** S. Brown made a motion to accept the report on local waste characterization study multi-jurisdiction collaboration. T. Stolzenhaller seconded the motion. Chair Hernandez called for a voice vote on the motion that passed unanimously.
- 8) **Code Update SB 1053** – Staff provided a report on county and local codes in conflict with bag ban requirements after the passage of SB 1053. Currently, four of five jurisdictions in Santa Cruz County have bag ban ordinances that allow the use of thick film plastic bags and 40% postconsumer recycled content in carryout bags. The new state law bans film plastic carryout bags in grocery stores, food marts, and covered food and beverage retailers starting 1/1/2026. The ban does not apply to restaurants. The new state law also requires 50% postconsumer recycled paper in paper carryout bags starting 1/1/2028. Existing local ordinances will need to be updated to not conflict with the new state law. County staff asked if cities are interested in developing a countywide ordinance that could be adopted in each jurisdiction for ease of countywide enforcement/compliance. Members discussed the need to work backward from the date that the ordinance would need to be before their council/board to be approved on or before 1/1/2026. **(Presentation slides are provided as Meeting Minutes - Attachment C).** L. O'Malley made a motion to accept the update. J. Guth seconded the motion. Chair Hernandez called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9) **CRV Update** – County staff provided further information on CRV changes related to SB 1013. With CalRecycle changes to the CRV program, more in-store CRV redemption options are locally available. The County is scheduled to end CRV redemption at the Ben Lomond Transfer Station on June 30, 2025. Covered beverage retailers will have 60 days after the change at Ben Lomond to either establish a dealer cooperative or begin redeeming CRV in store. L. O'Malley asked for clarification for the County's decision to end CRV redemption. County staff answered that the cost to operate CRV at Ben Lomond had increased to \$80,000/year and with the change in the state program making CRV redemption easier for residents, the County felt it shouldn't continue to pay to support a program that should be funded by beverage retailers. **(Presentation slides are provided as Meeting Minutes - Attachment D.)**
- 10) **Legislative Update** – County staff provided a brief overview of new bills introduced in the 2025/2026 legislative cycle affecting solid waste, recycling, edible food, organic waste, waste

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diversion, universal waste, hazardous materials management, and related topics. Staff highlighted SB 501 that would create extended producer responsibility for household hazardous waste recovery and recycling programs; SB 561 that would create extended producer responsibility for explosive marine emergency distress flares, and AB 1153, which would expand the use of funds in the Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund for additional illegal dumping site cleanup tasks. S. Brown requested that bill status be added to the legislative update and staff agreed to include this information in future updates.

11) Call for next meeting agenda items: Members suggested the following items for future meetings:

- a. Update on SB 54 Rulemaking and Needs Assessment
- b. Update on local Waste Characterization Study Collaboration
- c. Update on Bag Ban Collaboration

12) Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 4:02.

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 [Meeting Minutes - Attachment A]
 GreenWaste Recovery, LLC Presentation Slides



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Who We Are

GreenWaste Recovery is more than a waste hauler — we are environmental partners driving long-term sustainability and community health.

Zero Waste Philosophy – Committed to diverting the maximum amount of waste from landfills through recycling, composting, and recovery.

Sustainability Leadership – Focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, supporting circular economy practices, and enhancing environmental responsibility.

GreenWaste By the Numbers in 2024 Our achievements at a glance.

40+ Years of Innovation	100% Collection Fleet and Heavy Equipment Powered by Renewable or Alternative Fuels*		43.1% Electricity Use Powered from Renewable Sources	2.1M+ kWh of Excess Renewable Energy Sold to the Grid**
13 Facilities Across Northern California	100+ Different Types of Material Diverted from Landfill	1.2M+ Tons Diverted From Landfill	520K+ Tons of Organics Processed	300K+ Tons of Recycled Products Produced
22+ ESG Awards and Recognitions Received Since 2000	8+ Years of Average Employee Tenure	1K+ Employees	93% Employees Identify as a Racial Minority	50+ Communities Served



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Lines of Business

At GreenWaste, we tackle some of the toughest sustainability challenges to help build a greener world a better world.



Collection



Construction and Demolition



Transfer station



Processing



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(Unincorporated) Residential Services

GreenWaste is proud to provide our Santa Cruz County community with garbage, recyclables, and organics services.

- Recyclable materials are transferred to GreenWaste's San Jose Material Recovery Facility for sorting.
- Garbage is delivered to Ben Lomond Transfer Station or Buena Vista Landfill. From there, it's disposed of at the Buena Vista landfill or transported to ReGen Monterey's landfill.
- Organics are delivered to Ben Lomond Transfer Station or Buena Vista for preprocessing and transferred to ReGen Monterey's regional compost facility.

Single-family residents in Santa Cruz County receive weekly curbside collection service of garbage, recyclable materials, and organics. All materials must be ready for collection no later than 5 AM on your normal collection day.



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(Unincorporated) Residential Services (continued)

Standard Services



Garbage

- Residents may choose subscription volumes of 20-, 32-, 64-, or 96-gallons for weekly collection in gray carts provided by GreenWaste.



Recyclables

- Residents are provided one blue 64-gallon cart for recyclable material collection at no additional charge. A larger 96-gallon recyclable material cart is available by request.



Organics

- Residents are provided one green 96-gallon cart for organics collection at no additional charge. A smaller 64-gallon organics cart is available by request.



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Commercial Services

Businesses in Santa Cruz County are offered weekly collection of garbage, recyclable materials, and organics. Service is provided up to six days per week on a Monday through Friday schedule, with Saturday service available as the 6th collection day. All materials must fit completely inside the container with the lid closed. Containers must be ready for collection no later than 5 AM and should be returned to their service location promptly after service.



Trash

Garbage, Snack Wrappers, and Foam



Recyclables

Paper, Plastic, Metal, and Glass



Organics

Food Scraps, Yard Trimmings, Branches, Flowers, Untreated Wood and Sawdust



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Commercial Services (continued)

Extra Set-Outs on Regular Collection Day

- Extra Garbage: \$9.39 per 32 - gallon equivalent.
- Extra Recyclables: \$1.88 per 32 - gallon equivalent

Non-Routine Collection Charges

- Non-Scheduled Collection Trip: \$25.16 per vehicle trip

Monthly Difficult-to-Service Fees

- Bin Charge – Difficult to Service: \$9.39 per 32-gallon equivalent.
- Cart Charge – Difficult to Service: \$1.88 per 32-gallon equivalent
- Carts: \$2.65 each time each cart is serviced
- Bins: \$3.97 each time each bin is serviced
(Based on weekly collection frequency)



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Debris Box Rentals

From small cleanups to job sites, GreenWaste has the dumpster for you.

GreenWaste is Santa Cruz County's premier provider of debris box services. We offer both temporary and permanent roll-off containers for mixed and source-separated materials. Our dumpsters range in size from 10 to 40 yards, making them ideal for residential clean ups, construction projects, and everything in between.

Delivery and pickup are available up to five days per week, Monday through Friday.



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GreenWaste Container Dimensions

1-8 Cubic Yard Containers:



	Length	Width	Front Height	Back Height
1 cu. yard	72"	24"	28"	28"
2 cu. yard	70.75"	34"	34"	40.75"
3 cu. yard	70.75"	42"	43"	48"
4 cu. yard	70.75"	49.5"	48.5"	54.5"
6 cu. yard	72"	66"	51"	70"
8 cu. yard	72"	72"	58"	87"

Please ensure that enclosures are at least 1 foot wider for 1-4 cu. yard containers and at least 5 feet wider for 6-8 cu. yard containers to allow for maneuvering and truck clearance.

Debris Box/Roll-Off Box:



	Length	Width	Height
10 cu. yard	15.5'	8'	3'
20 cu. yard	16'	8'	5.3'
30 cu. yard	21'	8'	4.5'
40 cu. yard	21'	8'	7.5'



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Transfer Station & Processing

Material & Resource Recovery

- Recyclable material is transferred to the San Jose Material Recovery Facility for sorting.
- Materials are separated and sold to manufacturers for reuse.
- Advanced technology (AI, optical sorters, eddy currents) improves recovery and reduces waste.

Helps cut emissions by reducing the need for raw materials. Non-recyclable residual materials separated during recycling are sent to Regen Monterey as either garbage for disposal or organics for processing into compost.



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California Redemption Value (CRV) Materials

PET Plastic bottles



HDPE Natural Plastics



Aluminum Cans



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Non- CRV Recyclables (sold at market value 1 of 2)

Mixed Paper



Steel Cans



Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC)



Scrap Aluminum



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Non – CRV Recyclables (sold at market value 2 of 2)

Mixed Plastic (No. 2-7)



Mixed Rigid Plastic (MRP)



HDPE Plastic Carts



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Facility Signage & Branding

The GreenWaste family has expanded and keep an eye out for our quokka on social media and at outreach events!

As part of our brand refresh, we were thrilled to announce our new company mascot, the quokka. Quokkas are often referred to as "the happiest animals on earth," known for their friendly nature, infectious smiles, and embodying our core values of innovation and resourcefulness. Please meet our family of eight unique quokkas, each of which are named after and embody a GreenWaste core value or promise.



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Community Engagement & Outreach

Community Events and School and Youth Organization Presentations

GreenWaste is proud to be an active part of the communities we serve. We love connecting with residents, collaborating with schools, and sponsoring meaningful local events. GreenWaste recognizes that today's youth are the leaders of tomorrow. By working closely with Santa Cruz County staff to connect with county students and residents about environmental responsibility and lifelong recycling habits we are bringing meaningful education that empowers the next generation to create a cleaner, greener Earth.

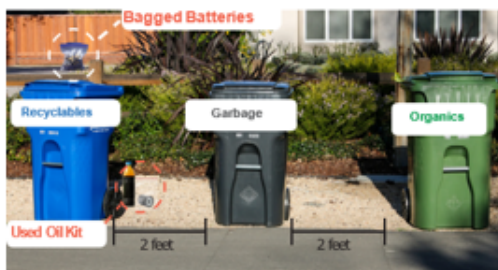


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Battery and Motor Oil & Filter Collection

Residential Motor Oil & Filter Collection

GreenWaste provides **free curbside collection** of used motor oil and oil filters for residential customers, but an **oil recycling kit** is required before pickup.



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GreenWaste Battery Recycling Reminder

C-batteries (and other household batteries) can be safely recycled by placing them on top of your recycling cart in a clear plastic sandwich bag on your regular collection day.

- Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V)
- Rechargeable batteries
- Button cell batteries

Please do not place batteries inside the cart.

"When Recycling Goes Wrong: Lithium Battery Fires"

Improperly disposed of lithium battery causes smoldering fire inside truck



One small battery can trigger a full-scale blaze.



Costly, dangerous, and completely preventable.



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Who to contact for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal

HHW Drop-Off Locations & Hours:

- Buena Vista Landfill
1231 Buena Vista Dr., Watsonville
Wed: 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM; Fri & Sat:
7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
(831) 454-2430
- Ben Lomond Transfer Station
9835 Newell Creek Rd., Ben Lomond
Thurs: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
(831) 454-2430

Accepted HHW Items:

- Paints (latex & oil-based)
- Fluorescent bulbs (up to 25 per visit)
- Cleaning products
- Pesticides & herbicides
- Medical Waste:
Medicines, syringes (sharps)

Important Notes:

- Do not dispose of HHW in garbage, down drains, or on the ground.
- Free disposal for residents; small businesses may participate for a fee.
- Identification may be required at drop-off sites.

For more information, contact the Santa Cruz County Household Hazardous Waste Program at (831) 454-2606 or visit the [Santa Cruz County Recycling & Solid Waste Services](#)



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Questions?



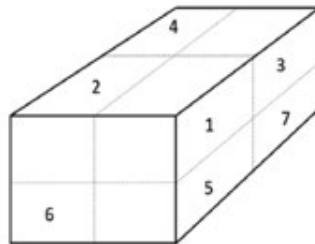
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Countywide Waste Characterization Additional Information

June 5, 2025

Numbered Cells for Targeted Waste Loads



CalRecycle's SB 1383 Waste Characterization Study Requirements



To adjust Capacity Planning targets the Local waste characterization study must be comparable to CalRecycle's most recently published statewide waste study.

SB 1383 Waste Recycling Capacity Planning Requirements:

1. Local study must be performed within the last five years,
2. Include at least the same categories of organic waste as the Department's most recent waste characterization study that was available at the time the local study/studies were performed and,
3. Include a statistically significant sampling of solid waste disposed by the jurisdiction(s) conducting the study.

14 CCR Section 18992.1(a)(1)(B)

Waste Characterization Study CalRecycle's AB 2346 Procurement Target Requirements



To adjust Procurement targets under AB 2346, the Local waste characterization study must be statistically valid, representative of study goals, and the jurisdiction(s) evaluated:

1. Representative of jurisdiction(s) and wastes evaluated,
2. Representative of wastes disposed, and account for seasonal waste variations,
3. Materials list must match CalRecycle's latest study OR provide 1:1 comparison to CalRecycle's list for the local study's purpose,
4. Sample size is statistically significant-90% confidence interval,
5. Study follows ASTM Standard Test Method for Determination of the Composition of Unprocessed Municipal Solid Waste.

Waste Characterization Study Initial Pricing



County received two informal price estimates for Unincorporated County that could meet CalRecycle's Local Waste Characterization Study requirements (actual costs may vary):

1. ReCreate (includes planning, labor, reporting, travel expenses)
 - 1 week: \$65k-\$75k
 - 2 weeks: \$90-100k
2. Nothing Wasted (including planning, labor, reporting, travel expenses, supplies)
 - 1 week: \$37k
 - 2 weeks: \$59k

County has questions out to CalRecycle re calculation to reduce procurement targets under AB 2346.

Waste Characterization Study County Rationale – Next Steps



County does not **need** to prepare a waste characterization study under either SB 1383 or AB 2346 but **wants** to understand the current waste stream and improve its programs based on local data.

- County believes all jurisdictions meet SB 1383 organic waste processing and edible food recovery capacity planning goals.
- County meets/exceeds current SB 1383 procurement targets.

County plans to prepare an RFP for a waste characterization study that would likely fulfill SB 1383 and AB 2346 requirements

NEXT STEPS:

- Develop County/City Partnership (if cities interested)
- Outline waste characterization study parameters
- Develop project timeline and Request For Proposal (RFP)
- Select and employ contractor to carry out waste study.



County and Municipal Code Update SB 1053 Bag Ban Report

June 5, 2025

SB 1053 Solid waste: recycled paper bags: standards: carryout bag prohibition.



SB 1053 (Blakespear 2024) Changes Carryout Bag Rules Statewide:

- Regulated businesses must comply with new rules
 - **Total Ban on film plastic carryout bags** begins 1/1/2026
 - New **50% post consumer paper** bag rule begins 1/1/2028
- New rules conflict, at least in part, with local bag ordinances:
 - County Code (4mm plastic bags/40% postconsumer paper)
 - Capitola Municipal Code (4mm plastic bags/40% postconsumer paper)
 - Santa Cruz Municipal Code (2¼ mm plastic bags/40% postconsumer paper)
 - Watsonville Municipal Code (4mm plastic bags/40% postconsumer paper)

California Public Resources Code section 42279 et. seq.

SB 1053 Solid waste: recycled paper bags: standards: carryout bag prohibition.



SB 1053 (Blakespear, 2024) Changes the Carryout Bag Rules Statewide to 50% postconsumer paper in paper carryout bags beginning 1/1/2028. Other provisions take effect beginning 1/1/2026.

- Do we want to work together to implement a code update that is consistent with state law and the same in cities and County?

Next Steps:

Staff coordination among interested jurisdictions
Compare existing carryout bag ordinances
Select preferred ordinance language
Revise ordinance language to match State requirements



California Redemption Value (CRV) SB 1013 Changes and Ben Lomond Transfer Station CRV Payments

Santa Cruz County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force
June 5, 2025

SB 1013 Statewide CRV Changes



Starting January 1, 2025 [or 60 days after local redemption center closes]

State law requires covered beverage retailers to either:

- Redeem CRV beverage containers in store, or
- Join a “Dealer Cooperative” to redeem CRV beverage containers on their behalf.



CRV Payments End at Ben Lomond Transfer Station on June 30, 2025



Statewide CRV program changes mean:

- Retail redemption services are more convenient because they are offered where people already shop.
- County residents can return CRV containers at local stores, CRV reverse vending machines, and privately run CRV redemption centers



CRV Payments End at Ben Lomond Transfer Station on June 30, 2025



- Beverage retailers will pay the costs of local CRV redemption services.
- County can spend local public funds on local public programs instead of supporting a state program that should be funded by beverage retailers.



Questions?
Thank you!

Attachment B
Legislative Update – [Changes since June meeting](#)
Bills relating to waste management, recycling, and hazardous materials

Battery Management

AB 696, as amended, Ransom. Lithium-ion vehicle batteries: emergencies: advisory group. Existing law requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection, until January 1, 2027, to convene the Lithium-Ion Car Battery Recycling Advisory Group to review, and advise the Legislature on, policies pertaining to the recovery and recycling of lithium-ion batteries sold with motor vehicles in the state, and requires the secretary to appoint members to the committee from specified departments, vocations, and organizations. Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, establishes the Office of Emergency Services within the Governor’s office, under the supervision of the Director of Emergency Services, and makes the office responsible for the state’s emergency and disaster response services for natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies. This bill would require the [Office of the State Fire Marshal](#), on or before December 31, 2026, to convene the Lithium-Ion Car Battery Advisory Group to review, and advise the Legislature on, policies pertaining to the handling and disposal of lithium-ion vehicle batteries in an emergency capacity. The bill would require the [Office of the State Fire Marshal](#) to appoint members to the advisory group from specified departments, vocations, and organizations. The bill would require the advisory group to meet at least quarterly until July 1, 2028, and to consult with universities and research institutions that have conducted research in the area of battery recycling, with manufacturers of electric and hybrid vehicles, and with the recycling industry. The bill would require the group to develop standards, on or before July 1, 2028, based on local, state, and national guidance and research, aimed at ensuring that best standards and practices are created that allow first responders to respond to lithium-ion vehicle battery emergencies in a safe and efficient manner. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2029. [Last amended 8/20/2025 in the State Assembly, Status: ordered to a third reading in the State Senate 8/26/2025.](#)

AB 762, as amended, Irwin. Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition. (1) Existing law regulates the manufacture, sale, and disposal of various single-use products, including single-use foodware accessories and condiments and single-use carryout bags. Existing law prohibits a store from, among other things, providing, distributing, or selling a carryout bag at the point of sale, except as specified. Existing law defines terms for these purposes. This bill would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2026, a person from selling, distributing, or offering for sale a new or refurbished disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device in this state. The bill would define a “disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device” to mean a vaporization device that is not designed or intended to be reused, as specified. Existing law authorizes a city, county, city and county, or the state, to impose civil liability on a person or entity that knowingly violated, or reasonably should have known that it violated, provisions relating to the above-described carryout bag prohibition in specified fine amounts, including \$1,000 per day for the first violation. Existing law requires any civil penalties collected to be paid to whichever office brought the action, as specified, and authorizes the Attorney General to expend any penalties it collects, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to enforce those provisions. This bill would authorize a city, a county, a city and county, or the state, to enforce the above-described disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device prohibition and to impose civil liability on a person or entity in violation of the prohibition in specified fine amounts, including \$500 for the first violation. The bill would require any civil penalties collected to be paid to whichever office brought the action, as specified, and would authorize the Attorney General to expended any penalties it collects, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to enforce these provisions. The bill would specify that any

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Legislative Update – [Changes since June meeting](#)

Bills relating to waste management, recycling, and hazardous materials remedies provided pursuant to these provisions are not exclusive and are in addition to the remedies that may be available pursuant to specified provisions relating to unfair competition. The bill would make any person who violates the above-described disposable battery-embedded vapor inhalation device prohibition guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. By expanding the scope of an infraction, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law, the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licensing Act of 2003, provides for the licensure and regulation of manufacturers, importers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers of cigarettes and tobacco products by the State Board of Equalization. Existing law requires every person desiring to engage in the sale of cigarettes or tobacco products as, among other things, a wholesaler to file with the board an application for a license, as specified. Existing law authorizes the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to suspend or revoke a license described above, as specified, of any importer or any manufacturer that has failed to comply with specified provisions relating to monthly reporting of distributors and wholesale costs. This bill would authorize the department to revoke or suspend any license to engage in the sale of cigarettes or tobacco products, as defined, of any person with a license who is in violation of the above-described prohibition for a disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device containing a tobacco product.

(3) The Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), an initiative measure approved as Proposition 64 at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, authorizes a person who obtains a state license under AUMA to engage in commercial adult-use cannabis activity pursuant to that license and applicable local ordinances. Existing law, the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), among other things, consolidates the licensure and regulation of commercial medicinal and adult-use cannabis activities, including retail commercial cannabis activity. MAUCRSA establishes the Department of Cannabis Control within the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency to administer the act. MAUCRSA authorizes the department to issue state licenses only to qualified applicants, and authorizes the department to revoke or suspend a license if, among other things, a licensee fails to actively and diligently pursue requirements for a license. This bill would authorize the department to revoke or suspend a license issued by the department of any person with a license who is in violation of the above-described prohibition for a disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device containing a cannabis product, as defined. The bill would specify that any penalty described above is in addition to the other penalties authorized by the bill. The bill would require costs incurred by a state agency in carrying out these provisions to be recoverable by the Attorney General, upon the request of the agency, from the liable person or persons.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. [Last amended 3/28/2025 in State Assembly, Status: Hearing canceled at author's request.](#)

SB 615, as amended, Allen. Vehicle traction batteries. Existing law requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to convene the Lithium-Ion Car Battery Recycling Advisory Group to review, and advise the Legislature on, policies pertaining to the recovery and recycling of lithium-ion vehicle batteries sold with motor vehicles in the state. Existing law also requires the advisory group to submit policy recommendations to the Legislature aimed at ensuring that as close to 100% as possible of lithium-ion vehicle batteries in the state are reused or recycled at end of life in a safe and cost-effective manner. The hazardous waste control laws require the Department of

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Toxic Substances Control to regulate the handling and management of hazardous waste. A violation of the hazardous waste control laws is a crime. This bill would require a battery supplier, as defined, to be responsible for, among other duties, ensuring the responsible end-of-life management of a vehicle traction battery if it is removed from a vehicle that is still in service, as provided, or if the vehicle traction battery is offered or returned to its battery supplier, and reporting information regarding the sale, transfer, or receipt of a vehicle traction battery or battery module to the department, as provided. The bill would impose related duties on a secondary user, as defined, and a secondary handler, as defined, including, among other duties, ensuring the responsible end-of-life management for a vehicle traction battery or returning a vehicle traction battery to the battery supplier, and reporting information regarding the sale, transfer, or receipt of a vehicle traction battery or battery module to the department, as provided. The bill would also require an auctioneer, as defined, and salvage disposal auction, as defined, to report similar information regarding a vehicle traction battery to the department. This bill would require the battery supplier to pay the department's actual and reasonable regulatory costs to implement and enforce these provisions. The bill would establish the Vehicle Traction Battery Recovery Fund (fund) in the State Treasury and would require the department to deposit all moneys received from the battery supplier into the fund, as specified. Moneys in the fund would be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement and enforce these provisions. The bill would authorize, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Director of Finance to make a loan from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the fund to meet regulatory and startup costs of the department's activities pursuant to these provisions. The bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the fund to be expended to reimburse loans made from other funds for those purposes. The bill would require the department to conduct a study to determine whether there is evidence of abandonment of orphaned batteries leading to environmental and health and safety hazards and, on or before January 1, 2030, and every 5 years thereafter, to post the results of its findings on its internet website. The bill would authorize the department to impose civil or administrative penalties for a violation of these requirements. The bill would exempt a violation of these requirements from the criminal penalties imposed pursuant to the hazardous waste control laws, but would require that all reports and records provided to the department pursuant to these provisions be provided under penalty of perjury. By expanding the scope of crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would restrict public access to certain information collected for the purpose of administering this program. Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest. This bill would make legislative findings to that effect. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. [Last amended 7/07/2025, in Assembly Appropriations, Status: Committee hearing date 8/29/2025.](#)

Biofuels

SB 377, as amended, Grayson. Biomethane procurement targets. Existing law vests the Public Utilities Commission with regulatory authority over public utilities, including gas corporations. Existing law requires the commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to consider adopting specific biomethane procurement targets or goals for each gas corporation and

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core transport agent, as specified. Existing law requires, if the commission adopts specific biomethane procurement targets or goals for each gas corporation and core transport agent, the commission to, among other things, ensure that the biomethane available for any procurement program is either delivered to California through a dedicated pipeline, or through a common carrier pipeline and meets 2 specified requirements related to the injection of the biomethane and specified environmental benefits, as prescribed. This bill would instead require that biomethane delivered to California through a common carrier pipeline meet either of the specified requirements, rather than both. The bill would also add the displacement of conventional natural gas that results in a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as one of the specified environmental benefits, as specified. Existing law requires the commission to consider options to promote the in-state production and distribution of biomethane, including whether to allow recovery in rates of the costs of investments to (1) facilitate direct investment in the procurement and installation of utility infrastructure necessary to achieve interconnection between the natural gas transmission and distribution pipeline network and biomethane generation and collection equipment and of gathering lines for a dairy cluster biomethane project, (2) provide for the installation of utility infrastructure to achieve interconnection with facilities that generate biomethane, and (3) ensure that these investments for infrastructure are prudent and reasonable and provide a direct benefit to, and are in the interests of, all classes of ratepayers. This bill would require, on or before June 1, 2026, the commission to allow recovery in rates of the costs of those investments. Under existing law, a violation of the Public Utilities Act or an order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission is a crime. Because the provisions of this bill would be part of the act and because a violation of a commission action implementing its requirements would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. [Last amended 3/17/2025, in Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications, Status: Hearing canceled at author's request.](#)

Carbon Capture

SB 285, as amended, Becker. Net zero greenhouse gas emissions goal: carbon dioxide removal: regulations. The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020 and to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the 1990 level by 2030. The act requires the state board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and to update the scoping plan at least once every 5 years. Existing law requires the state board, as part of its scoping plan, to establish specified carbon dioxide removal targets for 2030 and beyond. Existing law, the California Climate Crisis Act, declares the policy of the state both to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, but no later than 2045, and achieve and maintain net negative greenhouse gas emissions thereafter, and to ensure that by 2045, statewide anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 85% below the 1990 levels. This bill would, for the purpose of meeting, or tracking progress against, any state requirement to achieve net zero emissions of greenhouse gases, authorize only qualified carbon dioxide removal, as defined, to be used to counterbalance the state's or an entity's greenhouse gas

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Composting and Organic Waste Recycling

AB 411, as amended, Papan. Livestock carcasses: disposal: composting. Existing law prohibits a dead animal hauler or any other person from transporting a dead animal to any place, other than to certain specified facilities or destinations, unless a certain waiver is granted by the State Veterinarian, as specified. Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt and revise minimum standards for solid waste handling, transfer, composting, transformation, and disposal, as prescribed. Pursuant to this authority, the department has adopted a regulation that prohibits the composting of unprocessed mammalian tissue except when received from certain sources. This bill would, notwithstanding those prohibitions, authorize any part of a livestock carcass resulting from a routine livestock mortality event or on-farm processing to be composted if certain requirements are met, including, among others, that the composting is conducted in accordance with best management practices for livestock composting adopted by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, as specified. [Last amended 7/17/2025, in Senate Appropriations, Status: in Senate Appropriations Committee referred to suspense file, Status: Senate Appropriations committee hearing date 8/29/2025.](#)

AB 436, as amended, Ransom. Composting facilities: zoning. Existing law provides that the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation serves the Governor and the Governor's Cabinet as staff for long-range planning and research, and constitute the comprehensive state planning agency. In that capacity, existing law requires the office to, among other things, assist local governments in land use planning. Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, establishes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to administer an integrated waste management program. Existing law establishes a goal that statewide landfill disposal of organic waste be reduced from the 2014 level by 75% by 2025. This bill, on or before June 1, 2027, would require the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, to develop and post on the office's internet website, a technical advisory, as provided, reflecting best practices to facilitate the siting of composting facilities to meet the organic waste reduction goals. The bill would require the office to consult with specified entities throughout the development of the technical advisory. The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a land use element that designates the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for housing, business, solid and liquid waste disposal facilities, and other categories of public and private uses of land, as

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SB 279, as amended, McNerney. Solid waste: compostable materials. Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt and revise regulations setting forth minimum standards for composting, in accordance with law. Existing regulations require all compostable materials handling activities to obtain a permit prior to commencing operations and to comply with specified requirements. Existing regulations specify 4 regulatory tiers for composting operations, with different requirements for each tier. The 4 tiers are excluded, enforcement agency notification, registration permit, and full solid waste facility permit. In the excluded tier, existing regulations specify the “excluded activities” that do not constitute compostable material handling operations or facilities and, therefore, are not subject to permit requirements or other regulatory requirements. One of the excluded activities is the composting of green material, agricultural material, food material, and vegetative food material, alone or in combination, if the total amount of feedstock and compost onsite at any one time does not exceed 100 cubic yards and 750 square feet. This bill would require that the total amount of feedstock and compost onsite at any one time not exceed 500 cubic yards instead of the 100 cubic yards and 750 square feet in the regulations. The bill would also require the composting of agricultural materials and residues that are from a large-scale biomass management event at an agricultural facility that does not otherwise operate as a solid waste facility to be an excluded activity, as specified. Existing regulations prohibit a composting operation from giving away or selling more than 1,000 cubic yards of compost product annually if it is in the excluded tier or if it is an agricultural material composting operation in the enforcement agency notification tier, its feedstock is both green material and agricultural material, and the operation is located on land zoned for agricultural uses. This bill would authorize those composting operations to give away or sell up to 5,000 cubic yards of compost product annually. [The bill would authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to increase, by regulation, that amount when the composting is of agricultural materials and residues that are from a large-scale biomass management event at an agricultural facility. Last amended 6/30/2025 Assembly Natural Resources Committee, Status: Placed on Assembly Appropriations suspense file.](#)

SB 725, as introduced, Dahle. Recycling: organic byproducts. Existing law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the department, the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Air Resources Board, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to develop and implement policies to aid in diverting organic waste from landfills by promoting the use of agricultural, forestry, and urban organic waste as a feedstock for compost and by promoting the appropriate use of that compost throughout the state to improve the state’s soil organic matter. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would promote the recycling of organic byproducts by increasing the opportunities for organic byproducts to be recycled into livestock feed. [Status: Referred to Senate Rules Committee \(3/12/2025\).](#)

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Edible Food

AB 337, as introduced, Bennett. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food. The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board as a part of the market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, upon appropriation, to administer a grant program to provide financial assistance to promote the in-state development of infrastructure, food waste prevention, or other projects to reduce organic waste, sort and aggregate or process organic and other recyclable materials into new, value-added products, or divert items from disposal through enhanced reuse opportunities. Existing law requires the grant program to provide eligible financial assistance for certain activities, including activities that expand and improve organic waste diversion and recycling, including, but not limited to, the recovery of food for human consumption and food waste prevention. Existing law specifies eligible infrastructure projects for purposes of the program, including, but not limited to, the construction of facilities to help develop, implement, or expand edible food waste recovery operations. This bill would expand the grant program to provide financial assistance for the recovery of edible food, as specified. The bill would specify that eligible infrastructure projects includes the construction or expansion of facilities to help develop, implement, or expand edible food waste recovery operations. The bill would require the department to consider the increased amount of edible food recovery capacity that the project will create when awarding a grant for edible food recovery. [Status: In Assembly Natural Resources Committee: Held under submission.](#)

AB 643, as amended, Wilson. Climate change: short-lived climate pollutants: organic waste reduction. Existing law establishes methane emissions reduction goals that include a target to reduce landfill disposal of organics by 75% of the 2014 level of the statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025. Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to adopt regulations to achieve the organic waste reduction goals. Existing law authorizes a local jurisdiction to count compost produced and procured from specified compost operations towards its recovered organic waste procurement target. This bill would authorize a local jurisdiction to include organic material used as a beneficial agricultural amendment towards its recovered organic waste procurement target if the material is processed at a facility authorized by the department using specified approved technologies, and if the material is licensed for end use as an agricultural fertilizer by the Department of Food and Agriculture. [Last amended: 3/24/2025, Status: Hearing postponed by Assembly Natural Resources Committee.](#)

AB 1046, as amended, Bains. Short-lived climate pollutants: recovered organic waste product: agricultural crop preparation service. Existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to implement a comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve a reduction in statewide emissions of methane by 40% below 2013 levels by 2030. Existing law requires the methane emissions reduction goals to include a 75% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025. Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve these organic waste reduction goals that include, among other things, requirements

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Hazardous Waste Management

AB 864, as amended, Ward. Hazardous waste: solar photovoltaic modules.

Existing law requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations for the identification and management of hazardous wastes. Existing law authorizes the department to adopt regulations designating end-of-life photovoltaic modules that are identified as hazardous waste as a universal waste and subject to regulations applicable to universal waste management. Existing regulations define surplus materials, as provided, and specify that surplus material is not a recyclable material. [Existing federal regulations exclude from being classified as hazardous waste under federal law certain hazardous secondary material that is generated and then transferred to another person for the purpose of reclamation if specific conditions are met.](#) This bill would make the universal waste designation applicable to a solar photovoltaic module that is intended for recycling and cannot otherwise be resold, reused, or refurbished only until the department adopts regulations implementing alternative management standards for solar photovoltaic modules. [The bill would require the department to institute a rulemaking to develop alternative management standards for solar photovoltaic modules that facilitate greater material recovery. The bill would require the department to adopt the above-referenced federal transfer-based exclusion regulation for solar photovoltaic modules.](#) The bill would also designate a solar photovoltaic module that can be resold, reused, or refurbished as surplus material. The bill would make a conforming change. [Last amended: 7/17/2025, Status: Referred to Senate Appropriations suspense file, Committee hearing date 8/29/2025.](#)

AB 872, as amended, Blanca Rubio. Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

(1) Existing law, known as the Green Chemistry program, requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations to establish a process to identify and prioritize chemicals or chemical ingredients in consumer products that may be considered as being chemicals of concern. Existing law requires the regulations to include criteria by which chemicals and their alternatives may be evaluated by the department, as provided. Existing law requires the department, following the completion of an alternatives analysis, to provide a regulatory response that may include, but is not limited to, not requiring any action and restricting or prohibiting the use of the chemical of concern in the consumer product. This bill would, beginning January 1, 2028, prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a covered product, as defined, that contains intentionally added PFAS, as defined, unless the department has issued a regulatory response for the covered product pursuant to the Green Chemistry program or the prohibition is

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preempted by federal law. The bill would authorize a manufacturer of a covered product to petition the department to evaluate a covered product and would require the department to evaluate and provide a regulatory response for a covered product under the Green Chemistry program, as specified. This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, to adopt regulations to carry out these provisions. The bill would require the department to analyze and comment on the presence of PFAS in industrial processes and products, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to identify and categorize commercially active PFAS present in products distributed in California, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to report on other issues relating to products containing PFAS and emissive compounds.

(2) Existing law requires the department, on or before January 1, 2029, to adopt regulations to enforce specified covered perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) restrictions, which include prohibitions on the distribution, sale, or offering for sale of certain products that contain specified levels of PFAS. Existing law requires the department, on and after July 1, 2030, to enforce and ensure compliance with those provisions and regulations, as provided. Existing law requires manufacturers of these products, on or before July 1, 2029, to register with the department, to pay a registration fee to the department, and to provide a statement of compliance certifying compliance with the applicable prohibitions on the use of PFAS to the department, as specified. Existing law authorizes the department to test products and to rely on third-party testing to determine compliance with prohibitions on the use of PFAS, as specified. Existing law requires the department to issue a notice of violation for a product in violation of the prohibitions on the use of PFAS, as provided. Existing law authorizes the department to assess an administrative penalty for a violation of these prohibitions and authorizes the department to seek an injunction to restrain a person or entity from violating these prohibitions, as specified. This bill would require the department to use this existing authority to enforce the prohibition on products that would be prohibited by the provisions in paragraph (1).

(3) Existing law requires the department, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and all appropriate state agencies, to adopt regulations to establish a process to identify and prioritize chemicals or chemical ingredients in consumer products that may be considered as being a chemical of concern, as specified. Pursuant to that authority, the department adopted regulations known as the Safer Consumer Products Regulations. This bill would authorize, but not require, that those regulations evaluate uses of PFAS in products that would be prohibited by the provisions in paragraph (1). [Last amended: 4/10/2025, Status: Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials.](#)

AB 998, as amended, Hadwick. Household hazardous waste: vape pens.

Under existing law, the Department of Toxic Substances Control generally regulates the management and handling of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. Existing law authorizes certain entities to operate household hazardous waste collection facilities, as defined, under permits issued by the department. A violation of the hazardous waste control laws is a crime. [This bill would, until January 1, 2029, require the department to evaluate opportunities to increase safety and convenience related to the management and disposal of vape pens confiscated from students by a school, as provided, and identify any recommendations that require future legislative action.](#) The bill would authorize a household hazardous waste collection facility to conduct physical treatment activities involving the disassembly of household hazardous waste to separate batteries, valves, electronic components and other parts containing liquids or gases, including, but not limited to, the disassembly of vape pens, in a manner that does not result in the unauthorized release of hazardous materials. Existing law authorizes a public agency, or its contractor, to

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AB 1304, as amended, Schultz. Paint product recovery program: paint recovery: education and outreach. Existing law establishes a paint product recovery program for the purpose of requiring paint manufacturers to develop and implement a stewardship plan to collect, transport, and process postconsumer paint to reduce the costs and environmental impacts of the disposal of postconsumer paint in this state. Existing law defines various terms for the purpose of the program. Existing law requires a stewardship plan to include consumer, contractor, and retailer education and outreach efforts to promote source reduction and recycling products, and authorizes the development and updating of education and outreach materials. This bill would state that the purpose of the program is also to require paint manufacturers to develop and implement a program to recover, reuse, and recycle postconsumer paint. The bill would define “paint recovery” to mean the process of collecting and transporting leftover paint for the purpose of reuse, processing, or recycling to reduce its environmental impact and disposal costs. The bill would require, rather than authorize, the development and updating of education and outreach materials, would require a stewardship plan’s education and outreach efforts to also promote the proper use and handling of paint products, and would require those efforts to include investment in the training of California’s future workforce by working with California apprenticeship programs for training apprentices and journey-level painters. [Last amended: 4/03/2025, Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee, Held under submission.](#)

AB 1325, as amended, Michelle Rodriguez. Lubricants and waste oil: producer responsibility. (1) Under existing law, as part of the hazardous waste control laws, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) generally regulates the management and handling of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. Existing law authorizes a public agency, as defined, to operate a household hazardous waste collection facility under permit from DTSC. The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), requires a city and a county to prepare and submit to CalRecycle a countywide integrated waste management plan. The act requires the plan to include a household hazardous waste element that identifies a program in each city and county for the safe collection, recycling, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes that are generated by households. The California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act, administered by CalRecycle, establishes a used oil recycling program to promote and develop alternatives to illegal disposal of used oil. The act imposes a charge for every gallon of lubricating oil sold or transferred in the state, or imported into the state for use in the state, as specified. The act requires these charges to be deposited into the California Used Oil Recycling Fund, which is continuously appropriated to, among others, pay recycling incentives and to implement local used oil collection programs, as provided. This bill would make the act, as amended by this bill, inoperative upon the completion of specified

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Bills relating to waste management, recycling, and hazardous materials conditions, including that CalRecycle submits a letter to the relevant committees of the Legislature indicating that specified conditions have been met and that CalRecycle is prepared to implement a lubricant and waste oil responsibility program as discussed below. This bill would create a producer responsibility program for lubricants and waste oil and require a producer responsibility organization (PRO) to provide a convenient collection and management system for covered products at no cost to residents or local governments. The bill would define “covered product” to mean a petroleum-based automotive product and other related products, as specified. The bill would require a producer of a covered product to register with the PRO, which would be required to develop and implement a producer responsibility plan for the collection, transportation, and the safe and proper management of covered products. The bill would require CalRecycle, in coordination with DTSC, to adopt regulations to implement the program with an effective date no earlier than July 1, 2028. This bill would require the PRO, within 12 months of the effective date of the regulations, to submit a product responsibility plan to CalRecycle. The bill would require the plan to include specified elements, including a funding mechanism that provides sufficient funding to carry out the plan. The bill would require, within 6 months of receipt of the plan, CalRecycle, in collaboration with DTSC, to approve, approve in part, or disapprove the plan, as specified. The bill would require CalRecycle to notify the PRO of its decision. If CalRecycle does not approve the plan in full, then the bill would require CalRecycle to specify the reasons for disapproval or identify the portions of the partially approved plan that do not comply with the program, as applicable. The bill would require the PRO to submit a revised plan if its plan is not fully approved. The bill would conditionally approve a plan if CalRecycle does not approve, approve in part, or disapprove a plan within one year of receipt of the plan. This bill would require the PRO to implement its plan within 90 days of approval. The bill would require the plan to be fully funded in a manner that equitably distributes the plan’s costs among participant producers, as specified. The bill would require the PRO to reimburse local jurisdictions for costs associated with collecting illegally dumped covered products and for providing a convenient collection system for covered products if the PRO’s plan relies on local jurisdictions to collect or manage covered products. This bill would require the PRO to prepare and submit to CalRecycle an annual report describing the activities carried out pursuant to the plan. The bill would require the PRO to retain specified documents, annually audit its accounting books, and make documents available to CalRecycle for review, as specified. The bill would require all reports and records provided to CalRecycle pursuant to the program to be provided under the penalty of perjury. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would require a participant producer, through the PRO, to pay CalRecycle, on an unspecified schedule, an annual administrative charge, as determined by CalRecycle and DTSC. The bill would require the charge be set at an amount that is adequate to cover CalRecycle’s and DTSC’s actual and reasonable costs of administering and enforcing the program. The bill would provide for the imposition of administrative civil penalties on producers and other specified persons who violate the program. The bill would establish the Lubricant and Waste Oil Producer Responsibility Fund in the State Treasury and would require the administrative charges collected by CalRecycle to be deposited into that fund for expenditure by CalRecycle, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to cover CalRecycle’s cost to implement the program. The bill would also establish the Lubricant and Waste Oil Penalty Account in the Lubricant and Waste Oil Producer Responsibility Fund and would require that the civil penalties collected by CalRecycle pursuant to the program be deposited into that account, for expenditure by CalRecycle, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for activities related to the collection, reuse, and recycling of covered products, grants for related purposes, and the administration and enforcement of the program.

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(2) Existing law, the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, establishes a producer responsibility program designed to ensure that producers of single-use packaging and food service ware covered by that program take responsibility for the costs associated with the end-of-life management of that material and ensure that the material is recyclable or compostable. The act requires producers, either individually or through participation in a producer responsibility organization, to have an approved plan that, among other things, describe how the producer or organization will comply with the act. This bill would exempt a product from the act if the product is included in an approved product responsibility plan pursuant to the lubricant and waste oil producer responsibility program, discussed above.

(3) Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest. This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. [Last amended: 3/24/2025, Status: with Assembly Natural Resources Committee, Hearing canceled at author's request.](#)

SB 404, as amended, Caballero. Hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the State Water Resources Control Board, and affected local air quality management districts, to adopt regulations to establish management standards for metal shredding facilities for hazardous waste management activities within the DTSC's jurisdiction, as provided. Existing law provides that treated metal shredder waste that is managed in accordance with those regulations is deemed to be solid waste, and not hazardous waste, as provided. This bill would repeal those provisions. The bill would establish a comprehensive scheme for the regulation of metal shredding facilities that would be administered by the DTSC pursuant to authority separate from laws governing the control of hazardous waste. The bill would prohibit an owner or operator from operating a metal shredding facility, as defined, in the state unless they have a permit from the DTSC or are deemed to have a permit. The bill would prescribe the requirements for obtaining a permit, for being deemed to have a permit, for operating a metal shredding facility, and for transporting certain materials related to metal shredding, as specified. The bill would require, before a decision is made to approve or deny the application, the DTSC to hold a public meeting, as provided. [The bill would require the department to take final action on a permit application by an existing facility within 3 years, as provided. The bill would require the department to post on its internet website general information about each metal shredding facility that has applied for or obtained a permit, and to conduct at least one site visit to the applicant's facility after receipt of the permit application.](#) The bill would provide that certain materials related to metal shredding are not hazardous waste if they meet specified requirements. The bill would require any report required to be submitted by a metal shredding facility pursuant to a permit issued to be signed by the owner or operator and certified under penalty of law, including criminal penalties, as specified. Because the bill would expand the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require an owner or operator of a metal shredding facility to report to the DTSC certain emergency situations, as specified. The bill would require an owner or operator of a metal shredding facility to submit to the DTSC a closure plan and a cost estimate for closing the metal shredding facility, as specified. [The bill would also require the](#)

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owner or operator of a metal shredding facility to provide written notice to the department at least 60 days before transferring ownership or operation of the facility. The bill would authorize the DTSC to enforce these provisions by revoking permits and by other specified means. The bill would authorize the DTSC to adopt regulations for the operation of metal shredding facilities as necessary to implement the requirements of the bill. The bill would require the DTSC to post information provided by owners and operators regarding a metal shredding facility on the department's internet website in a manner that is readily accessible to the public, except as otherwise required pursuant to existing law. Existing law authorizes the DTSC to collect an annual fee from all metal shredding facilities subject to the requirements of hazardous waste control laws or the DTSC's management standards for metal shredding facilities, as provided. Existing law requires the DTSC to adopt regulations necessary to administer the fee and authorizes the DTSC to adopt those regulations using emergency procedures, as provided. Existing law requires the Controller to establish a separate subaccount in the Hazardous Waste Control Account and for all fees collected to be placed into that subaccount, to be available for expenditure by the DTSC upon appropriation by the Legislature. This bill would instead require the DTSC to impose an annual fee on all metal shredding facilities subject to the provisions of this bill, as specified. The bill would require the DTSC to adopt regulations necessary to administer the fee and would authorize the DTSC to adopt the regulations using emergency procedures, as specified. The bill would require a person who applies for a metal shredding facility permit to enter into a written agreement with the department pursuant to which that person would be required to reimburse the department for the direct costs reasonably incurred by the department in processing the application, as provided. The bill would require the Controller to establish a new and separate Metal Shredders Facility Account and would require all fees collected to be placed into that account and made available for expenditure by the DTSC solely for the purpose of implementation and administration of these provisions, upon appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would include findings that changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. Last amended: 7/17/2025, Status: with Assembly Appropriations, committee hearing scheduled for 8/29/2025.

SB 501, as amended, Allen. Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act.

(1) Under existing law, as part of the hazardous waste control laws, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) generally regulates the management and handling of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. Existing law authorizes a public agency, as defined, to operate a household hazardous waste collection facility under permit from DTSC. Existing law, the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, establishes a producer responsibility program designed to ensure that producers of single-use packaging and food service ware covered by that program take responsibility for the costs associated with the end-of-life management of that material and ensure that the material is recyclable or compostable. This bill would create a producer responsibility program for products containing household hazardous waste and would require a producer responsibility organization (PRO) to ensure the safe and convenient collection and management of covered products at no cost to consumers or local governments. The bill would define "covered product" to mean a consumer product that is ignitable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive, or that meets other specified criteria, except as specified. The bill would require a producer of a covered product to register with the PRO, which would be

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(2) Existing law established the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to, among other things, promote waste management in the order of source reduction, then recycling and composting, and then environmentally safe transformation and environmentally safe land disposal, as provided. Pursuant to that authority, CalRecycle publishes various waste characterization studies. This bill would require CalRecycle, in support of the program, to include in updates to the applicable waste characterization study the amount of covered products that

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SB 561, as amended, Blakespear. Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act.

(1) Under existing law, as part of the hazardous waste control laws, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) generally regulates the management and handling of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. Except as specified, a violation of the hazardous waste control laws is a crime. This bill would create a manufacturer responsibility program for the safe and proper management of emergency distress flares. The bill would define “covered product” to include certain pyrotechnic devices that meet the criteria for household hazardous waste, as specified. The bill would require a manufacturer of a covered product, individually or through a manufacturer responsibility organization, to develop and implement a manufacturer responsibility plan for the collection, transportation, and the safe and proper management of covered products, as specified. The bill would establish a process and timeline for DTSC to review and approve, disapprove, or conditionally approve a plan and for the implementation of an approved plan. The bill would require that an approved plan be published on DTSC’s internet website, except for specified manufacturer data that would not be open to public inspection. The bill would require, on or before January 1, 2027, DTSC to adopt regulations to implement the act. This bill would require a manufacturer or manufacturer responsibility organization to prepare and submit to DTSC and make publicly available an annual report describing the activities carried out pursuant to the plan. The bill would require the annual report to include an application for renewal of the manufacturer’s responsibility plan. The bill would require all reports and records provided to DTSC pursuant to the act to be provided under the penalty of perjury. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would require a manufacturer or manufacturer responsibility organization to pay DTSC all actual and reasonable regulatory costs for DTSC to implement and enforce the act, as provided. The bill would authorize DTSC to use funds appropriated for purposes that are consistent with this act to implement and enforce the act and would require DTSC to repay those funds, as specified below. The bill would establish the Marine Flare Recovery Fund in the State Treasury and would require the charges collected by DTSC to be deposited into that account for expenditure by DTSC, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to cover DTSC’s cost to implement and enforce the act and to repay the use of specified funds, as described above. This bill would prohibit a manufacturer, retailer, dealer, importer, or distributor from selling, distributing, offering for sale, or importing a covered product in or into the state that contains perchlorate. By adding new requirements to the hazardous waste control laws, this bill would expand the scope of a crime and would impose a state-mandated local program. (2) Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest. This bill would make legislative findings to that effect. (3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory

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Illegal Disposal Site Abatement

AB 1153, as amended, Bonta. Solid waste disposal and codisposal site cleanup: illegal disposal site abatement. The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, establishes an integrated waste management program. The act requires the department to initiate a program for the cleanup of solid waste disposal sites and for cleanup of solid waste at codisposal sites where no responsible party is available to pay for timely remediation, and where cleanup is needed to protect public health and safety or the environment. Existing law provides that all expenses incurred by the department in carrying out the program are to be paid from the Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the department for purposes of the program. Existing law authorizes the department, in administering the program, to expend funds for specified purposes, including providing grants to public entities for the abatement of illegal disposal sites. This bill would additionally authorize the department to expend funds appropriated for the program for removing and disposing of recreational vehicles, as defined, for developing enforcement strategies, and for developing local enforcement teams and illegal dumping enforcement officers, as specified. By authorizing new uses of money in a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation. [Last amended: 4/22/2025, Status: Hearing postponed by Assembly Natural Resources committee.](#)

Landfill Management

AB 28, as amended, Schiavo. Solid waste landfills: subsurface temperatures.

(1) The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ([CalRecycle](#)), generally regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste, as defined. The act authorizes [CalRecycle](#) to certify a local enforcement agency and requires [CalRecycle](#) and certified local enforcement agencies to perform specified functions with regard to the regulation of solid waste management, including issuing and enforcing solid waste facility permits. The act prohibits a person from operating a solid waste facility without a solid waste facilities permit, as provided. The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 charges the State Air Resources Board with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming in order to reduce emission of greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions, as provided. [This bill would require the state board to amend its regulations on methane emissions from a municipal solid waste landfill \(MSW landfill\) to establish requirements for the monitoring of landfill gas temperature. The bill would require the operator of an MSW landfill to monitor landfill gas temperature in accordance with those regulations. If the gas temperature is 131 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for longer than 2 consecutive monthly monitoring periods covering 60 consecutive days, and if other criteria established by CalRecycle are met, the bill would require the operator of the MSW landfill to take specified actions, including, but not limited to, working collaboratively with CalRecycle and the local enforcement agency, as defined, to develop and](#)

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implement a corrective action plan. If the gas temperature is 146 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for longer than 2 consecutive monthly monitoring periods covering 60 consecutive days, and if other criteria established by CalRecycle are met, the bill would require additional actions, including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) forming a multiagency coordination group to collaborate with the operator of the MSW landfill to develop and implement another corrective action plan, as specified. If the gas temperature is 162 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for longer than 2 consecutive monthly monitoring periods covering 60 consecutive days, and if other criteria established by CalRecycle are met, the bill would require additional actions, as specified. The bill would require CalRecycle to establish the other criteria by emergency regulation.

If an operator of an MSW landfill fails to provide notice of a sustained gas temperature by the specified due date, the bill would authorize CalRecycle or a local enforcement agency to impose a penalty of \$10,000 per day. The bill would require CalRecycle or a local enforcement agency to impose a penalty not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each week that the gas temperature is 162 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for longer than 2 consecutive monthly monitoring periods covering 60 consecutive days, if specified criteria are met. The bill would require all penalties to be deposited into the Landfill Subsurface Fire Mitigation Account, which the bill would create, to be used upon appropriation by the Legislature to mitigate harm to a person or community adversely affected by a solid waste landfill with a gas temperature of 131 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for longer than 2 consecutive monthly monitoring periods covering 60 consecutive days. The bill would require any permit suspended pursuant to these provisions to be reinstated when, among others, gas temperature decreases to below 131 degrees Fahrenheit for 3 consecutive monthly monitoring periods covering 60 consecutive days or longer, as specified. This bill would make an operator of an MSW landfill liable to CalRecycle and the local enforcement agency for their costs, as specified. The bill would exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act specified requirements that the bill authorizes CalRecycle to impose on the operator of an MSW landfill. By creating new duties for a local enforcement agency, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Existing federal regulations require the owner of an MSW landfill with a gas collection and control system to operate each interior wellhead in the collection system with a landfill gas temperature less than 131 degrees Fahrenheit, unless the federal Environmental Protection Agency approves a higher operating temperature, as provided. This bill would require an operator of an MSW landfill to provide notice to the local enforcement agency, CalRecycle, and any other state agency designated by CalEPA regarding a request for a higher operating temperature, as specified. (2) This bill would declare its provisions to be severable. (3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above. Last amended: 7/18/2025, Status: referred to suspense file on 8/18/2025 in Senate Appropriation Committee, next hearing date 8/29/2025.

SB 594, as amended, Padilla. Waste discharge permits: landfills.

Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act. The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 prohibits a regional board from issuing a

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Plastics

AB 823, as amended, Boerner. Solid waste: plastic microbeads: plastic glitter.

The Plastic Microbeads Nuisance Prevention Law imposes a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per day for each violation of the prohibition, as provided, and authorizes the Attorney General and local officials to enforce the prohibition. This bill would, on and after January 1, 2029, prohibit a person from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes in this state a personal care product containing plastic glitter, or a personal care product in a non-rinse-off product or a cleaning product containing one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are used as an abrasive, as specified. The bill would authorize, until January 1, 2030, a person to continue to sell, offer for sale, distribute, or offer for promotional purposes in this state an existing stock of personal care products containing plastic glitter, as specified. By adding these prohibitions to the Plastic Microbeads Nuisance Prevention Law, the bill would impose the civil penalty for violations of these prohibitions. [Last amended: 5/23/2025, Status: Senate 3rd reading of Assembly Bills 8/27/2025.](#)

AB 973, as amended, Hoover. Recycling: plastic trash bags: plastic packaging and products.

(1) The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, creates a program for the recycling of rigid plastic packaging containers. The program defines “rigid plastic packaging container” to mean a plastic package having a relatively inflexible finite shape or form, with a capacity between 8 fluid ounces and 5 fluid gallons, that is capable of maintaining its shape while holding other products, including, but not limited to, bottles, cartons, and other receptacles, for sale or distribution in the state. The program generally requires a rigid plastic packaging container sold or offered for sale in this state to meet one of specified criteria, including, but not limited to, having been made from 25% postconsumer material or being a reusable package or a refillable package, unless a waiver or an exemption applies. Notwithstanding these provisions, the program deems a manufacturer in compliance with the program if the manufacturer demonstrates that it, or another company under the same corporate ownership, either consumed or arranged for the purchase and consumption of certain amounts of postconsumer material generated in the state for the manufacture of rigid plastic

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packaging containers or other plastic products or packaging not subject to the program, as provided. The program makes a violation of these provisions a public offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$100,000. The program also subjects a violation of these provisions to a civil penalty of not more than \$50,000, as provided. The program requires the department to deposit all penalties and fines into the Rigid Container Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund in the State Treasury. The program requires the moneys in the account to be expended by the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist local governmental agencies to develop and implement collection and processing systems for the recycling of materials covered by the program, for the development of markets for these materials, and for the department's costs of implementing the program. The program requires the department to adopt regulations to implement the program, as provided. This bill would repeal the program and replace it with a new program for recycling plastic packaging and products. The bill would require, on or before July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, a manufacturer of a covered product, as defined, to pay an annual registration charge and to register with the department, as specified. The bill would require a manufacturer to provide certain information during registration, including, but not limited to, the brand name of each of the manufacturer's covered products. The bill would subject a manufacturer that is not in compliance with the registration requirement to an administrative civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 per day per violation, as specified. The bill would, on and after January 1, 2029, require a manufacturer to include, as part of its annual registration, proof of third-party certification of the postconsumer recycled content of each of its covered products. The bill would require the third-party certification to be provided under penalty of perjury. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would require a manufacturer to meet certain annual minimum postconsumer recycled content percentages for covered products, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to grant a waiver for up to 2 years, upon application, from these requirements, as specified. The bill would require certain information to be included in a waiver application and would require a waiver application charge not to exceed \$1,000. The bill would require the department to assess an administrative civil penalty for a violation on a per-pound basis for each pound of virgin material that was used by a manufacturer in its products instead of the minimum postconsumer recycled content, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to reduce this administrative civil penalty if the manufacturer submits, and the department approves, a corrective action plan, as specified. This bill would require the department to deposit all penalties and fines paid pursuant to the program into the Rigid Container Account, which this bill would continue in existence. The bill would require moneys deposited into the account to be expended by the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist local governmental agencies to develop and implement collection and processing systems for the recycling of materials that are subject to the program, for the development of markets for these materials, and for the department's actual and reasonable costs of implementing the program. This bill would require, on and after April 1, 2028, a manufacturer to provide to the department, in a format and manner prescribed by the department, an annual report that includes specified information regarding amounts and types of plastics used in covered products. The bill would exempt confidential and proprietary information, collected by the department from manufacturers for purpose of the program, from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act. This bill would authorize a manufacturer to authorize an organization to act on its behalf in complying with certain requirements, including, but not limited to, registration and annual reporting requirements. The bill would exempt certain covered products from the program, as specified. This bill would require the department to adopt regulations to implement and enforce the program, as specified. The bill would require the department to

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(2) The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 requires a manufacturer of certain plastic trash bags to ensure that the recycled plastic postconsumer material in the bag is equal to at least 10% of the weight of the bag, or that at least 30% of the weight of the material used in all of the manufacturer's plastic products is recycled plastic postconsumer material, as provided. Existing law requires a manufacturer of a plastic trash bag to submit an annual report to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery certifying compliance with these postconsumer materials requirements, as specified. Existing law requires the department to survey manufacturers and report to the Legislature on, among others, the quantity of recycled plastic postconsumer material provided by suppliers within the state and the quantity of the material provided by suppliers outside the state. Existing law requires a wholesaler of plastic trash bags to annually certify to the department the name and physical location of each manufacturer from whom it purchased plastic trash bags, as provided. Existing law authorizes the department to adopt regulations to implement these provision, as specified. Existing law prohibits a supplier, manufacturer, or wholesaler, as provided, that is not in compliance with these provisions from being eligible for a state contract or subcontract, as provided. This bill would repeal these provisions.

(3) Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. [Last amended: 4/22/2025, Status: Held under submission in Assembly Judiciary Committee 5/23/2025.](#)

AB 1274, as introduced, Gabriel. Recycling: beverage containers. Existing law establishes the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, which requires that every beverage container sold or offered for sale in this state have a refund value. The act requires a beverage distributor to pay a redemption payment to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for every beverage container sold or offered for sale in the state to a dealer, and requires the department to deposit those amounts in the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to implement policies to encourage the use of in-state collected plastic beverage container materials for reuse in manufacturing and packaging in state. [Last amended: N/A, Status: Active bill pending referral.](#)

SB 14, as amended, Blakespear. State agencies: solid waste diversion: single-use plastic bottles.

(1) The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, establishes an integrated waste management program. The act requires each state agency to divert at least 50% of all solid waste through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities. "State agency" is defined, for purposes of these requirements, to include the California Community Colleges. The act requires each state agency to develop and adopt an integrated waste management plan to reduce solid waste, reuse materials whenever possible, recycle recyclable materials, and procure products with recycled content in all state agency offices and facilities, including any leased locations, as provided. The act requires each state agency to submit an annual report to the department summarizing its progress in reducing solid waste by at least 50%, as provided. This bill would require a state agency to include

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in its integrated waste management plan descriptions of actions to be taken to source reduce certain materials, as specified. The bill would require, on or before July 15, 2027, each state agency to submit an adopted integrated waste management plan to the department for review and approval, and would, on or before January 1, 2028, require the department to complete its review of the plans, as specified. The bill would require a state agency's annual report to include summaries of the state agency's compliance with the requirement to reduce solid waste by 50% and the requirements relating to the adoption of an integrated waste management plan. By imposing new duties on community colleges, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would require the department to provide advice to help state agencies and facilities reduce solid waste by at least 50%. The bill would, on or before January 1, 2027, require the department to publish on its internet website a list of products available for purchase by state agencies that would reduce the overall amount of plastic or paper waste generated.

(2) [Existing law requires plastic beverage containers sold by a beverage manufacturer, as specified, to contain a specified average percentage of postconsumer recycled plastic. Between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2029, inclusive, existing law requires that percentage to be no less than 25% postconsumer recycled plastic per year, and on and after January 1, 2030, no less than 50% postconsumer recycled plastic per year. This bill would require, on and after January 1, 2026, reportable purchases by state agencies of plastic beverage containers to be of plastic beverage containers with no less than those above-referenced percentages of postconsumer recycled plastic per year.](#)

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above. [Last amended: 7/09/2025, Status: Placed on Assembly Appropriations suspense file. Committee hearing date 8/29/2025.](#)

Recycling

AB 80, as amended, Aguiar-Curry. Carpet recycling.

(1) The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, generally regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste. The act establishes stewardship programs for various products, including, among others, carpet. The act includes a product stewardship for carpet program and a successor carpet producer responsibility program, and requires the product stewardship for carpet program to become inoperative upon the completion of certain conditions related to the implementation of the successor carpet producer responsibility program. Existing law, the product stewardship for carpet program, requires a manufacturer of carpets sold in this state, individually or through a carpet stewardship organization, to submit a carpet stewardship plan to the department, which is required to include specified elements, including achieving specified carpet recycling rates and a funding mechanism that provides sufficient funding to carry out the plan. Existing law authorizes the department to administratively impose a civil penalty of **\$10,000** per day on any person in violation of the program [or \\$25,000 per day](#) if the violation is intentional, knowing, or negligent, [as specified](#). This bill would instead authorize [the department to impose administrative, rather than civil, penalties in those amounts, and to impose an administrative penalty of \\$25,000 per day](#) if the violation is intentional or knowing. Existing law requires a carpet stewardship organization to include nonvoting board members with representation from, among others, a retailer that sells

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carpet. This bill would instead require the stewardship organization to create a governing board for the stewardship program, as specified.

(2) Existing law, the successor carpet producer responsibility program, requires producers of covered products to form and join a single producer responsibility organization (PRO) for the collection and recycling of a covered product. Existing law defines a “covered product” as carpet, as defined, and requires the PRO to develop a producer responsibility plan for the collection, transportation, recycling, and the safe and proper management of covered products in the state. Existing law requires, no later than January 1, 2029, a person who removes a covered product as part of the installation of a covered product to transport, or contract to transport, all of the removed covered product to an approved collection site, as provided. Under existing law, an approved collection site is a solid waste facility that has agreed to be a collection site for the PRO. This bill would exempt a covered product from this transport requirement if certain conditions are met, including that it is returned to the producer. The bill would expand approved collection sites to include certain carpet recycling centers, municipal facilities, and retailers. Existing law requires the governing board of a PRO to include [4 nonvoting members, including, but not limited to, a nonvoting member representing a nonprofit organization established to promote a circular economy and to address environmental issues](#). Existing law requires the PRO to submit an annual report to the department on or before July 1 of each year, as provided. Existing law requires a producer to publish on its internet website, for each of its covered products, an environmental product declaration that identifies a covered product’s components, as provided. This bill would instead require one voting and 5 nonvoting members, as specified. The bill would require the annual report to be submitted on or before September 1 of each year, instead of July 1 of each year. The bill would instead require a producer to publish on its internet website, for each of its covered products, the components that constitute more than 1% of the product’s weight and any component that is a hazardous chemical, as specified. Existing law requires the PRO to submit to the department an annual report, as specified, and to make the report publicly available on the PRO’s internet website. Existing law requires the PRO to provide annual grants to apprenticeship programs for training carpet installers in proper carpet recycling techniques, as provided. This bill would require the PRO to include in its annual report specified information related to the grants and incentive payments provided pursuant to the program, as specified. Existing law requires a producer responsibility plan, among other things, to explain how producers will use standardized stamping or some other means to provide a visual mark on the back of a covered product that is a synthetic material to allow expeditious sorting of the carpet, as provided. Existing law requires the department to adopt regulations to implement the program with an effective date no earlier than [December 31, 2026](#). This bill would instead require a producer responsibility plan to explain how producers will use standardized stamping or some other means to provide a visual mark on the back of a covered product that provides the name of the producer, the date of manufacture, and a listing of the types of face fibers and backing materials contained in the product. The bill would instead require the department to adopt the regulations no later than December 31, 2026. Existing law requires a producer responsibility plan in effect as of January 1, 2025, to continue in effect, as provided, until it expires or is revoked, except that the PRO is required to submit an amendment to conform the producer responsibility plan to certain requirements. This bill would eliminate the requirement to submit an amendment to the producer responsibility plan. [Last amended: 7/09/2025, Status: Senate Appropriations Committee, referred to suspense file. Committee hearing date 8/29/2025](#)

AB 473, as introduced, Wilson. Environmental advertising: recyclability. Existing law prohibits a

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person from offering for sale, selling, distributing, or importing into the state any product or packaging for which a deceptive or misleading claim about the recyclability of the product or packaging is made. Existing law provides that a product or packaging that displays a chasing arrows symbol, among other symbols, statements, or directions, is deemed to be a deceptive or misleading claim unless (1) the product or packaging is considered recyclable in the state pursuant to specified criteria and (2) is of a material type and form that routinely becomes feedstock used in the production of new products or packaging, except as provided. Existing law, notwithstanding specified criteria, provides that a product or packaging is recyclable in the state if the product or packaging is part of, and in compliance with, a program established pursuant to state or federal law governing the recyclability or disposal of that product or packaging, as provided. This bill would delete the latter provision and would, notwithstanding specified provisions, require, before January 1, 2027, that a product or packaging that is a covered material, as defined, be considered recyclable in the state if the producer is approved by a producer responsibility organization to participate in that organization. On or after January 1, 2027, and before January 1, 2032, the bill would require, notwithstanding specified provisions, that a product or packaging that is a covered material be considered recyclable in the state if the producer is, among other things, in compliance with the requirements of the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. [Last amended: N/A, Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Natural Resources.](#)

AB 899, as amended, Ransom. Beverage containers: recycled glass: market development. The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, a violation of which is a crime, requires a distributor of beverage containers, as defined, to pay to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery a monthly redemption payment for every beverage container sold or transferred, as provided. The act requires the department to deposit those amounts into the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund. The fund is continuously appropriated to, among other things, pay refund values and administrative fees to processors that receive empty beverage containers from recyclers. The act authorizes, until January 1, 2028, the department to pay a market development payment to a glass beverage container manufacturer who purchases recycled glass collected within this state for use in manufacturing new beverage containers in this state, as provided. The act requires the department to set the market development payment at an amount not to exceed \$50 per ton. The act continuously appropriates \$60,000,000 annually from the fund to the department to make market development payments. This bill would authorize the department to set the market development payment [at different levels, but would prohibit that payment from exceeding \\$150 per ton](#). The bill would, on and after January 1, 2028, and until January 1, 2030, authorize the department to expend \$20,000,000 annually from the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for glass market development payments. [Last amended: 8/18/2025, Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee, referred to suspense file. Committee hearing date 8/29/2025.](#)

AB 978, as amended, Hoover. Department of Transportation and local agencies: streets and highways: recycled materials.

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 requires the Director of Transportation, upon consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, to review and modify all bid specifications relating to the purchase of paving materials and base, subbase, and pervious backfill materials using certain recycled materials. Existing law requires the specifications to be based on standards developed by the Department of Transportation for recycled paving materials and for recycled base, subbase, and pervious backfill materials. Existing law requires a

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local agency that has jurisdiction over a street or highway, to the extent feasible and cost effective, to apply standard specifications that allow for the use of recycled materials in streets and highways, except as provided. Existing law requires, until January 1, 2027, those standard specifications to allow recycled materials at or above the level allowed in the department's standard specifications that went into effect on October 22, 2018, for specified materials. This bill would indefinitely require a local [agency's](#) standard specifications to allow recycled materials at a level no less than the level allowed in the department's specifications for those specified materials. If a local agency's standard specifications do not allow for the use of recycled materials at a level that is equal to or greater than the level allowed in the department's standard specifications on the basis that the use of those recycled materials at those levels is not feasible, the bill would [authorize a person bidding on a contract to supply materials subject to those specifications to request](#) the local agency to provide the reason for that determination upon [request and would require the local agency to respond to that request, as specified](#). By increasing the duties of local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Existing law requires the Department of Transportation and a local agency that has jurisdiction over a street or highway, to the extent feasible and cost effective, to use advanced technologies and material recycling techniques that reduce the cost of maintaining and rehabilitating streets and highways and that exhibit reduced levels of greenhouse gas emissions through material choice and construction method. This bill would eliminate this requirement. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above. [Last amended: 7/01/2025, Status: Senate Appropriations committee, read a second time. Ordered to third reading.](#)

SB 45, as amended, Padilla. Recycling: beverage containers: tethered plastic caps.

The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, is established to promote beverage container recycling. The act defines "beverage container" to mean the individual, separate bottle, can, jar, carton, or other receptacle, however denominated, in which a beverage is sold, and that is constructed of metal, glass, or plastic, or other material, or any combination of these materials, but does not include cups or other similar open or loosely sealed receptacles. A violation of the act is a crime. Existing law authorizes the department, subject to the availability of funds, to pay a quality incentive payment of up to \$180 per ton to qualified recyclers for thermoform plastic containers diverted from curbside recycling programs, as provided. This bill would delete that authorization. The bill would instead require, on and after January 1, 2027, if a beverage is subject to the act and offered for sale in a plastic beverage container with a plastic cap, beverage manufacturers to ensure that the container has a cap that is tethered to the container that prevents the separation of the cap from the container when the cap is removed from the container by the consumer. The bill would exempt, until January 1, 2028, any type of beverage container with a recycling rate of better than 70% for calendar years 2022 and 2023, as determined by the department, from compliance with that requirement. The bill would exempt beverage containers with a capacity of 2 liters or more and beverage containers that contain beer or other malt beverages, wine or distilled spirits, or 100% fruit juice from the scope of the bill. The bill would also exempt a refillable plastic beverage container and a beverage manufacturer that sold or transferred 16,000,000 or fewer plastic beverage containers, as provided, during the previous calendar year

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SB 235, as amended, McNerney. Recycling: precious metals and critical minerals: report. Existing law establishes in the California Environmental Protection Agency the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, which administers various solid waste management and recycling programs. This bill would require the department to draft and submit a report to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2028, relating to the in-state collection, recycling, reuse, and stockpiling for domestic consumption of precious metals, critical minerals, as defined, and other similar valuable materials as reasonably decided by the department, contained within products in the state, as specified. The bill would require the department to provide opportunities for public input and to perform outreach to potentially interested parties, as specified. The bill also would authorize the department to make recommendations to promote a circular economy for precious metals, critical minerals, and other similar valuable materials within products, including, but not limited to, best practices for product design to optimize the ability to recycle precious metals, critical minerals, and other similar valuable materials at the product's end of life. [Last amended: 3/20/2025, Status: Senate Appropriations Committee. Held in committee and under submission.](#)

Waste Reduction

AB 70, as amended, Aguiar-Curry. Solid waste: organic waste: diversion: biomethane.

(1) The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 generally regulates solid waste disposal, management, and recycling. The act requires each city, county, and regional agency to develop a source reduction and recycling element of an integrated waste management plan. The act requires that element to include a 50% solid waste diversion requirement, as specified, and provides that up to 10% may be achieved through biomass conversion under certain conditions, with biomass conversion defined as the production of heat, fuels, or electricity by certain means from specified materials. One of the conditions for using biomass conversion to satisfy a portion of the solid waste diversion requirement is that pyrolysis not be included in the source reduction and recycling element. Pyrolysis is not defined for that purpose or for other purposes in the act. This bill would define pyrolysis as the thermal decomposition of material at elevated temperatures in the absence or near absence of oxygen. (2) Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to adopt regulations, as specified, to achieve the reduction in the organic waste disposed of in landfills. The department's regulations provide for, among other things, the calculation by the department of recovered organic waste product procurement targets for each local jurisdiction and a list of eligible recovered organic waste products for purposes of the procurement targets. This bill would require the department, no later than January 1, 2027, to amend those regulations to include, as a recovered organic waste product attributable to a local jurisdiction's procurement target, pipeline biomethane converted exclusively from organic waste, as specified.

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