Summary Listing of All Solid Waste Related	Bills

May 5, 2008

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ESJPA BILLS

05/05/08

CA AB 218 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Saldana (D)

Hazardous Waste: Electronic Waste

LAST AMEND:

01/31/2008

COMMITTEE:

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

HEARING:

05/12/2008 3:00 pm

SUMMARY:

Prohibits a producer from manufacturing for sale in the state electronic equipment that contains a hazardous substance for which the ROHS Directive would prohibit in the European Union. Requires the producer to prepare and submit technical documentation showing the equipment sold or offered for sale is not prohibited for sale by the Directive. Provides an exemption if there is no technically feasible alternative to the use of those hazardous substances or components and there is a plan for proper disposal.

STATUS:

02/14/2008

Re-referred to SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL

QUALITY.

Position Watch Staff Mary Subject ESJPA

CA AB 501

AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Swanson (D)

LAST AMEND:

Pharmaceutical Devices

LOCATION:

03/13/2008

LOCATION:

Senate Health Committee

SUMMARY:Requires a pharm

Requires a pharmaceutical manufacturer whose product is administered for home use through a prefilled syringe, prefilled pen, or other prefilled injection device to arrange to provide, upon a request from a consumer, a postage prepaid, mail-back sharps container that has been approved by the United States Postal Service and the Department of Public Health or a sharps container for the safe storage and transport of sharps to a sharps consolidation location that accepts home-generated sharps waste. **STATUS:**

03/13/2008

From SENATE Committee on HEALTH with author's

amendments.

03/13/2008

In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Committee on HEALTH.

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Support 03/26/2007

Staff Subject

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AUTHOR:

Levine (D)

TITLE:

Solid Waste: Multifamily Dwellings

LAST AMEND:

01/07/2008

LOCATION:

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

SUMMARY:

Requires the owner of a multifamily dwelling to arrange for recycling services that are appropriate for the multifamily dwelling, consistent with state or local laws or requirements, including a local ordinance or agreement, applicable to the collection, handling, or recycling of solid waste.

STATUS:

01/31/2008

To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

<u>Lobbyist</u> Paul Position Watch Staff Mary Subject ESJPA

CA AB 904 AUTHOR:

THOR: Feuer (D)

TITLE:

Recycling: Food Containers

LAST AMEND:

01/29/2008

LOCATION:

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

SUMMARY:

Enacts the Plastic and Marine Debris Reduction, Recycling, and Composting Act. Prohibits a takeout food provider from distributing single-use food service packaging to a consumer, unless the packaging is either compostable packaging or recyclable packaging. Requires producers of such packaging to provide a list of the packaging distributed that is recyclable and compostable. Provides a civil penalty for violations.

STATUS:

02/07/2008

To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Position Watch Staff Marv Subject ESJPA

CA AB 1195 AUTHOR:

HOR: Torrico (D)

TITLE:

Recycling: Used Oil: Incentive Payments

LAST AMEND:

04/15/2008

LOCATION:

Senate Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY:

Requires a used oil recycling program that pays a recycling incentive to specified entities for the collection of used oil that is transported to a used oil recycling facility to promote methods to reduce the amount of used oil generated and the use of re-refined oil in automotive and industrial lubricants. Requires used lubrication oil for which an incentive was paid to be transported to a certified facility that recycles oil to meet specified standards. Prohibits an incentive for burning certain oil.

STATUS:

04/15/2008

From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's

amendments.

04/15/2008

In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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Paul

Position

Oppose.Unless.Amend

<u>Staff</u> Mary

<u>Subject</u>

Year-End-Report

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CA AB 1778 AUTHOR:

THOR: Ma (D)

TITLE:

California Redemption Value Containers

LAST AMEND:

04/07/2008

LOCATION:

Assembly Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY:

Prohibits a junk dealer or recycler from providing payment for California Redemption Value containers unless the payment is made by check and the dealer or recycler obtains certain identifying information to be retained by the dealer or recycler for a

certain period of time; specifies that this provision does not apply to the redemption of CRV containers having a value of a certain amount in a single transaction. STATUS:

04/07/2008

In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

Position Watch

Staff Marv Subject **ESJPA**

CA AB 1860 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Huffman (D)

Unsafe Products: Recall or Warning 04/29/2008

LAST AMEND: COMMITTEE:

HEARING: SUMMARY: Assembly Appropriations Committee

05/07/2008 9:00 am

Prohibits a commercial dealer, manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler or retailer from manufacturing, remanufacturing, retrofitting, distributing selling at wholesale or retail, contracting to sell or resell, leasing or subletting or otherwise placing into the stream of commerce, a product that in unsafe. knowing the product is unsafe. Provides recall notification requirements. Requires providing for the safe return of the product to the manufacturer at no cost to the end consumer or retailer. STATUS: LONG MARKET HAR THE LABOR.

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04/29/2008

In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

Lobbyist Paul

Position Watch

Staff Mary Subject **ESJPA**

CA AB 1879 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Feuer (D)

Hazardous Materials: Toxic Substances

LAST AMEND:

04/03/2008

LOCATION:

Assembly Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control to regulate the sale of products containing specified chemicals or restrict the sale or use of those products to prevent the exposure of individuals or the environment to the specified chemicals. Authorizes the department to require a manufacturer of a consumer product containing the specified chemicals to label its product indicating the presence of the chemical and health effects associated with the chemical.

STATUS:

04/30/2008

In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense

File.

<u>Position</u> Watch

Staff Mary

Subject **ESJPA**

CA AB 1960 AUTHOR:

Nava (D)

TITLE:

Public Resources: Oil Production Facilities: Oil Spills

LAST AMEND:

COMMITTEE:

Assembly Appropriations Committee

HEARING: SUMMARY: 05/07/2008 9:00 am

04/28/2008

Requires the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources to prescribe minimum facility maintenance standards for oil production facilities, including oil wells. Requires a person proposing to construct, maintain, alter, or decommission an oil production facility to comply with these standards and obtain a permit from the division. Requires the division to inspect an oil production facility. Authorizes specified bond requirements for wells and facilities. Provides penalties for false oil spill reports. STATUS: From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's 04/28/2008 amendments. 04/28/2008 In ASSEMBLY, Read second time and amended, Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. <u>Position</u> Staff Subject **ESJPA** Watch Mary CA AB 1972 AUTHOR: DeSaulnier (D) TITLE: Solid Waste: Plastic Bags: Food and Beverage Containers LAST AMEND: 03/24/2008 LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee SUMMARY: Relates to existing law that prohibits a person from selling a plastic bag that is labeled as compostable or biodegradable unless the bag meets a current American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard specification for the term used on the label. Changes this exemption to the prohibition to require the bag to meet specified requirements. Expands the standard specifications for plastic food or beverage containers. STATUS: To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. 04/24/2008 Position <u>Staff</u> Subject **ESJPA** Watch Mary CA AB 2058 AUTHOR: Levine (D) TITLE: Recycling: Plastic Carryout Bags LAST AMEND: 03/28/2008 LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee SUMMARY: Prohibits a store from providing plastic carryout bags to customers unless the store demonstrates an increased recycling diversion rate in the number of plastic carryout bags provided by the store during a specified period. Authorizes a store to sell a plastic carryout bag to a customer at a cost specified as an alternative to demonstrating the increased diversion rates. Requires a store that is not complying with the diversion rate requirements to sell plastic carryout bags to customers. STATUS: 04/30/2008 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File. Position Staff Subject **ESJPA** Watch Marv CA AB 2071 AUTHOR: Karnette (D) TITLE: Plastic Bags: Enforcement

Assembly Second Reading File

FILE: LOCATION:

SUMMARY:

Prohibits the sale of a plastic bag that is labeled with the term compostable. biodegrading, degradable or implies that the bag will break down in a landfill composting, marine, or other natural terrestrial environment, unless, at the time of the sale, the plastic bag meets specified standards for the term used on the label. Authorizes a city, county or the state to impose civil liability, in for violations of the above provision. STATUS:

04/30/2008

From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass. To

Consent Calendar.

Position Watch

Staff Marv

Subject **ESJPA**

CA AB 2347 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Ruskin (D)

Mercury-Added Thermostats: Collection Program

LAST AMEND:

04/03/2008

LOCATION:

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

SUMMARY:

Enacts the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act. Requires a manufacturer that owns or owned the name brand of Mercury-added thermostats sold in this state, to establish and maintain a collection and recycling program for out-of-service thermostats. Requires a wholesaler to act as collection site. Requires a retailer or wholesaler that distributes new thermostats by mail to to include a Web site address and toll-free telephone number with instructions to obtain a prepaid mail-in label with the new thermostat.

STATUS:

05/01/2008

To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Lobbyist Paul

Position Support

Staff Mary Subject **ESJPA**

CA AB 2415 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Fuentes (D)

LOCATION:

Solid Waste: Permit

Assembly Natural Resources Committee

SUMMARY:

Amends the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 that requires a person who proposes to operate a solid waste facility to file with the enforcement agency or the California Integrated Waste Management Board, Requires the board, in the case where the proposed or existing solid waste is located in multiple jurisdictions to obtain the approval of the designated and certified enforcement agency of each of the jurisdictions.

STATUS:

04/28/2008

In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Not heard.

Lobbyist Paul

Position Watch

Staff Marv Subject **ESJPA**

CA AB 2505 AUTHOR:

Brownley (D)

TITLE:

Polyvinyl Chloride Packaging Container

LAST AMEND:

04/22/2008

LOCATION:

Assembly Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY:

Relates to the Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act. Prohibits a person from selling or

distributing in commerce in this state a polyvinyl chloride packaging container. Provides for a civil penalty. STATUS: In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to 04/22/2008 Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. <u>Position</u> Staff Subject **ESJPA** Watch Mary CA AB 2640 AUTHOR: Huffman (D) TITLE: Solid Waste: Compostable Organics Management LAST AMEND: 04/07/2008 **LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee SUMMARY: Requires the source reduction and recycling element of integrated waste management plans to divert a portion of all solid waste from disposal through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities. Provides the beneficial reuse in the operation of a solid waste landfill constitutes diversion through recycling. Requires that a solid waste disposal facility operator must pay a fee for waste disposal and requires that these funds be used for grants for compostable organics management projects. STATUS: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense 04/30/2008 File. <u>Position</u> Subject Lobbyist <u>Staff</u> Paul ' Oppose Mary **ESJPA** CA AB 2656 AUTHOR: Brownley (D) TITLE: Pupil Suspension LAST AMEND: 04/23/2008 LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee SUMMARY: Requires a pupil suspended from a school for specified reasons to complete all in-class assignments, tests, and homework he or she will miss or has missed during the period of suspension. School administrators or counselors would be required to ensure that the pupil is given all in-class assignments and homework that he or she will miss or has missed during the period of suspension and the opportunity to take any tests that will affect his or her grade for that period. STATUS: 04/23/2008 In ASSEMBLY, Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Position Staff Subject **ESJPA** Watch Mary CA AB 2679 AUTHOR: Ruskin (D) TITLE: Solid Waste: Enforcement: Local Agencies LAST AMEND: 04/23/2008 LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee SUMMARY: Amends the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989. Authorizes the state Integrated Waste Management Board to take any enforcement action that a local enforcement agency may take under the act. Authorizes a local agency to include the prevention of the illegal disposal of solid waste and its abatement to make the public

aware regarding such disposal; prohibits the disposing or accepting of solid waste accept at a permitted facility. Revises the provisions for imposition of related civil penalties.

STATUS:

04/23/2008

In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

Lobbvist Paul

Position Watch-

Staff Mary

Subject **ESJPA**

CA AB 2695 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Niello (R)

Enforcement: Illegal Dumping

LAST AMEND:

04/22/2008

LOCATION:

Assembly Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY:

Defines illegal dumping and illegal dump. Provides that this act does not limit the power of local entities. Allows a local enforcement agency to include the inspection of illegal dumping activities in its inspection program. Establishes a grant and loan program for local, regional, and statewide illegal dumping enforcement. Requires adoption of a model local ordinance for the permitting of refuse hauler services and requires the ordinance to include standards for the inspection of hauling vehicles.

STATUS:

04/22/2008

In ASSEMBLY, Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

Position Support Staff Mary <u>Subject</u> **ESJPA**

CA AB 2730 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Leno (D)

Beverage Containers: Nonprofit Convenience Zones

LOCATION:

SUMMARY:

Assembly Second Reading File

Deletes a requirement under the Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, that a nonprofit convenience zone recycler be located within a convenience zone. Requires a nonprofit convenience zone recycler to either be located within one mile of a supermarket that is in a convenience zone that is unserved by a recycling center, or require that the existence of that recycling center be the basis for an exemption from the requirement that there be a certified recycling center in every zone. STATUS:

04/28/2008

From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass

as amended.

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Staff

Subject

Mary **ESJPA**

CA AB 2829 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Davis (D)

Recycling: Plastic Carryout Bags

LAST AMEND:

04/07/2008

LOCATION:

Assembly Natural Resources Committee

SUMMARY:

Requires each plastic carryout bag provided by a store to have printed on the bag an environmental awareness message. Requires customers to pay a carryout bag impact fee. Creates a fund for the fees for litter prevention and cleanup. Deletes the prohibition on a city, county, or other public agency from imposing a plastic carryout

bag fee upon a store. STĂTUS: In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Failed 04/14/2008 passage. 04/14/2008 In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Reconsideration granted. **Staff** Subject Position Position Watch Mary **ESJPA** CA AB 2866 AUTHOR: De Leon (D) TITLE: Solid Waste: Solid Waste Disposal Fees LAST AMEND: 04/23/2008 Assembly Appropriations Committee COMMITTEE: **HEARING:** 05/07/2008 9:00 am SUMMARY: Amends the Integrated Waste Management Act that requires an operator of a solid waste disposal facility to pay a fee based on solid waste disposal. Provides that the fees will fund demonstration projects of hybrid hydraulic and electric propulsion recycling and garbage trucks, diversion of compostable organics from landfills and to be deposited in the State Solid Waste Closure Trust Subaccount. Provides that an operator of a disposal site who does abide by a closure plan is liable for costs. STATUS: 04/23/2008 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. Staff **BOARD.PACKET** Lobbyist Position Oppose Mary March08 Paul <u>Subject</u> **ESJPA** CA AB 2986 AUTHOR: Leno (D) TITLE: Waste Discharge Requirements LAST AMEND: 04/08/2008 LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee SUMMARY: Requires the Water Resources Control Board and each regional board to post on their web sites copies of specified water quality documents, to issue annually a letter grade for each sanitary sewer system and treatment plant, and to establish a list of all treatment plants for which it makes certain findings relating to wet weather peak flows. Requires the board to impose fees to owners of specified systems. Specifies that projects to install flow meters to reduce stormwater inflow are eligible for funding. STATUS: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense 04/23/2008 File. <u>Subject</u> Lobbyist **Position Staff ESJPA**

CA AB 3025 AUTHOR:

THOR: Lieber (D)

TITLE:

Kathy

Polystyrene Packaging

Mary

WaterQuality ·

LAST AMEND:

04/22/2008

Watch

LOCATION:

Assembly Second Reading File

SUMMARY:

Prohibits, on or after a specified date, a wholesaler from selling or offering for sale, expanded polystyrene loose fill packaging in this state, unless it is 100% recycled material.

STATUS:

04/28/2008

From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass

as amended.

<u>Position</u> Watch

Staff Mary Subject **ESJPA**

CA AB 3031 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Lieber (D)

Hazardous Materials: Green Chemistry

LAST AMEND:

04/21/2008

COMMITTEE:

Assembly Appropriations Committee

HEARING:

05/07/2008 9:00 am

SUMMARY:

Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to develop an inventory of data identifying chemical uses by type, industry sector, and toxicity to show existing hazardous substance flows, changes, and endpoints to assist consumers, policymakers, researchers and the industry. Requires state agencies to inform the Environmental Protection Agency of data in their possession and to assist the agency in collecting additional necessary data, and would require the agency to seek data from other entities.

STATUS:

04/21/2008

From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's

amendments.

04/21/2008

In ASSEMBLY, Read second time and amended, Re-referred to

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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Staff Mary

<u>Subject</u> **ESJPA**

CA SB 447

AUTHOR:

Maldonado (R)

TITLE: LAST AMEND: Junk Dealers 01/18/2008

LOCATION:

Assembly Business and Professions Committee

SUMMARY:

Requires a junk dealer or recycler to report specified written records of all sales and purchases made in the course of business to the chief of police of the city or the sheriff of the county in which the junk dealer or recycler sold or purchased the junk.

STATUS:

04/28/2008

To ASSEMBLY Committee on BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS.

<u>Position</u>

Staff

Subject

Watch

Mary

ESJPA

CA SB 1016 AUTHOR:

Wiggins (D)

TITLE:

Diversion: Annual Reports

LAST AMEND:

04/10/2007

LOCATION:

Assembly Natural Resources Committee

SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Integrated Waste Management Board, if it determines that a city or

county has diverted more than 50% of solid waste from landfill disposal through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities, to submit once every 2 years the information required in a specified report. Provides that, for a city or county submitting the report every 2 years, they must return to annual submission if they fail to divert 50% of the solid waste, or if the board rescinds the authorization. STATUS: 05/24/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES. BOARD.PACKET 80NAL JUN07 Lobbyist Position **Analyst** MAY2007 Paul Support.If.Amended Nick MAY2007 March08 <u>Subject</u> Year-End-Report Staff Mary **ESJPA** OCT2007 CA SB 1020 AUTHOR: Padilla (D) TITLE: Solid Waste: Diversion LAST AMEND: 06/26/2007 LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee SUMMARY: Requires the State Integrated Waste Management Board to adopt policies and incentives to ensure that, on or before a specified date, 60% of all solid waste generated in the state is source reduced, recycled, or composted and to ensure that, on or before a specified date, 75% of all solid waste generated is source reduced, recycled, or composted. STATUS: In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard. 08/30/2007 **BOARD.PACKET** AUG2007 30NAL Lobbyist **Position** <u>Analyst</u> JUN07 Nick Paul Oppose MAR07 MAY2007 MAY2007 Subject Year-End-Report <u>Staff</u> ES]PA OCT2007 Mary CA SB 1321 AUTHOR: Correa (D) TITLE: School Recycling Programs LAST AMEND: 04/23/2008 COMMITTEE: Senate Appropriations Committee **HEARING:** 05/12/2008 10:00 am SUMMARY: Requires each school district to maintain a sufficient number of beverage container recycling bins at each school campus and public office of that school district, but only to the extent that the district does not incur costs. Authorizes the Integrated Waste Management Board and the Department of Conservation to provide specified recycling

supplies to a school district to which the bill is applicable upon request of that district.

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

In SENATE, Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

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STATUS: 04/23/2008

Lobbyist Paul

Position Support Staff Mary Subject ES]PA

CA SB 1357 AUTHOR:

Padilla (D) TITLE:

LAST AMEND:

Beverage Containers: Processing Payments: Grants

04/23/2008

COMMITTEE:

Senate Appropriations Committee

HEARING: SUMMARY: 05/12/2008 10:00 am

Authorizes the Department of Conservation to extend up to a certain amount of funds during a certain period for either grants for beverage container recycling and litter reduction or regional community beverage container recycling and litter reduction. Amends existing law that requires the department to calculate a processing fee and a processing payment for each beverage container. Requires the department to use the most recently published, actual costs of recycling for a beverage container.

STATUS:

04/23/2008

In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

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Paul

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Mary

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CA SB 1625 AUTHOR:

Corbett (D)

TITLE:

Recycling: CRV Containers

LAST AMEND:

04/21/2008

COMMITTEE:

Senate Appropriations Committee

HEARING:

05/12/2008 10:00 am

SUMMARY:

Provides for the renaming of the Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. Revises the terms for beverage to include nut, grain or soy drinks that contain any percentage of juice and plastic bottle to mean a CRV container. Establishes certain Department of Conservation reporting requirements, Suspends the requirement to pay the processing fee for any container type with a certain recycling rate for specified calendar years. Relates to expending any funds collected or payable under the Act. STATUS:

04/21/2008

In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

<u>Position</u> Watch

Staff Mary

Subject **ESJPA**

CA SB 1663 AUTHOR:

TITLE:

Denham (R)

Used and Waste Tires: Grants

LAST AMEND:

04/21/2008

COMMITTEE:

Senate Appropriations Committee

HEARING:

05/12/2008 10:00 am

SUMMARY:

Requires the tire recycling program established by the Integrated Waste Management Board under the Tire Recycling Act to include the awarding of grants to cities, counties, and other local government and nonprofit entities to provide assistance to owners of farm property used for specified agricultural activities. Require the grants to be expended only for the purposes of facilitating compliance with requirements regarding transportation of used and waste tires and the removal of illegally disposed tires. STATUS:

04/21/2008

In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

<u>Position</u> Watch

<u>Staff</u> Mary <u>Subject</u> ESJPA

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Complete Text of Selected Solid Waste Bills

AB 1195 Torrico Recycling: used oil: payment

• AB 2640 Huffman Solid waste: compostable organics management

• AB 2679 Ruskin Solid waste: enforcement: local agencies

• AB 2695 Niello Solid waste: enforcement: illegal dumping

• AB 2866 De Leon Solid waste: solid waste disposal

■ SB 1016 Wiggins Diversion: annual reports

■ SB 1625 Corbett Recycling: CRV containers

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AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 1, 2007

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AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 28, 2007

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 14, 2007

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 18, 2007

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 9, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2007-08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1195

Introduced by Assembly Member Torrico
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Feuer and Hancock)
(Coauthor: Senator Lowenthal Coauthors: Senators Corbett and Lowenthal)

February 23, 2007

An act to add Section 25250.29 to the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Sections 48623, 48624, 48631, 48651, 48652, 48653, 48655, 48660.5, 48662, and 48670 of, and to add Sections 48619.5 and 48654 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to recycling.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1195, as amended, Torrico. Recycling: used oil: incentive payments.

(1) Existing law requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board (board) to adopt a used oil recycling program, which requires

the board, among other things, to develop and implement an information and education program and to pay a recycling incentive to specified entities for the collection of used oil that is transported to a used oil recycling facility. Existing law requires the used oil recycling facility that receives the used oil to either be certified by the board or to be an out-of-state recycling facility registered with the federal Environmental Protection Agency and operating in substantial compliance with the state in which the recycling facility is located. The board is required to certify a used oil recycling facility for which the board has received an inspection report from the department. Existing law also requires the payment of a recycling incentive to an electric utility for using used lubricating oil meeting specified requirements for electrical generation. Existing law requires the board to set a recycling incentive at not less than \$0.04 per quart and authorizes the board to set an amount higher than \$0.04 if the board determines a higher amount is necessary to promote the recycling of used lubricating oil.

This bill would additionally require the information and education program to promote methods to reduce the amount of used oil generated, and the use of re-refined oil, as defined, in automotive and industrial lubricants.

The bill would require that the used lubricating oil for which a recycling incentive is paid be transported to a used oil recycling facility that is certified by the board and recycles the oil to meet the standards for recycled oil. The board would be required to certify an out-of-state used oil recycling facility that is in substantial compliance with certain federal regulations related to the management of used oil. The bill would require an out-of-state facility seeking certification to submit an annual report to the board, under penalty of perjury, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime. The bill would also repeal the provision regarding payment of the recycling incentive to an electric utility and would require the board to pay a recycling incentive for any used oil that is burned or otherwise used for energy recovery only if the used oil meets the purity standards for recycled oil. The bill would establish, as of January 1, 2013, a recycling incentive of no less than \$0.045 per quart for used oil recycled into re-refined lubricating oil.

The bill would require the report submitted, as a condition for the payment of a recycling incentive, to specify the receiving certified used oil recycling facility under penalty of perjury, if the used oil was

consolidated at a used oil transfer facility, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

The bill would require the board to provide increases to block grants to rural counties for local government-sponsored used oil collection efforts to cover the costs of testing or reduced availability of the recycling incentive caused by increases in regulatory expenses, if the public collection effort demonstrates to the board that it had incurred additional costs that could not have been avoided or lessened through the use of a commercially viable alternative transporter or recycling facility.

The bill would also make conforming changes to certain definitions.

(2) Existing law requires the board, upon the application of a certified used oil collection center or a curbside collection program, to reimburse the center or program for the additional disposal cost for used oil that is contaminated by hazardous materials in excess of that which generally occurs in normal use, which renders the used oil infeasible for recycling, and requires that the used oil be destroyed at a higher cost than the cost to recycle the used oil.

This bill would, additionally, provide reimbursement for an uncertified publicly funded used oil collection center in a small rural county.

(3) Existing law requires an entity that generates used industrial oil or a facility that accepts used oil to transport the used oil to a certified used oil facility or a registered out-of-state recycling facility.

This bill would require, except as specified, the used oil to be tested and analyzed by a laboratory accredited by the State Department of Public Health prior to shipment, to ensure the used oil meets specified criteria. The bill would require the registered hazardous waste transporter to accomplish the testing, unless the transporter can demonstrate that testing and analysis has been performed by the generator of the used oil or provide documentation that the testing will be performed by a transfer facility or a recycling facility issued a permit by the Department of Toxic Substances Control. The registered hazardous waste transporter would be required to submit to the department annually a report containing specified information regarding the out-of-state shipment of used oil. Because a violation of the requirements on used oil is a crime, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

(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.

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This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 25250.29 is added to the Health and 2 Safety Code, to read:

25250.29. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) and subdivision (g), before a load of used oil is shipped to a transfer facility, recycling facility, or facility located out of the state, the used oil shall be tested and analyzed by a laboratory accredited by the State Department of Public Health pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 100825) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 101, to ensure that the used oil meets all of the following characteristics:

(1) A flashpoint above 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

(2) A polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) concentration of less than 5 ppm.

(3) A concentration of total halogens of 1000 ppm or less, unless the presumption in subclause (I) of clause (v) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 25250.1 has been rebutted pursuant to subclause (II) of clause (v) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 25250.1.

(b) The testing and analysis required pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be accomplished by a registered hazardous waste transporter prior to acceptance at a transfer facility, recycling facility, or shipment out of the state, except the transporter is not required to perform the testing and analysis if the transporter can do either of the following:

(1) (A) Demonstrate that testing and analysis has been performed by the generator of the used oil prior to shipment.

(B) Subparagraph (A) does not require the generator of the used oil to perform the testing and analysis required by this section.

29 (2) Provide documentation that the testing will be performed 30 by a transfer facility or a recycling facility issued a permit by the 31 department pursuant to this chapter.

(c) (1) A transporter shall not require a used oil collection center to test tanks or containers that contain only used lubricating oil or

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oil filters accepted from the public as a condition of accepting the oil for shipment.

- (2) A transporter shall not require a generator to test used oil as a condition of accepting that used oil for shipment.
- (3) Nothing in this subdivision is intended to alter a generator's responsibility to comply with regulations adopted by the department that govern the operation of a generator.
- (d) This section does not affect or limit any testing requirement that the department may impose on a used oil transfer facility or used oil recycling facility as a condition of a permit issued by the department, including, but not limited to, any test required pursuant to a facility's waste analysis plan.
- (e) The person performing a test required by subdivision (a) shall maintain records of tests performed for used oil for at least three years and is subject to audit and verification by the department.
- (f) The registered hazardous waste transporter who is listed as the transporter on the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest used to ship used oil out of state shall submit a report, on or before March 1 of each year, to the department, containing all of the following information for the preceding year:
 - (1) Total volume of used oil shipped out of state.
 - (2) Date of each shipment of used oil out of state.
- (3) Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest tracking number used to ship used oil out of the state.
- (4) Volume of used oil shipped out of state listed on each manifest.
- (5) Information pertaining to the out-of-state facility to which the used oil was shipped, including the facility name, facility address, and facility EPA ID number.
- (6) Signed certification that all used oil shipped out of the state was analyzed and conformed to the requirements of subdivision (a), including identification of the accredited laboratory utilized to test and analyze the used oil shipments.
 - (7) Any other information that the department may require.
- (g) (1) This section does not apply to a load for shipment that consists exclusively of used lubricating oil accepted by a used oil collection center from the public.
- (2) This section does not require a generator to test used oil for dielectric oil derived from highly refined mineral oil used in oil

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- filled electrical equipment. Nothing in this section exempts that oil from any testing requirement required by any other section of law.
 - (3) This section does not prohibit the transportation of used oil to a facility located outside the state, or impose liability other than compliance with the requirements of this section upon, or in any other way affect the liability of, a generator whose used oil is transported to a facility located outside the state.
- 9 SEC. 2. Section 48619.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, 10 to read:
- 48619.5. "Re-refined oil" means a lubricant base stock or oil base that has been derived from used oil and meets all the following criteria:
- (a) Processed using a series of mechanical or chemical methods,
 or both, including, but not limited to, vacuum distillation, followed
 by solvent refining or hydrotreating.
- 17 (b) Capable for meeting the Physical and Compositional 18 Properties, in addition to the Contaminants and Toxicological 19 Properties, as defined under the American Society for Testing and 20 Materials (ASTM) D6074-99 standard.
- 21 (c) Processed into a material that has a quality level suitable for use in a finished lubricant.
- SEC. 3. Section 48623 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 48623. "Used oil hauler" means a hazardous waste transporter registered pursuant to Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 25100) of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code who transports used oil to a used oil recycling facility certified pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 48660), to a used oil storage facility, or to a used oil transfer facility.
- SEC. 4. Section 48624 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 48624. "Used oil recycling facility" means a facility that produces recycled oil, as defined in Section 25250.1 of the Health and Safety Code, and is eligible for certification pursuant to Section 48662.
- 37 SEC. 5. Section 48631 of the Public Resources Code is 38 amended to read:
- 39 48631. The used oil recycling program shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

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- (a) A recycling incentive system as described in Article 6 (commencing with Section 48650).
 - (b) Grants or loans, as specified in Section 48632.

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- (c) Development and implementation of an information and education program to promote alternatives to the illegal disposal of used oil, methods to reduce the amount of used oil generated, and the use of re-refined oil in automotive and industrial lubricants.
- (d) A reporting, monitoring, and enforcement program to ensure that all statutes and regulations relating to used oil are properly carried out.
- SEC. 6. Section 48651 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 48651. (a) The board shall pay a recycling incentive to every industrial generator, curbside collection program, and certified used oil collection center, for used lubricating oil collected from the public, or generated by the certified used oil collection center or the industrial generator, and transported by a used oil hauler to a used oil recycling facility certified in accordance with Section 48662 that recycles the oil to meet the standards for recycled oil, as defined in Section 25250.1 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (b) A person or entity that generates used industrial oil or a used oil storage facility or a used oil transfer facility that accepts used oil shall cause that oil to be transported by a used oil hauler to a certified used oil recycling facility or an out-of-state recycling facility operating in substantial compliance with Part 279 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations and with applicable regulatory standards of the state in which the recycling facility is located.
- (c) The board shall pay a recycling incentive pursuant to subdivision (a) for any used oil that is burned or otherwise used for energy recovery only if the used oil meets the purity standards for recycled oil specified in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 25250.1 of the Health and Safety Code.
- SEC. 7. Section 48652 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 48652. The board shall set the recycling incentive amount at not less than four cents (\$0.04) per quart. The amount may be set at an amount higher than four cents (\$0.04) if the board determines that a higher amount is necessary to promote recycling of used lubricating oil and sufficient funds are available in the fund. On

- and after January 1, 2013, the recycling incentive shall be no less than four and one-half cents (\$0.045) per quart of used oil recycled into re-refined lubricating oil as defined in Section 48619.5. The board shall not change the amount of the recycling incentive until at least one year has passed since the amount was last set. The board shall continue providing recycling incentives to certified used oil collection centers at the previous rate for one month after setting the recycling incentive at a different rate. The board shall not raise the recycling incentive amount unless it finds that the raise will not adversely affect funding required pursuant to Sections 48631, 48653, and 48660.5.
 - SEC. 8. Section 48653 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 48653. The board shall deposit all amounts paid pursuant to Section 48650 by manufacturers, civil penalties, or fines paid pursuant to this chapter, and all other revenues received pursuant to this chapter into the California Used Oil Recycling Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the money in the fund is to be appropriated solely as follows:
 - (a) Continuously appropriated to the board for expenditure for the following purposes:
 - (1) To pay recycling incentives pursuant to Section 48651.
 - (2) To provide a reserve for contingencies, as may be available after making other payments required by this section, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
 - (3) To make block grants for the implementation of local used oil collection programs adopted pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section 48690) to cities, based on the city's population, and counties, based on the population of the unincorporated area of the county, in a total annual amount equal to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or half of the amount which remains in the fund after the expenditures are made pursuant to paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, and subdivision (b), whichever amount is greater, multiplied by the fraction equal to the population of cities and counties which are eligible for block grants pursuant to Section 48690, divided by the population of the state. The board shall use the latest population estimates of the state generated by the Population Research Unit of the Department of Finance in making the calculations required by this paragraph.

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(4) For expenditures pursuant to Section 48656.

 (b) The money in the fund may be expended by the board for the administration of this chapter and by the department for inspections and reports pursuant to Section 48661, only upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

- (c) The money in the fund may be transferred to the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Account in the General Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to pay the costs associated with implementing and operating the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program established pursuant to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 48100).
- (d) Appropriations to the board to pay the costs necessary to administer this chapter, including implementation of the reporting, monitoring, and enforcement program pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 48631, shall not exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) annually.
- (e) The Legislature hereby finds and declares its intent that the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) should be annually appropriated from the California Used Oil Recycling Fund in the annual Budget Act to the board, commencing with fiscal year 1996–97, for the purposes of Section 48655.
- SEC. 9. Section 48654 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 48654. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this chapter that local government sponsored used motor oil collection programs in rural counties continue to operate and be funded to maintain or expand their existing collection efforts. As such, funding should be increased according to increased costs due to the imposition of new requirements under this chapter enacted in Assembly Bill 1195 of the 2007–08 Regular Session of the Legislature.
- (b) (1) The board shall provide increases to block grants to rural counties for local government sponsored collection efforts to cover additional costs of testing or reduced availability of the recycling incentive caused by increased regulatory expenses pursuant to changes to Section 25250.29 of the Health and Safety Code, and Sections-48619.19, 48623, 48631, 48632, 48633, 48651, 48662, and 48670 enacted in Assembly Bill 1195 of the 2007–08 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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 (2) To qualify for the increases, the public collection effort shall demonstrate to the board that it had incurred additional costs and that these costs could not have been avoided or lessened through the use of a commercially viable alternative transporter or recycling facilities that are in compliance with this chapter.

(c) The increases to block grants provided by this section shall have the same funding priority as the block grants provided pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 48653.

SEC. 10. Section 48655 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

48655. The board may enter into a contract with the department that will utilize the resources of the department to provide for greater investigation and enforcement efforts for used lubricating oil transporter, handling and storage, and transfer facility operations. The department shall assist the board in developing the used oil program and providing assistance to local governments in removing barriers to the establishment of used oil collection programs.

SEC. 11. Section 48660.5 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

48660.5. (a) If the board finds that a shipment of used oil from a certified used oil collection center or a curbside collection program or an uncertified publicly funded used oil collection center in a small rural county is contaminated by hazardous materials in excess of that which generally occurs in normal use, which renders the used oil infeasible for recycling, and requires that the used oil be destroyed at a substantially higher cost than the cost generally to recycle used oil, the board shall, upon application by the used oil collection center or curbside collection program, reimburse the center or program for the additional disposal cost, subject to the eligibility requirements of subdivision (b), except as provided in subdivision (c).

- (b) A used oil collection center or curbside collection program is eligible for reimbursement only if it demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board all of the following:
- (1) The center or program has established procedures to ensure that the used oil it generates and accepts from the public will not be mixed with other hazardous wastes, especially halogenated and polychlorinated biphenyl contaminated wastes. These procedures shall include, but not be limited to, instructing the public and

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employees that used oil shall not be mixed with other hazardous waste. The board shall not require a center or program to test used oil received from the public as part of these procedures.

- (2) The shipment contains not more than five gallons or pounds of contaminants combined, based on the contaminant concentrations and the total volume or weight of the shipment.
- (c) In any calendar year, a used oil collection center or curbside collection program shall be reimbursed for not more than one shipment and for not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in disposal costs for halogen-contaminated or more than the actual net additional costs of disposing of polychlorinated biphenyl contaminated wastes, subject to the availability of funds pursuant to Section 48656.
- SEC. 12. Section 48662 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 48662. The board shall certify or recertify a used oil recycling facility that meets either of the following requirements:
 - (a) (1) The used oil recycling facility is located in this state and the board has received a report from the department pursuant to Section 48661, unless the board determines that the facility is engaged in a repeating or recurring pattern of noncompliance that poses a significant threat to public health and safety or the environment.
 - (2) If the board denies certification to a facility subject to this subdivision the board may subsequently certify the facility if it determines that the facility meets the standards for certification.
 - (b) (1) The used oil recycling facility is an out-of-state facility and the board receives a report from the department that the out-of-state facility has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the department that the facility substantially meets the requirements set forth in Part 279 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
 - (2) An out-of-state used oil facility that seeks certification shall annually certify, in writing to the board, conformance with the standards specified in paragraph (1), under penalty of perjury. annually certify, in writing to the board, under penalty of perjury, that the facility substantially meets the requirements set forth in Part 279 (commencing with Section 279.1) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- 39 (3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not require the department to 40 inspect or prohibit the department from inspecting an out-of-state

- facility to determine whether the department is satisfied that the facility substantially meets the requirements set forth in Part 279 (commencing with Section 279.1) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (4) As a condition of demonstrating compliance pursuant to paragraph (1), a facility shall enter into an agreement with the department pursuant to Section 25201.9 of the Health and Safety Code to pay the department's full expenses for conducting the review and any inspection costs the department may incur in determining whether the facility substantially meets the requirements set forth in Part 279 (commencing with Section 279.1) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- SEC. 13. Section 48670 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 48670. (a) To be eligible for payment of a recycling incentive, an industrial generator of used lubricating oil, a used oil collection center, or a curbside collection program shall report to the board, for each quarter, the amount of lubricating oil purchased and the amount of used lubricating oil that is transported to a used oil recycling facility that is certified pursuant to Section 48662, to a used oil storage facility, or to a used oil transfer facility.
- (b) (1) The reports shall be submitted on or before the 45th day following each quarter, in the form and manner which the board may prescribe, and shall include copies of manifests or modified manifest receipts from used oil haulers.
- (2) The copies of manifests or modified manifest receipts required by paragraph (1) shall be signed by the generator of the used oil and shall specify the receiving used oil recycling facility that is certified by the board pursuant to Section 48662.
- (3) If the used oil was consolidated at a used oil transfer facility, the report shall also include a written certification, under penalty of perjury, provided by the used oil transfer facility, specifying the certified used oil recycling facility that received the oil.
- (c) The board may delegate to the executive officer of the board the authority to accept reports submitted after the 45th day and to reduce, eliminate, or approve the amount of incentive fee to be paid due to the late submission of the report. The board may provide, by regulation, for a longer reporting period for industrial generators that generate less than 1,000 gallons of used oil annually.

SEC. 14. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 7, 2008

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2640

Introduced by Assembly Member Huffman (Coauthor: Assembly Member Dymally)

February 22, 2008

An act to amend-Sections 41781.3-and Section 48000 of, to add Section 41781.5 to, and to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 48030) to Chapter 2 of Part 7 of Division 30 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2640, as amended, Huffman. Solid waste: compostable organics management.

(1) The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 establishes an integrated waste management program administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The act requires a city, county, city and county, or regional agency to develop a source reduction and recycling element of an integrated waste management

plan containing specified components.

The act requires the source reduction and recycling element to divert 50% of all solid waste subject to the element from disposal through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities, with specified exceptions. Under the act, the use of solid waste for beneficial reuse in the construction and operation of a solid waste landfill, including the use of alternative daily cover, constitutes diversion through recycling and is not considered disposal for purposes of the act. The act requires the board, prior to December 31, 1997, to adopt rules and regulations establishing conditions for the use of alternative daily cover that are consistent with the act and requires, until the board-adopts those regulations, that the use of alternative daily cover be governed by specified existing regulations.

This bill would require the board to adopt policies and to develop and implement programs, to ensure that, on and after January 1, 2020, the amount of compostable organics subject to landfill disposal or otherwise deposited in landfills is reduced as specified.

This bill would provide that, on and after January 1, 2015, the use of green material, as defined, for beneficial reuse in the construction and operation of a solid waste landfill, including the use of green material as alternative daily cover, would not constitute diversion and would require that green material be considered disposal for purposes of the act. The bill would require the board to notify operators of disposal facilities of this provision on or before July 1, 2009.

This bill would require the board, on or before July 1, 2010, to adopt or revise regulations that establish conditions for the use of alternative daily cover that are consistent with the act. The bill also would delete an obsolete reference to the board's existing regulations.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by imposing new duties upon local agencies related to implementing those provisions.

(2) The act requires an operator of a solid waste disposal facility to pay a quarterly fee of up to \$1.40 per ton based on the amount of all solid waste disposed of at each disposal site and requires the State Board of Equalization to collect the fees and deposit the fees in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund (fund) in the State Treasury. The act requires the Integrated Waste Management Board to use the moneys in the account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for specified purposes.

This bill, with regard to green material used for beneficial reuse, including use as alternative daily cover, at a disposal site, would instead, beginning January 1, 2010, require an operator of a solid waste disposal facility to pay a quarterly fee of \$1.40 per ton, would establish the Organics Management Account in the fund, and would require the State Board of Equalization to collect and deposit the fees imposed on that green material in the account, as specified. The bill would require the California Integrated Waste Management Board to expend the moneys in the account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for competitive grants and loans for compostable organics management projects and, commencing on July 1, 2010, for a program adopted by the board for compostable organics management.

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(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 hill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this set

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the 2 following:
- 3 (a) With the enactment of the California Integrated Waste
 4 Management Act of 1989 (the act), the Legislature declared that
 5 the California Integrated Waste Management Board and local
 6 agencies shall promote recycling and composting over land disposal
 7 and transformation.

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- (b) Since the enactment of the act, local governments and private industries have worked jointly to create an extensive material collection infrastructure and have implemented effective programs to achieve a statewide diversion rate greater than 50 percent.
- (c) Although California now leads the nation in waste reduction and recycling, the state continues to dispose of more than 10 million tons of compostable organics each year in solid waste landfills.
- (d) The landfilling of compostable organics, including organic materials used as landfill cover, squanders dwindling disposal capacity, adds to landfill volatility, and results in the emission of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds, and ammonia.
- (e) Composting organic materials results in substantial environmental and agricultural benefits, including the reduction of methane gas and naturally occurring volatile organic compounds and ammonia.
- 24 (f) The Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory 25 Committee, formed pursuant to the California Global Warming 26 Solutions Act of 2006 (A.B. 32, 2005–06 Reg. Sess.), has identified 27 composting as a cost-effective technology for reducing greenhouse 28 gas emissions and has recommended providing financial incentives 29 to assist compost operators to offset the cost of complying with 30 new and existing environmental regulations.

- (g) The application of compost in agriculture and landscaping has been shown to offer significant water quality benefits, provide erosion control, reduce the need for synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, and conserve water and irrigation-associated energy.
- (h) The use of compostable organics as alternative daily cover in the construction and operation of solid waste landfills deprives California agriculture and the environment of compostable organic material for compost and other higher and better uses.
- (i) The California Integrated Waste Management Board has adopted a Strategic Directive to reduce the amount of organics in the waste stream by 50 percent by the year 2020 and has identified the need for as many as 100 additional facilities in the state to process compostable organics.
- (j) In order to reduce the landfilling of organics, increase composting, and meet the organics disposal reduction target adopted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the state should reduce barriers to, and provide incentives for, increasing processing capacity and end-use markets for compostable organics.
- SEC. 2. Section 41781.3 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 41781.3. (a) (1) The use of solid waste for beneficial reuse in the construction and operation of a solid waste landfill, including the use of alternative daily cover, which reduces or eliminates the amount of solid waste being disposed pursuant to Section 40124, shall—constitute diversion through—recycling and—shall—not—be considered disposal for the purposes of this division.
- (2) On and after January 1, 2015, the use of green material, as defined in regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 40502, for beneficial reuse in the construction and operation of a solid waste landfill, including the use of green material—as alternative daily cover, shall not constitute diversion through recycling and shall be considered disposal for purposes of this division.
- 35 (3) On January 1, 2009, the board shall provide notice to all operators of disposal facilities of the requirements of paragraph (2).
 - (b) On or before July 1, 2010, pursuant to the board's authority to adopt rules and regulations pursuant to Section 40502, the board shall adopt or revise regulations that establish conditions for the

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use of alternative daily cover that are consistent with this division. In adopting the regulations, the board shall consider, but is not limited to, all of the following criteria:

- (1) Those conditions established in past policies adopted by the board affecting the use of alternative daily cover.
- (2) Those conditions necessary to provide for the continued economic development, economic viability, and employment opportunities provided by the composting industry in the state.
- (3) Those performance standards and limitations on maximum functional thickness necessary to ensure protection of public health and safety consistent with state minimum standards.
- (e) Until the adoption of additional regulations, the use of alternative daily cover shall be governed by the conditions established by the board in its existing regulations as those regulations read on the effective date of the amendments to this section, as enacted by the Statutes of 2008.
- (d) In adopting rules and regulations-pursuant to this section, Section 40124, and this division, including, but not limited to, Part 2 (commencing with Section 40900), the board shall provide guidance to local enforcement agencies on any conditions and restrictions on the utilization of alternative daily cover so as to ensure proper enforcement of those rules and regulations.

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- SEC. 2. Section 41781.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 41781.5. The board shall adopt policies and develop and implement programs to ensure that, on and after January 1, 2020, the amount of compostable organics subject to landfill disposal or otherwise deposited in landfills in the state annually is 50 percent or less of the amount of compostable organics disposed or otherwise deposited in landfills during the 2008 calendar year.

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- 33 SEC. 3. Section 48000 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 48000. (a) An operator of a disposal facility shall pay a fee quarterly to the State Board of Equalization that is based on the amount, by weight or volumetric equivalent, as determined by the board, of all solid waste disposed of at each disposal site, except solid waste for which the payment of a fee is required pursuant to Section 48030.

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- (b) The fee for solid waste disposed of shall be one dollar and thirty-four cents (\$1.34) per ton. Commencing with the 1995–96 fiscal year, the amount of the fee shall be established by the board at an amount that is sufficient to generate revenues equivalent to the approved budget for that fiscal year, including a prudent reserve, but shall not exceed one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per
- (c) The board shall notify the State Board of Equalization on the first day of the period in which the rate shall take effect of any rate change adopted pursuant to this section.
- (d) The board and the State Board of Equalization shall ensure that all the fees for solid waste imposed pursuant to this section that are collected at a transfer station are paid to the State Board of Equalization in accordance with this article.

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SEC. 4. Article 3 (commencing with Section 48030) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 7 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

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- 48030. (a) (1) On and after January 1, 2009 Commencing January 1, 2010, an operator of a disposal facility shall pay a fee quarterly to the State Board of Equalization that is based on the amount, by weight or volumetric equivalent, as determined by the board, of all green material, as defined in regulations adopted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board pursuant to Section 40502, that is used for beneficial reuse, including use as alternative daily cover, at each disposal site.
- 30 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the State Board of Equalization may require the payment of the fee imposed pursuant to this section and the filing of returns for other than quarterly periods.
 - (3) An operator of a disposal facility shall pay the fee imposed pursuant to this section by the 25th day of the calendar month following the quarterly period for which the fee is due.
 - (4) (A) Each payment of a fee pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a return in the form as prescribed by the State Board of Equalization, including, but not limited to, electronic media. The return shall include the following information:

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(i) The total amount of green material subject to the fee.

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- (ii) The amount of the fee for the period covered by the return.
- (iii) Other information that the State Board of Equalization determines to be necessary.
- (B) A return submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be authenticated pursuant to methods as may be prescribed by the State Board of Equalization.
- (b) The fee imposed pursuant to this section shall be one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per ton.
- (c) The board and the State Board of Equalization shall ensure that all fees for green material imposed pursuant to this section that are collected at a transfer station are paid to the State Board of Equalization in accordance with this article.
- (d) The State Board of Equalization shall collect the fee imposed pursuant to this section in accordance with the Fee Collection Procedures Law (Part 30 (commencing with Section 55001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code).
- 48031. (a) The revenue from the fees paid pursuant to Section 48030 shall, after payment of refunds and administrative costs of collection, be deposited in the Organics Management Account, which is hereby created in the Integrated Waste Management Fund.
- (b) For purposes of this article, "account" means the Organics Management Account, created pursuant to subdivision (a).
- 48032. The state board shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out Section 48030, including, but not limited to, provisions governing collections, reporting, refunds, and appeals.
- 48033. The state board shall not spend more than one-half of 1 percent of the total revenues deposited, or anticipated to be deposited, in the account during a fiscal year for the administration of this article during that fiscal year.
- 48034. (a) The board shall expend the moneys in the account, 32 upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the administration and implementation of this article.
- 34 (b) The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the expenditure of the moneys in the account, in accordance with the 35 purposes set forth in this article. 36
- 48035. (a) (1) The board shall develop a program of grants 37 and loans for compostable organics management projects. 38

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- (2) In expending the moneys in the account pursuant to paragraph (1), the board shall support only projects that meet or exceed new or existing state environmental standards.
- 4 (b) The board shall adopt a program, to commence on July 1, 5 2010, for compostable organics management. The program shall be administered by the board pursuant to regulations adopted by 7 the board.
- SEC. 6. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
 Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because
 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section
 - 3 17556 of the Government Code.

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2679

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin (Coauthor: Assembly Member Nunez)

February 22, 2008

An act to amend Sections 40120.1, 40122, 40141, 40160, 40192, 43209, 43214, 43300, 44100, 44306, 45000, 45002, 45005, 45010, 45011, 45012, 45013, 45017, 45019, 45020, 45021, 45022, 45023, and 45040 of, to add Sections 40115.5, 40142, 40150.1, 40162, 44000.5, 45000.1, 45003, 45010.1, and 45010.2 to, to add Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 45025) to Part 5 of Division 30 of, and to repeal Sections 40123 and 45033 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2679, as amended, Ruskin. Solid waste: enforcement: local agencies.

(1) Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, regulates the management of solid waste. The act provides that the California Integrated Waste Management Board may designate and certify a local enforcement agency within each county to carry out specified powers and duties and requires the board and certified local enforcement agencies to perform specified functions with regard to the regulation of solid waste management, including the issuance and enforcement of solid waste facilities permits. Existing law defines various terms for purposes of the act, including defining the term

"disposal site owner" as a person who holds title to property used as a disposal site after January 1, 1977.

The bill would repeal the definition of disposal site owner and would additionally define the terms "closed disposal site," "illegal disposal site," "minor violation," and "owner." The bill would also revise the existing definitions of the terms "disposal," "disposal site," "hazardous waste," "operator," and "solid waste disposal" for purposes of the act.

(2) Existing law prohibits the operation of a solid waste facility without a solid waste facilities permit and authorizes an enforcement agency to issue a solid waste facilities permit only if it makes certain findings regarding the consistency of the permit with the act and the regulations adopted by the board. The enforcement agency is required to take specified actions, including establishing and maintaining an inspection program.

Existing law requires the board to periodically inspect solid waste facilities to determine if the enforcement agency is enforcing state minimum standards. Existing law allows an enforcement agency to issue an administrative order requiring the owner or operator of a solid waste facility to take corrective action and to issue a cease and desist order. An enforcement agency is allowed to include an administrative civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each day on which a violation occurs. Existing law also provides for the imposition of a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day upon an owner or operator of a solid waste facility who violates certain requirements or a person who violates a standard adopted by the board. Existing law requires all civil penalties paid to the board pursuant to the enforcement provisions of the act to be deposited in the Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the board for specified purposes with regard to the cleanup of solid waste disposal sites.

This bill would make conforming changes to the enforcement and penalty provisions of the act to additionally include violations of the act regarding disposal sites and solid waste handling activities. The bill would authorize the board to take any enforcement action that a local enforcement agency may take under the enforcement provisions of the act. The bill would authorize an enforcement agency to include, as part of its funding of the inspection program required to be conducted by the enforcement agency, the prevention of the illegal disposal of solid waste, the abatement of the illegal disposal of solid waste, and activities to make the public aware regarding that disposal.

The bill would allow the board to require an environmental restriction to be imposed on a disposal site where the solid waste remains in place after closure or environmental remediation.

The bill would require the board or enforcement agency to take specified actions when a minor violation is detected in the course of an inspection.

The bill would prohibit a person from disposing of solid waste, causing solid waste to be disposed of, arranging for the disposal of solid waste, transporting solid waste, or accepting solid waste for disposal, except at a solid waste disposal facility issued a solid waste facilities permit, or as otherwise authorized. This bill would revise the procedures for the imposition of civil penalties to authorize the board or an enforcement agency to issue an order imposing a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 upon a person who violates the act, a regulation adopted pursuant to the act or, an order issued under the enforcement provisions of the act applicable to a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or a disposal site, or the terms or conditions of a solid waste facilities permit. The bill would require the board or an enforcement agency before issuing an order, except as specified, to follow specified procedures regarding notification and meeting with the owner, operator, or person to determine what actions, if any, that the operator, owner, or person may voluntarily take to bring the facility, activity, or site into compliance by the earliest feasible date.

The bill would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring local agencies to take specified enforcement actions under the act.

The bill would additionally authorize the imposition of a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 upon a person who disposes or arranges for the disposal of, or generates, transports, or arranges for the transport of, a solid waste that is not disposed of at a solid waste facility issued a solid waste facilities permit own or operates a solid waste handling activity or disposal site and who intentionally or negligently violates a solid waste facilities permit or a standard, requirement, or order, or a person who intentionally or negligently violates the act or a regulation, administrative order, or standard, with respect to a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site, for each day the violation or operation occurs.

Because the civil penalties that would be imposed by the board are required to be deposited in the Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund, which is a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

The bill would make a person convicted of violating certain provisions of the act guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine in an amount of not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000, by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 6 months, or by both, for each violation. The bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes.

(3) Existing law requires all orders and determinations issued under the act to take effect immediately after any time period for appeal has expired. However, under existing law, a request for a hearing stays the effect of the order pending completion of all appeals, but a request for a hearing does not stay a provision of the order, or the order as a whole, when there is an imminent and substantial threat to public health and safety or the environment, as specified.

This bill would instead allow a person subject to an order in the case of extraordinary circumstances to petition the board to stay the order, pending the completion of specified administrative appeals pursuant to a specified procedure.

(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 specified reasons.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 40115.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 40115.5. "Closed disposal site" means a disposal site that ceases to accept solid waste and is closed in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and local ordinances in effect at the time of the closure.
- 7 SEC. 2. Section 40120.1 of the Public Resources Code is 8 amended to read:
- 9 40120.1. "Disposal" or "dispose" has the same meaning as 10 "solid waste disposal" as defined in Section 40192.
- SEC. 3. Section 40122 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

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40122. "Disposal site" or "site" means the place, location, tract of land, area, or premises in use, intended to be used, or which has been used, for the disposal of solid wastes.

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- SEC. 4. Section 40123 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- Section 40141 of the Public Resources Code is SEC. 5. amended to read:
- 40141. (a) "Hazardous waste" means a waste, defined as a "hazardous waste" in accordance with Section 25117 of the Health and Safety Code, or a combination of wastes, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may do either of the following:
- (1) Cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality 14 or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible,
 - (2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.
 - (b) Unless expressly provided otherwise, "hazardous waste" includes extremely hazardous waste and acutely hazardous waste.
- SEC. 6. Section 40142 is added to the Public Resources Code, 21 22 to read:
 - 40142. "Illegal disposal site" means a disposal site that meets both of the following conditions:
 - (a) The site does not have a solid waste facilities permit, if the site is required to obtain a solid waste facilities permit pursuant to this division.
- (b) The site is not closed in accordance with the requirements 28 29 of this division.
- 30 SEC. 7. Section 40150.1 is added to the Public Resources Code, 31 to read:
- 40150.1. "Minor violation" means the failure of a person to 32 comply with a requirement or condition of an applicable law, 33
- regulation, permit, information request, order, variance, or other
- requirement, whether procedural or substantive, that an 35 enforcement agency or the board is authorized to implement or 36
- enforce pursuant to Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000) and 37
- that does not otherwise include any of the following: 38

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- (a) A violation that results in injury to persons or property or that presents a significant threat to human health or the environment.
 - (b) A knowing willful knowing, willful, or intentional violation.
- (c) A violation that is a chronic violation or that is committed by a recalcitrant violator. In determining whether a violation is chronic or a violator is recalcitrant, the enforcement agency or board, whichever issues the notice to comply, shall consider whether there is evidence indicating that the violator has engaged in a pattern of neglect or disregard with respect to applicable regulatory requirements.
- (d) A violation that results in an emergency response from a public safety agency.
- (e) A violation that enables the violator to benefit economically from the noncompliance, either by reduced costs or competitive advantage.
- SEC. 8. Section 40160 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 40160. (a) "Operator" means a person who operates a solid waste facility, conducts a solid waste handling activity, or operates a disposal site.
- (b) For purposes of an enforcement action pursuant to Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000) or a cost recovery action pursuant to Section 48023, "operator" includes the current operator and a person who, at any time before the date of the commencement of the enforcement action or cost recovery action, operated a solid waste facility, conducted a solid waste handling activity, or operated a disposal site during which time the operation of the property or the activity may have contributed to, caused the circumstances giving rise to, or caused the condition of the property giving rise to, the enforcement action or cost recovery action.
- SEC. 9. Section 40162 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
 - 40162. (a) "Owner" means a person who holds fee title to, or a leasehold or other possessory interest in, real property that is presently in use as a solid waste facility, is a disposal site, or is presently used for any solid waste handling activity.
 - (b) For purposes of an enforcement action pursuant to Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000) or a cost recovery action pursuant to Section 48023, "owner" includes a person who, at any

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time before the commencement of the enforcement action or recovery action, held fee title to, or held a leasehold or other possessory interest in, real property that was used as the site of a solid waste facility or a disposal site, or was used for any solid waste handling activity, during which time the operation of the property or the activity may have contributed to, caused the circumstances giving rise to, or caused the condition of the property giving rise to, the enforcement action or cost recovery action.

- 9 SEC. 10. Section 40192 of the Public Resources Code is 10 amended to read:
 - 40192. (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), "solid waste disposal," "disposal," or "dispose" means the final deposition of solid wastes onto land, into the atmosphere, or into the waters of the state.
 - (b) For purposes of Part 2 (commencing with Section 40900), "solid waste disposal," "dispose," or "disposal" means the management of solid waste through landfill disposal or transformation at a permitted solid waste facility, unless the term is expressly defined otherwise.
 - (c) For purposes of Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 42800) and Chapter 19 (commencing with Section 42950) of Part 3, Part 4 (commencing with Section 43000), Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000), Part 6 (commencing with Section 45030), and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 47901) of Part 7, "solid waste disposal," "dispose," or "disposal" means the final deposition of solid wastes onto land.
 - SEC. 11. Section 43209 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 43209. The enforcement agency, within its jurisdiction and consistent with its certification by the board, shall do all of the following:
 - (a) Enforce applicable provisions of this part, regulations adopted under this part, and terms and conditions of permits issued pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 44001).
 - (b) Request enforcement by appropriate federal, state, and local agencies of their respective laws governing solid waste storage, handling, and disposal.
- 38 (c) File with the board, upon its request, information the board determines to be necessary.

- 1 (d) Develop, implement, and maintain inspection, enforcement, 2 permitting, and training programs.
 - (e) (1) Establish and maintain an enforcement program consistent with regulations adopted by the board to implement this chapter, the standards adopted pursuant to this chapter, and the terms and conditions of permits issued pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 44001).
 - (2) The enforcement agency may establish specific local standards for solid waste handling and disposal subject to approval by a majority vote of its local governing body, by resolution or ordinance.
 - (3) A standard established pursuant to this subdivision shall be consistent with this division and all regulations adopted by the board.
 - (f) Keep and maintain records of its inspection, enforcement, permitting, training, and regulatory programs, and of any other official action in accordance with regulations adopted by the board.
 - (g) (1) Consult, as appropriate, with the appropriate local health agency concerning all actions which involve health standards.
 - (2) The consultation required by this subdivision shall include affording the health agency adequate notice and opportunity to conduct and report the evaluation as it reasonably determines is appropriate.
 - (h) Establish and maintain an inspection program.
 - (1) The inspection program required by this subdivision shall be designed to determine whether any solid waste facility is operating under any of the following:
 - (A) The facility is operating without a permit.
 - (B) The facility is operating in violation of state minimum standards.
 - (C) The facility is operating in violation of the terms and conditions of its solid waste facilities permit.
 - (D) The facility may pose a significant threat to public health and safety or to the environment, based on any relevant information.
 - (2) The inspection program established pursuant to this subdivision shall also ensure frequent inspections of solid waste facilities that have an established pattern of noncompliance with this division, regulations adopted pursuant to this division, or the terms and conditions of a solid waste facilities permit.

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(3) The enforcement agency may include, as part of its funding of the inspection program required by this subdivision, enforcement to prevent the illegal disposal of solid waste, the abatement of the illegal disposal of solid waste, and activities to make the public aware of that disposal.

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SEC. 12. Section 43214 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

43214. (a) The board shall develop performance standards for evaluating certified local enforcement agencies and shall periodically review each certified enforcement agency and its implementation of the permit, inspection, and enforcement program. The board's review shall include periodic inspections of solid waste facilities, disposal sites, and solid waste handling activities within the jurisdiction of each enforcement agency for the purpose of evaluating whether the enforcement agency is appropriately applying and enforcing state minimum standards within its jurisdiction.

(b) Following initial certification of an enforcement agency by the board, the board shall conduct a performance review of the enforcement agency every three years, or more frequently as determined by the board.

(c) In conducting performance reviews of enforcement agencies, the board shall, based on the performance standards developed ... pursuant to subdivision (a), determine whether each enforcement agency is in compliance with the requirements of this article and the regulations adopted to implement this article. If the board finds that an enforcement agency is not fulfilling its responsibilities pursuant to this article and if the board also finds that this lack of compliance has contributed to significant noncompliance with state minimum standards at solid waste facilities, disposal sites, or solid waste handling activities within the jurisdiction of the enforcement agency, the board shall withdraw its approval of designation pursuant to Sections 43215 and 43216. Notwithstanding Sections 43215 and 43216, if the board finds that conditions at solid waste facilities, disposal sites, or solid waste handling activities within the jurisdiction of the enforcement agency threaten public health and safety or the environment, the board shall, within 10 days of notifying the enforcement agency, become the enforcement agency until another enforcement agency is designated locally and certified by the board.

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- (d) The board shall find that an enforcement agency is not fulfilling its responsibilities pursuant to this article, and may take action as prescribed by subdivision (c), if the board, in conducting its performance review, makes one or more of the following findings with regard to compliance with this part and Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000):
- (1) The enforcement agency has failed to exercise due diligence in the inspection of solid waste facilities, disposal sites, and solid waste handling activities.
- (2) The enforcement agency has intentionally misrepresented the results of inspections.
- (3) The enforcement agency has failed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, permits, permit revisions, or closure and postclosure maintenance plans.
- (4) The enforcement agency has approved permits, permit revisions, or closure and postclosure maintenance plans that are not consistent with this part and Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000).
- (5) The enforcement agency has failed to take appropriate enforcement actions.
- (6) The enforcement agency has failed to comply with, or has taken actions that are inconsistent with, or that are not authorized by, this division or the regulations adopted by the board pursuant to this division. However, nothing in this paragraph is intended to affect the authority of enforcement agencies pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 43209.
- SEC. 13. Section 43300 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 43300. The board may enforce all provisions of this division, and the regulations adopted thereto, for the protection of the environment and the public health and safety, and to prevent or abate a public nuisance in the same manner as if it were the designated enforcement agency for the local jurisdiction.
- SEC. 14. Section 44000.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 36 44000.5. (a) A person shall not dispose of solid waste, cause solid waste to be disposed of, arrange for the disposal of solid 38 waste, transport solid waste for purposes of disposal, or accept 39 solid waste for disposal, except at a solid waste disposal facility issued a solid waste facilities permit pursuant to this chapter or as

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otherwise authorized pursuant to this division and the regulations adopted by the board pursuant to this division.

(b) A violation of this section is an unlawful act.

- SEC. 15. Section 44100 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 44100. (a) The enforcement agency, in issuing or reviewing a solid waste facilities permit or in connection with an action relating to a solid waste facility permit or authorized by this division, may investigate the operation by a person of a solid waste facility, a solid waste handling activity, a transfer or processing station, a disposal site, collection or handling equipment, or a storage area for solid wastes.
- (b) In the investigation, the enforcement agency may require a person, who is, or proposes to become, an operator of a solid waste facility, a solid waste handling activity, a transfer or processing station, a disposal site, collection or handling equipment, or a storage area for solid wastes, or a person that the enforcement agency believes may have information concerning a suspected violation of this division, to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any nonprivileged technical or monitoring program or other reports that the enforcement agency may specify.
- (c) (1) If the owner of property upon which solid waste is unlawfully stored, stockpiled, disposed, handled, or maintained refuses to allow or provide the board, the local enforcement agency, or a contractor of the board or local enforcement agency with access to enter onto the property and perform all necessary cleanup, abatement, or remedial work as authorized pursuant to Section 45000 or 48020, the court shall issue the board, local enforcement agency, or a contractor of the board or local enforcement agency a warrant pursuant to the procedure set forth in Title 13 (commencing with Section 1822.50) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure to permit reasonable access to the property to perform that activity, if the following conditions have been met:
- (A) An administrative order requiring corrective action has been issued or obtained pursuant to Section 45000 against the property owner
- (B) The board or local enforcement agency finds that there is a significant threat to public health or the environment.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if there is an emergency affecting public health or safety, the board, local enforcement

agency, or a contractor of the board or local enforcement agency may enter the property without consent or the issuance of a warrant to perform any necessary cleanup, abatement, or remedial work.

SEC. 16. Section 44306 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

44306. The enforcement agency may, after holding a hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 44310, revoke a solid waste facilities permit if the enforcement agency determines any of the following:

- (a) The permit was obtained by a material misrepresentation or failure to disclose relevant factual information.
- (b) The operator has, during the previous three years, been convicted of, or been issued a final order for, one or more violations of this division, regulations adopted pursuant to this division, or the terms and conditions of the permit, and the violation meets both of the following criteria:
- (1) The violation demonstrates a chronic recurring pattern of noncompliance that has posed, or may pose, a significant risk to public health and safety or to the environment.
- (2) The violation has not been corrected or reasonable progress toward correction has not been achieved.
- (c) The operator has failed to pay in full any monetary penalty imposed pursuant to Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000) not more than 90 days from the date when the penalty is required to be paid.
- SEC. 17. Section 45000 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 45000. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the enforcement agency may issue an administrative order requiring the owner or operator of a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site or a person in violation of Section 44000.5, to take corrective action as necessary to abate a nuisance, or to protect human health and safety or the environment.
- (b) An administrative order shall not be issued for a minor violation that is corrected immediately in the presence of the inspector. Immediate compliance in that manner shall be noted in the inspection report.
- (c) The enforcement agency or the board may contract for corrective action after an order issued pursuant to subdivision (a)

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becomes final and the owner or operator fails to comply with the order by the date specified in the order.

- (d) If an enforcement agency or the board expends any funds pursuant to subdivision (b), the owner or operator of the solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site or a person in violation of Section 44000.5 shall reimburse the enforcement agency or the board for the amount expended, including, but not limited to, a reasonable amount for contract administration, and an amount equal to the interest that would have been earned on the expended funds. The amount expended shall be recoverable in a civil action by the Attorney General, upon request of the local enforcement agency or the board.
- (e) A contract for corrective action entered into by the board is exempt from approval by the Department of General Services pursuant to Section 10295 of the Public Contract Code.
- (f) A corrective action shall incorporate by reference applicable waste discharge requirements issued by the state water board or a regional water board, and shall be consistent with all applicable water quality control plans adopted pursuant to Section 13170 of, and Article 3 (commencing with Section 13240) of Chapter 4 of Division 7 of, the Water Code, and state policies for water quality control adopted pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 13140) of Chapter 3 of Division 7 of the Water Code, existing at the time of the corrective action or proposed corrective action.
- SEC. 18. Section 45000.1 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 45000.1. For purposes of adequately protecting the public health and safety and the environment, the board may require an environmental restriction to be imposed on a disposal site where the solid waste remains in place after closure or after environmental remediation that is conducted by a public agency or the owner of the disposal site. The environmental restriction shall meet the requirements described in Section 1471 of the Civil Code, and the environmental restriction shall run with the land.
- 35 SEC. 19. Section 45002 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 45002. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), an order issued pursuant to this part or Part 4 (commencing with Section 43000) shall provide the person subject to that order with a notice

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 of that person's right to appeal pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with Section 43000) and Part 6 (commencing with Section 45030).

(b) The recipient of a notice to comply issued pursuant to Section 45003 may request that a hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 44307, but only with respect to an action taken by an enforcement agency of the board that arises from a minor violation that the owner or—operation operator fails to correct or fails to certify, in a timely manner, as having been corrected.

SEC. 20. Section 45003 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

- 45003. (a) (1) An authorized representative of the enforcement agency or board who, in the course of conducting an inspection, detects a minor violation, shall take an enforcement action as to the minor violation only in accordance with this section.
- (2) In a proceeding concerning an enforcement action taken pursuant to this section, there shall be a rebuttable presumption upholding the determination made by the enforcement agency or board regarding whether the violation is a minor violation.
- (b) A notice to comply shall be the only means by which an enforcement agency or board may cite a minor violation, unless the person cited fails to correct the violation or fails to submit the certification of correction within the time period prescribed in the notice, in which case the enforcement agency or board may take any enforcement action, including imposing a penalty, as authorized by this part.
- (c) (1) The enforcement agency or the board shall commence an enforcement action under this section by serving a notice to comply on the owner or operator of the solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site at which a violation has occurred, specifying the violation and the manner in which the violation may be corrected.
- (2) A person who receives a notice to comply detailing a minor violation shall have not more than 30 days from the date of the notice to comply in which to correct any violation cited in the notice to comply. Within five working days of correcting the violation, the person cited or an authorized representative shall sign the notice to comply, certifying that any violation has been corrected, and return the notice to the enforcement agency or board, whichever issued the notice to comply.

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(3) A false certification that a violation has been corrected is punishable as a misdemeanor.

- (4) The effective date of the certification that a violation has been corrected shall be one of the following dates, whichever occurs first:
- (A) The date the certification is received by the enforcement agency or the board, whichever issued the notice to comply, including receipt of an electronic or facsimile version of the certification.
- (B) The date the certification is postmarked by the United States Postal Service.
- (C) The date the certification is accepted for delivery by a national express delivery service as evidenced by a receipt.
- (d) If a notice to comply is issued, a single notice to comply shall be issued for all minor violations noted during the inspection, and the notice to comply shall list all of the minor violations and the manner in which each of the minor violations may be brought into compliance.
- (e) If a person who receives a notice to comply pursuant to subdivision (a) disagrees with one or more of the alleged violations listed on the notice to comply, the person shall provide the enforcement agency or board that issued the notice to comply a written notice of disagreement along with the returned signed notice to comply. If the person disagrees with all of the alleged violations, the written notice of disagreement shall be returned in lieu of the signed certification of correction within 30 days of the date of issuance of the notice to comply. If the issuing agency takes administrative enforcement action on the basis of the disputed violation, that action may be appealed in the same manner as any other alleged violation under Section 44307.
 - (f) This section does not do any of the following:
- (1) Prevent a reinspection to ensure compliance with this division or to ensure that minor violations cited in a notice to comply have been corrected and that the facility or site is in compliance with this division.
- (2) Prevent the enforcement agency or board from requiring a person to submit necessary documentation needed to support the person's claim of compliance pursuant to subdivision (c).
- (3) Restrict the power of a city attorney, district attorney, county counsel, or the Attorney General to bring, in the name of the people

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- (4) Prevent the enforcement agency or board from cooperating with, or participating in, a proceeding specified in paragraph (3).
- SEC. 21. Section 45005 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 45005. An enforcement agency or the board may issue a cease and desist order to any of the following:
 - (a) A person who is operating, has operated, or proposes to operate a solid waste facility, conducts a solid waste handling activity, or operates a disposal site in an unauthorized manner, or who is disposing of solid waste in any of the following manners:
 - (1) In violation of a solid waste facilities permit or in violation of this division, or any regulation adopted pursuant to this division.
 - (2) Without a solid waste facilities permit.
- (3) In a manner that causes or threatens to cause a condition of 16 17 hazard, pollution, or nuisance.
 - (b) A person who has violated, is violating, or proposes to violate Section 44000.5.
 - SEC. 22. Section 45010 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 45010. (a) The board and enforcement agencies shall impose civil penalties on the operators of solid waste facilities in a judicious manner and shall impose those penalties only after all reasonable efforts pursuant to Section 45010.2 have been made by enforcement agencies to provide proper notice of violations to alleged violators as well as a reasonable opportunity to bring solid waste facilities, solid waste handling activities, and disposal sites into compliance with this division.
 - (b) An enforcement agency shall not deposit funds collected through the imposition of civil penalties pursuant to this article in the General Fund of the local enforcement agency, but instead shall deposit those funds in a segregated account and use those funds exclusively for enhancing solid waste enforcement within the local enforcement agency's jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
 - - (1) Increasing enforcement programs.
 - (2) Expanding the agency's enforcement capabilities.
- (3) Bringing solid waste facilities and solid waste handling 39 activities into compliance with this division.

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(4) Remediating illegal or abandoned solid waste disposal sites.

(c) Civil penalties paid to the board pursuant to this article shall be deposited in the Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund created pursuant to Section 48027.

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 SEC. 23. Section 45010.1 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

45010.1. (a) The board or an enforcement agency may issue an order imposing a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each violation, for each day that the violation continues, upon a person who violates a requirement of this division, a regulation adopted pursuant to this division, or a order issued under this chapter, if the requirement, regulation, or order is applicable to a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or a disposal site or who violates the terms or conditions of a solid waste facilities permit. An enforcement agency or the board may impose the penalty administratively pursuant to this part.

(b) In determining the amount of civil liability to be imposed pursuant to this section, the board or enforcement agency shall take into consideration the factors specified in Section 45016.

SEC. 24. Section 45010.2 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

45010.2. Before issuing an order under this chapter, except for a notice to comply pursuant to Section 45003, the board or enforcement agency shall do both of the following:

(a) Notify the owner or operator of the solid waste facility, the person conducting the solid waste handling activity, or the owner or operator of the disposal site, that the facility, activity, or site is in violation of this division, a regulation adopted pursuant to this division, or an order issued under this division, applicable to a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site.

(b) Upon the request of the owner or operator of the solid waste facility, the person conducting the solid waste handling activity, or the owner or operator of the disposal site, meet with the owner, operator, or person to clarify the applicable requirements and to determine what actions, if any, that the operator, owner, or person may voluntarily take to bring the facility, activity, or site into compliance by the earliest feasible date.

SEC. 25. Section 45011 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

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1 45011. If an enforcement agency or the board determines that a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal 2 site is in violation of this division, a regulation adopted pursuant 4 to this division, the terms or conditions of a solid waste facilities permit, an order issued under this division, or poses a potential or actual threat to public health and safety or the environment, or determines that a person has disposal solid waste at an unpermitted disposal site in violation of Section 44000.5, the enforcement agency or board may issue an order establishing a time schedule according to which the facility, activity, or site shall be brought 10 11 into compliance with this division. The order may also provide for 12 a civil penalty, to be imposed administratively by the enforcement 13 agency, or board if compliance is not achieved in accordance with 14 that time schedule.

SEC. 26. Section 45012 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

45012. (a) The board, through the board's executive director or the executive director's delegate, may take any enforcement action that a local enforcement agency may take under this part. The board shall not take an enforcement action specified in this part without providing notice to the local enforcement agency and the violator of the board's intent to take that action, allowing the local enforcement agency and the violator a reasonable opportunity to correct the violation. In taking the enforcement action, the board is vested, in addition to its other powers, with all of the powers of a local enforcement agency under this division.

- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), if the board finds that a local enforcement agency's failure to take enforcement action constitutes an imminent threat to public health or safety or to the environment, the board may take the enforcement action, as the board determines is necessary.
- (c) When the board takes an enforcement action pursuant to this section, the board shall coordinate that action with the enforcement agency to prevent a party from being subject to duplicate enforcement for the same violation.
- SEC. 27. Section 45013 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 45013. The board shall provide guidance and assistance to the enforcement agency regarding the inspection, investigation, enforcement, and remediation of illegal, abandoned, inactive, or

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closed disposal sites to ensure that public health and safety and the environment are protected.

- SEC. 28. Section 45017 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 45017. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all orders and determinations issued pursuant to this part or Part 4 (commencing with Section 43000) shall take effect immediately upon service.
- (2) (A) A person subject to an order or determination issued pursuant to this part or Part 4 (commencing with Section 43000) may petition the board to stay the effect of the order or determination, or portion thereof, pending the completion of administrative appeals before the hearing panel or hearing officer or the board.
- (B) A petition submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be in writing and shall state the extraordinary circumstances that justify the stay.
- 18 (C) The board shall consider and act on a petition submitted 19 pursuant to this paragraph no later than its next regularly scheduled 20 meeting. The board may order the stay to be in effect from the 21 effective date of the order or determination or other appropriate 22 date.
 - (D) The board may delegate to the executive officer of the board the authority to consider and act on a petition for a stay submitted pursuant to this paragraph. The executive officer may redelegate this authority to one or more of his or her subordinates.
 - (b) For purposes of this section, service may be effected by any of the following:
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- (2) First-class United States mail, if it is made by certified mail with a return receipt requested.
- (3) Express delivery by a national express mail service that provides evidence of delivery.
- SEC. 29. Section 45019 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 45019. At least 10 days prior to the date of issuance of an enforcement order which is not for an emergency, or within five days from the date of issuance of an enforcement order for an emergency, or within 15 days from the date of discovery of a violation of a state law, regulation, or term or condition of a solid

- waste facilities permit for a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site, which is likely to result in an enforcement action, the following agencies shall, to the extent that the enforcement action involves a violation that may also be under the jurisdiction of another state regulatory agency, provide a written statement providing an explanation of, and justification for, the enforcement order or a description of the violation in the following manner:
 - (a) The local enforcement agency, as appropriate, shall provide the statement to the regional water board, the board, the air pollution control district or air quality management district, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control.
 - (b) A regional water board, as appropriate, shall provide the statement to the local enforcement agency, the board, the air pollution control district or air quality management district, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control.
 - (c) An air pollution control district or an air quality management district, as appropriate, shall provide the statement to the local enforcement agency, the board, the regional water board, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control.
 - (d) The Department of Toxic Substances Control, as appropriate, shall provide the report of inspection required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 25185 of the Health and Safety Code to the local enforcement agency, the board, the regional water board, and the air pollution control district or air quality management district.
 - SEC. 30. Section 45020 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 45020. (a) Within 30 days from the date of receipt of a notice of the issuance of, or the proposal to issue, an enforcement order pursuant to Section 45022, the regional water board, the enforcement agency, or the air pollution control district or the air quality management district, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, as appropriate, shall inspect the solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site to determine whether any state law, regulation, or term or condition of a permit, which that board or agency is authorized to enforce, is being violated.
- 39 (b) Each agency, to the maximum extent allowed by law, shall do all of the following with respect to enforcement activities at

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solid waste facilities, solid waste handling activities, and disposal sites:

- (1) Coordinate enforcement activities to eliminate duplication and facilitate compliance.
- (2) Notify the owner and operator of the solid waste facility, person conducting the solid waste handling activity, or owner and operator of the disposal site of a violation before imposing an administrative civil penalty.
- (3) Prior to imposing an administrative penalty, and upon the request of the owner or operator of the solid waste facility, person conducting the solid waste handling activity, or owner or operator of the disposal site, meet with the owner, operator, or person to clarify the regulatory requirements and to determine what actions, if any, the owner, operator, or person could voluntarily take to bring the solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site into compliance by the earliest feasible date. If a contemporaneous enforcement action or investigation dealing with the same violation or with similar violations is being pursued by another regulatory agency, a city attorney, a district attorney, or the Attorney General, the operator may request a meeting with all those investigating and enforcement entities.
- (4) Consider the factors prescribed in Section 45016 in determining appropriate enforcement actions.
- SEC. 31. Section 45021 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 45021. If any board or agency specified in Section 45019 receives a complaint concerning a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site and the board or agency determines that it is not authorized to take action concerning the complaint, the board or agency shall refer the complaint within 30 days from the date of receipt to another state agency that it determines is authorized to take action.
- 33 SEC. 32. Section 45022 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 45022. If any agency or board specified in Section 45019 receives a complaint concerning a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site that the agency or board does not refer to another state agency pursuant to Section 45021, or if the agency or board receives this complaint referred to it by another agency or board pursuant to Section 45021, the agency or board

shall either take appropriate enforcement action concerning the facility, activity, or site pursuant to this part, or refer the complaint to the Attorney General, the district attorney, or city attorney, whichever is applicable, or, at the earliest feasible date, not to exceed 60 days, provide the person who filed the complaint with a written statement explaining why an enforcement action would not be appropriate.

SEC. 33. Section 45023 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

45023. (a)—A civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), may be imposed upon a person who, for each day the violation or operation occurs:

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(a) Owns or operates a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site and who intentionally or negligently violates or causes or permits another to violate the terms and conditions of a solid waste facilities permit or a standard, requirement, or order applicable to a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site.

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(b) Operates a solid waste facility without a solid waste facilities permit.

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- (c) With respect only to a solid waste facility, solid waste handling activity, or disposal site, intentionally or negligently violates a provision of this division, or a regulation, administrative order, or standard adopted by the board or an enforcement agency.
- (b) A-person who disposes of, arranges for the disposal of, or generates, transports, or arranges for the transport of, a solid waste that is not disposed of at a solid waste facilities permit pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 44001) of Part 4-is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each day the violation or operation
- 35 SEC.34. The heading of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 36 45025) is added to Part 5 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

CHAPTER 2. CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT

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SEC. 34. Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 45025) is added to Part 5 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

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- 45025. (a) A violation of Part 4 (commencing with Section 43000) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than six months, or both the fine and imprisonment, for each violation. Each instance of disposal that violates Section 44000.5 is a separate violation.
- (b) In addition to any fine imposed upon a conviction, the court may require, as a condition of probation and in addition to any other condition of probation, that the person convicted under this section remove, or pay the cost of removing, any solid waste the person unlawfully disposed, caused, or arranged to be disposed, transported, or accepted for disposal.
- SEC. 35. Section 45033 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- SEC. 36. Section 45040 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 45040. (a) Within 30 days from the date of service of a copy of a decision or order issued by the board pursuant to Section 45031 or 45032, any aggrieved party may file with the superior court a petition for a writ of mandate for review thereof.
- (b) (1) The filing of a petition for writ of mandate shall not stay any enforcement action taken or the accrual of any penalties-assesse assessed, pursuant to this part or Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000).
- (2) Paragraph (1) shall not prohibit the court from granting any appropriate relief within its jurisdiction.
- SEC. 37. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act, or the only costs that may

- 1 be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred
- 2 because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a
- 3 crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction,
- 4 within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or
- 5 changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6
- 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 22, 2008 AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 9, 2008 AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 1, 2008

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2695

Introduced by Assembly Member Niello

February 22, 2008

An act to amend Sections 40001, 43209, 45014, and 45024 of, to add Sections 40144 and 45025 40053.5 and 40144 to, to add Chapter 2.7 (commencing with Section 48300) to Part 7 of, and to add Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 49700) to Part 8 of, Division 30 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2695, as amended, Niello. Solid waste: enforcement: illegal dumping.

(1) The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 establishes an integrated waste management program administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

The act defines various terms for purposes of the act.

This bill would additionally define "illegal dumping" as meaning the disposal of solid waste at a location that is not a permitted solid waste facility or is not otherwise authorized for the disposal of solid waste pursuant to the act and regulations adopted by the board and would define "illegal dump" as meaning a location at which illegal dumping has occurred.

The bill would provide that the act does not limit the power of a city, county, or district to impose and enforce any conditions or restrictions

on, or abate the effects of, illegal dumping or any other disposal or abandonment of solid waste at a location that violates a local ordinance or regulation, as specified.

(2) The act allows a local governing body to designate a local enforcement agency, subject to certification by the board, to enforce specified provisions of the act. If a local enforcement agency is not designated and certified, the act requires the board to be the enforcement agency. The act requires an enforcement agency to, among other things, establish and maintain an inspection program designed to determine whether a solid waste facility is operating without a permit, in violation of state minimum standards, in violation of the terms and conditions of its solid waste facilities permit, or may pose a significant threat to public health and safety or to the environment.

This bill would additionally allow an enforcement agency to include the inspection of illegal dumping activities in its inspection program.

(3) The act prohibits a person from operating a solid waste facility without a permit if that facility is required to have a permit pursuant to the act. The act requires a person who is operating, or proposing to operate, a solid waste facility in violation of the act or permit requirements, upon order of the board or a local enforcement agency, to cease and desist the prohibited activities.

The act authorizes the administrative imposition of civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for each day on which a violation of a specified order occurs and up to \$10,000 for each day of a violation of the terms or conditions of a solid waste facilities permit, the operation of a solid waste facility without a permit, or the violation of a standard adopted by the board. The act authorizes an attorney authorized to act on behalf of the board or a local enforcement agency to petition a superior court for injunctive relief to enforce a permit or standards adopted by the board and the local enforcement agency. The act also requires the Attorney General, upon request of the board, to seek a preliminary or permanent injunction, or both, for a failure of a person to comply with a final order issued by the board or a local enforcement agency.

This bill would additionally apply those procedures to injunctive relief to enforce, and civil penalties imposed for violations of, specified provisions relating to garbage and refuse disposal.

The bill would also provide that, in a civil action to enforce those provisions, in which a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction is sought, it would not be necessary to allege or prove at any stage of the proceeding that irreparable damage

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will occur should the temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction not be issued or that the remedy at law is inadequate and would require a court to issue that injunctive relief without those allegations and without that proof.

(4) The act requires the board to initiate a program for the cleanup of solid waste disposal sites and for the cleanup of solid waste at specified hazardous substances release sites where the responsible party cannot be identified or is unable or unwilling to pay for remediation, and where that cleanup is needed to protect public health and safety or the environment. Under that program, the board is authorized to expend funds directly for cleanup, to provide loans to parties that demonstrate the ability to repay state funds, to provide partial grants to public entities to assist in site cleanup, and to abate illegal disposal sites.

This bill would allow the board to establish a grant and loan program to make loans and grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to fund local, regional, or statewide illegal dumping enforcement programs to reduce the occurrence of illegal dumping in the state. The bill would allow the board to expend moneys in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund, and other funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes of that program. The bill would require the board to adopt regulations to implement the illegal dumping grant and loan program before making any of *these* grants or loans.

(5) The act authorizes a local governmental agency to determine aspects of solid waste handling that are of local concern, including, but not limited to, frequency of collection, means of collection and transportation, level of services, charges and fees, and the nature, location, and extent of providing solid waste handling services.

This bill would require the board to adopt a model local ordinance for the permitting of refuse hauler service providers, as defined, on or before January 1, 2010, and would require that model ordinance to include, among other things, standards for the inspection of hauling vehicles, as defined. The bill would require the board to post the model ordinance on its Internet Web site, upon adoption of that model ordinance. The bill would authorize a local governmental agency to adopt the model local ordinance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) Refuse hauler service providers are an important component of the system for handling solid waste in most communities in California
- (b) Refuse hauler service providers supplement the organized collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste provided by franchisees by providing fee-based, on-request services to residential dwellings and businesses, including the collection, transfer, and disposal of solid waste.
- (c) In some instances, unethical business practices, illegal dumping, and related conditions threaten the public health and safety and the environment and require local regulation of refuse hauler service providers to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of California.
- SEC. 2. Section 40001 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 40001. (a) The Legislature declares that the responsibility for solid waste management is a shared responsibility between the state and local governments. The state shall exercise its legal authority in a manner that ensures an effective and coordinated approach to the safe management of all solid waste generated within the state and shall oversee the design and implementation of local integrated waste management plans.
- (b) The Legislature further declares that it is the policy of the state to assist local governments in minimizing duplication of effort, and in minimizing the costs incurred, in implementing this division through the development of regional cooperative efforts and other mechanisms which comply with this division.
- (c) The Legislature further declares that market development is the key to successful and cost-effective implementation of the 25-percent and 50-percent diversion requirements required pursuant to Section 41780, and that the state must take a leadership role, pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 42000) of Part 3, in encouraging the expansion of markets for recycled products by working cooperatively with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

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- (d) The Legislature further declares that illegal dumping abatement, enforcement, and public awareness programs should be included among the services provided by state and local integrated waste management programs and the state should coordinate illegal dumping programs.
- 6 SEC. 3. Section 40053.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, 7 to read:
 - 40053.5. This division, or any rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, is not a limitation on the power of a city, county, or district to impose and enforce any conditions or restrictions on, or abate the effects of, illegal dumping or any other disposal or abandonment of solid waste at a location that violates a local ordinance or regulation, if the conditions or restrictions do not conflict with or impose lesser requirements than the policies, standards, and requirements of this division and all regulations adopted pursuant to this division.

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- SEC. 4. Section 40144 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 40144. "Illegal dumping" means the disposal of solid waste at a location that is not a permitted solid waste disposal facility or that is not otherwise authorized for the disposal of solid waste pursuant to this division or regulations adopted by the board. "Illegal dump" means a location at which illegal dumping has occurred.

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- 27 SEC. 5. Section 43209 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 43209. The enforcement agency, within its jurisdiction and consistent with its certification by the board, shall do all of the following:
 - (a) Enforce applicable provisions of this part, regulations adopted under this part, and terms and conditions of permits issued pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 44001).
 - (b) Request enforcement by appropriate federal, state, and local agencies of their respective laws governing solid waste storage, handling, and disposal.
- 38 (c) File with the board, upon its request, information the board determines to be necessary.

 (d) Develop, implement, and maintain inspection, enforcement, permitting, and training programs.

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- (e) Establish and maintain an enforcement program consistent with regulations adopted by the board to implement this chapter, the standards adopted pursuant to this chapter, and the terms and conditions of permits issued pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 44001). The enforcement agency may establish specific local standards for solid waste handling and disposal subject to approval by a majority vote of its local governing body, by resolution or ordinance. Those standards shall be consistent with this division and all regulations adopted by the board.
- (f) Keep and maintain records of its inspection, enforcement, permitting, training, and regulatory programs, and of any other official action in accordance with regulations adopted by the board.
- (g) Consult, as appropriate, with the appropriate local health agency concerning all actions which involve health standards. The consultation shall include affording the health agency adequate notice and opportunity to conduct and report the evaluation as it reasonably determines is appropriate.
- (h) Establish and maintain an inspection program. The inspection program shall be designed to determine whether a solid waste facility is operating without a permit, or in violation of state minimum standards, or in violation of the terms and conditions of its solid waste facilities permit, or may pose a significant threat to public health and safety or to the environment, based on any relevant information. The inspection program shall also ensure frequent inspections of solid waste facilities that have an established pattern of noncompliance with this division, regulations adopted pursuant to this division, or the terms and conditions of a solid waste facilities permit. The inspection program may include the inspection of illegal dumping activities.

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- SEC. 6. Section 45014 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 45014. (a) Upon the failure of a person to comply with a final order issued by a local enforcement agency or the board, the Attorney General, upon request of the board, shall petition the superior court for the issuance of a preliminary or permanent injunction, or both, as may be appropriate, restraining the person from continuing to violate the order or complaint.

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(b) An attorney authorized to act on behalf of the local enforcement agency or the board may petition the superior court for injunctive relief to enforce this part, Part 8 (commencing with Section 49000), a term or condition in a solid waste facilities permit, or a standard adopted by the board or the local enforcement agency.

(c) In addition to the administrative imposition of civil penalties pursuant to this part and Article 6 (commencing with Section 42850) of Chapter 16 of Part 3, an attorney authorized to act on behalf of the local enforcement agency or the board may apply, to the clerk of the appropriate court in the county in which the civil penalty was imposed, for a judgment to collect the penalty. The application, which shall include a certified copy of the decision or order in the civil penalty action, constitutes a sufficient showing to warrant issuance of the judgment. The court clerk shall enter the judgment immediately in conformity with the application. The judgment so entered shall include the amount of the court filing fee which would have been due from an applicant who is not a public agency, and has the same force and effect as, and is subject to all the provisions of law relating to, a judgment in a civil action, and may be enforced in the same manner as any other judgment of the court in which it is entered if the amount of the unpaid court filing fee is paid to the court prior to satisfying any of the civil penalty amount. Thereafter, a civil penalty or judgment recovered shall be paid, to the maximum extent allowed by law, to the board or to the local enforcement agency, whichever is represented by the attorney who brought the action.

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SEC. 7. Section 45024 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

45024. An attorney authorized to act on behalf of the board or a local enforcement agency may petition the superior court to impose, assess, and recover the civil penalties authorized by Section 45023 or Part 8 (commencing with Section 49000). Penalties recovered pursuant to this section shall be paid, to the maximum extent allowed by law, to the board or to the local enforcement agency, whichever is represented by the attorney bringing the action.

SEC. 7. Section 45025 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

45025. In a civil action brought pursuant to this chapter in which a temporary restraining order, preliminary-injunction, or permanent injunction is sought, it shall not be necessary to allege or prove at any stage of the proceeding that irreparable damage will occur should the temporary restraining-order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction not be issued, or that the remedy at law is inadequate; and the temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction shall issue without those-allegations-and without that-proof.

SEC. 8. Chapter 2.7 (commencing with Section 48300) is added to Part 7 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

Chapter 2.7. Illegal Dumping Grant and Loan Program

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- 48300. (a) The board may establish an illegal dumping grant and loan program to provide grants and loans to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to fund local, regional, or statewide illegal dumping enforcement programs for the purpose of reducing the occurrence of illegal dumping in the state.
- (b) Grants and loans provided by the board pursuant to subdivision (a) may be used for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:
- (1) Equipment.
- (2) Abatement.
 - (3) Training.
 - (4) Public education.
 - (5) Program development.
- 48301. The board shall adopt regulations to implement the 28 29 illegal dumping grant and loan program described in Section 48300 before making a grant or loan pursuant to that section. 30
- 31 48302. The board may expend moneys in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund 32 33 and other funds as appropriate, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of providing grants and loans pursuant
- 35 to Section 48300.
- 36 SEC. 9. Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 49700) is added to Part 8 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

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Chapter 8. Refuse Hauler Service Provider Local Permit Model Ordinance

49700. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) "Hauling vehicle" means a motor-propelled or self-propelled vehicle that is used for hauling solid waste over the public streets of unincorporated and incorporated areas of a county for compensation, regardless of whether the operations of that vehicle extend beyond the boundaries of the county.
- (b) "Refuse hauler service provider" means a person who, for compensation, accepts or collects, and transports, solid waste from a residential, commercial, or industrial location, for the purpose of subsequent transfer or disposal of that solid waste. "Refuse hauler service provider" does not include a public agency or franchise hauler that transports solid waste in accordance with a franchise agreement with a local government or other public agency.
- 49700.2. (a) On or before January 1, 2010, the board shall adopt a model ordinance that establishes a permitting program for refuse hauler service providers. The model ordinance may include, but shall not be limited to, the following elements:
 - (1) Permitting requirements for refuse hauler service providers.
 - (2) Standards for inspection of hauling vehicles.
- (3) Penalties for noncompliance and other enforcement mechanisms.
- (4) Administrative hearing procedures for appeals of enforcement actions.
- (5) Requirements for hauling vehicles relating to safety, cleanliness, and signage.
- (6) Standards for providing receipts of service.
- 32 (7) Local funding mechanisms.
 - (b) The board shall post the model ordinance described in subdivision (a) on its Internet Web site.
- 35 (c) A city or county may, but is not required to, adopt the model ordinance described in this section.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 23, 2008 AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 8, 2008 AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 24, 2008

California legislature—2007–08 regular session

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2866

Introduced by Assembly Member De Leon

February 22, 2008

An act to amend Section 48000 of, and to add Sections 43610.5 and 48001.5 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2866, as amended, De Leon. Solid waste: closure liability: solid waste disposal fees.

(1) Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, requires an operator of a solid waste disposal facility to pay a quarterly fee to the State Board of Equalization based on the amount of solid waste disposed of at each disposal site. Commencing with the 1995–96 fiscal year, the act requires the California Integrated Waste Management Board to establish the amount of the fee, as specified, and limits the fee to a maximum of \$1.40 per ton. The fees are required to be deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account in the Integrated Waste Management Fund, and the board is authorized to expend the money in the account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to administer and implement the act.

This bill would, on and after July 1, 2009, establish the amount of the fee in an amount of \$2 per ton and would require \$0.60 of that fee after that date to be deposited by the State Board of Equalization in the

Solid Waste Mitigation Account, which this bill would create in the fund.

The bill would continuously appropriate the fee revenues in that account to the board for expenditure in accordance with a specified schedule, of which, from July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2016, 25% of the fee revenues would be required to be expended to fund demonstration projects by operators of diesel and natural gas fleets to accelerate the commercialization of hybrid hydraulic and hybrid electric propulsion systems in medium- and heavy-duty trucks used for the collection of recyclables, yard waste, and garbage, and in trucks used for the delivery and servicing of residential and commercial solid waste, recycling, and yard waste containers. The bill would require, on and after July 1, 2016, that 25% of the fee revenues be expended by the board, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

The bill would also require, from July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2020, that 50% of the fee revenues be expended for projects to divert 50% of compostable organics from land disposal by the year 2020, and for projects that demonstrate the commercial viability of producing clean transportation fuels, including ethanol, from municipal solid waste, and converting landfill gas to clean transportation fuels, as specified. The bill would require, on and after July 1, 2020, that 50% of the fee revenues be expended by the board, upon appropriation by the

Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

The bill would require the board, on and after July 1, 2009, to deposit 25% of the fee revenues in the State Solid Waste Closure Trust Subaccount, which the bill would establish in the Solid Waste Mitigation Account and continuously appropriate to the board. The bill would authorize the board to expend the money in the subaccount to pay for any future liability of the state resulting from the failure of a landfill operator to meet its responsibilities for landfill closure and postclosure care. The board would be required to maintain an amount of \$50,000,000 in the subaccount, and if the amount of the fee revenues allocated to the subaccount exceeds that amount, the board would be required to expend those excess amounts proportionally for the other purposes, as appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

(2) The act requires a person owning or operating a solid waste landfill to submit to the board, the appropriate California regional water quality control board, and the local enforcement agency, a closure plan and a postclosure maintenance plan for the solid waste landfill. The act requires that person to also submit to the board evidence of financial

ability in an amount, as specified, to provide for the closure and postclosure maintenance required by the closure and postclosure maintenance plans for the landfill. The act requires the owner and operator of a solid waste landfill to close, and to maintain the landfill during postclosure, in accordance with the most recent closure plan and the most recent postclosure maintenance plan approved by the board.

This bill would provide that an owner or operator of a disposal site who does not close and maintain the disposal site in accordance with the most recent closure plan or postclosure plan approved by the board is liable for any costs incurred by the board as a result of that failure. The board would be authorized to recover from that owner or operator any costs incurred by the board for the closure and postclosure maintenance of that site. The bill would require that any money recovered by the board be deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 43610.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

43610.5. (a) An owner or operator of a disposal site who does not close or maintain the disposal site in accordance with the most recent closure plan or postclosure plan approved by the board is liable for any costs incurred by the board as a result of that failure. The board may recover from the owner or operator of the disposal site any costs incurred by the board for the closure and postclosure maintenance of that site. The amount of any costs that may be recovered pursuant to this section shall include, where applicable, interest on any amount paid.

(b) The amount of costs determined pursuant to this section shall be recoverable, at the discretion of the board, either in a separate action or by way of intervention as of right in an action for contribution or indemnity.

(c) Money recovered by the board pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Integrated Waste Management Account.

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SEC. 2. Section 48000 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

- 48000. (a) An operator of a disposal facility shall pay a fee quarterly to the State Board of Equalization which is based on the amount, by weight or volumetric equivalent, as determined by the board, of all solid waste disposed of at each disposal site.
- (b) Until July 1, 2009, the amount of the fee shall be established by the board at an amount that is sufficient to generate revenues equivalent to the approved budget for that fiscal year, including a prudent reserve, but the fee shall not exceed one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per ton.
- (c) On and after July 1, 2009, the amount of the fee shall equal two dollars (\$2) per ton.
- (d) The board and the State Board of Equalization shall ensure that all the fees for solid waste imposed pursuant to this section that are collected at a transfer station are paid to the State Board of Equalization in accordance with this article.
- (e) Notwithstanding Section 48001, on and after July 1, 2009, an amount of sixty cents (\$0.60) of the fee imposed for each ton of solid waste disposed of at each disposal site shall be deposited by the State Board of Equalization in the Solid Waste Mitigation Account created by Section 48001.5.
- SEC. 3. Section 48001.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 48001.5. The fee revenues collected by the State Board of Equalization pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 48000 shall be deposited in the Solid Waste Mitigation Account, which is hereby established in the fund. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the revenues deposited in the Solid Waste Mitigation Account are hereby continuously appropriated to the board for expenditure in accordance with the following:
- (a) (1) On and after July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2016, 25 percent of the fee revenues shall be expended to fund demonstration projects by operators of diesel and natural gas fleets to accelerate the commercialization of hybrid hydraulic and hybrid electric propulsion systems in medium- and heavy-duty trucks used for the collection of recyclables, yard waste, and garbage, and in trucks used for the delivery and servicing of residential and commercial solid waste, recycling, and yard waste containers.
- 38 (2) On and after July 1, 2016, 25 percent of the fee revenues 39 shall be expended by the board, upon appropriation by the 40 Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

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(b) (1) On and after July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2020, 50 percent of the fee revenues shall be expended by the board for both of the following:

(A) Projects to achieve the goal of diverting 50 percent of compostable organics from land disposal by the year 2020.

- (B) Projects that demonstrate the commercial viability of producing clean transportation fuels, including ethanol, from municipal solid waste, and converting landfill gas to clean transportation fuels, including compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or methane-based fuels, for use in existing diesel engines as a means of reducing both criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from on-road or off-road vehicles. A project that utilizes thermal technologies is not eligible for expenditure pursuant to this subparagraph.
- (2) On and after July 1, 2020, 50 percent of the fee revenues shall be expended by the board, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.
- (c) On and after July 1, 2009, except as provided in paragraph (3), 25 percent of the fee revenues shall be deposited in the State Solid Waste Closure Trust Subaccount, which is hereby established in the State Solid Waste Mitigation Account and continuously appropriated for expenditure by the board.
- (2) The board may expend the money in the State Solid Waste Closure Trust Subaccount to pay for any future liability of the state resulting from the failure of a landfill operator to meet its responsibilities for landfill closure and postclosure care.
- (3) The board shall continue to deposit the percentage amount of the fees specified in paragraph (1) to maintain an amount of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in the State Solid Waste Closure Trust Subaccount. If the amount of the fee revenues allocated to the State Solid Waste Closure Trust Subaccount exceeds that amount, the board shall expend those excess amounts upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.



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Waste Management to use landfill gas to power trucks

By Ngoc Nguyen - ngnguyen@sacbee.com Published 12:00 am PDT Monday, May 5, 2008

The nation's largest trash collector plans to power hundreds of trucks in its fleet on garbage.

Houston-based Waste Management Inc. and the Linde Group, a global natural gas producer and distributor, will build a plant to purify and liquefy landfill gas at the waste disposal company's Altamont site near Livermore. The plant is expected to open next year.

The company has a number of collection operations in the Sacramento area and runs a landfill in Reno.

The conversion of part of Waste Management's fleet of 3,000 trucks to run on biogas comes as conventional fuel prices are rising. California businesses also face mounting pressure by regulators to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and particulate pollution from sources such as passenger cars and diesel-powered trucks and buses.

"Natural gas is the cleansed fuel that is available for use in a heavy-duty truck," Waste Management spokesman Kent Stoddard said.

California's Air Resources Board and the state's Integrative Waste Management Board are among agencies that provided \$1.6 million in grants to help fund the \$15 million liquid natural gas plant, Stoddard said.

Waste Management already harnesses landfill gas to produce electricity at about 100 of its 280 landfills nationwide. This is the first time the company will convert landfill gas into liquid natural gas to power trucks.

Conventional natural gas is a fossil fuel, but natural gas derived from biomass, such as organic waste decomposing in landfills, is a renewable resource.

Landfill gas – a mixture of half methane and half carbon dioxide – is collected, purified, compressed and supercooled to form liquid natural gas. Only methane is used to form the fuel. As with all landfills, Stoddard said, some carbon dioxide is released into the air but under limits set by the state.

Producing energy from waste is the "best" scenario, said Patricia Monahan of the Union of Concerned Scientists, and the process also recycles methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

"It's the best we can hope for," she said.

Landfill gas from the Altamont site currently generates about 8 megawatts of electricity and feeds into the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. power grid, Stoddard said. Some of the additional landfill gas will power the plant, he added, while the rest will be converted to liquid natural gas.

The plant is expected to generate 13,000 gallons per day of the fuel, enough to power about 300 trucks. The company expects to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 30,000 tons a year using biogas.

Stoddard said several hundred other Waste Management trucks in California's fleet run on compressed or liquid natural gas, shipped in from Arizona.

"It becomes much better when you can avoid that long transportation trip, and produce (the liquefied gas) more locally and from a waste-derived source. That's extremely beneficial," he said.

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Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and SB 1016

Stakeholders

FROM:

CIWMB

DATE:

April 18, 2008

SUBJECT:

SB 1016 (Wiggins) Disposal Measurement System

SB 1016 (Wiggins) was introduced after two years of stakeholder meetings and workshops to address the concern regarding the accuracy and timeliness of the current diversion rate calculation. Under the current measurement system, the only true measurement is the disposal reporting number, whereas the diversion rate is based on an estimated waste generation calculation that has a large degree of uncertainty. SB 1016 moves from the current emphasis on diversion measurement to more timely and simple disposal measurement and adjusts for growth using the Department of Finance's population number as reported for each individual jurisdiction. It does not change AB 939's diversion goals.

The attached spreadsheet shows what some of your districts' municipal solid waste jurisdictions' disposal numbers look like under the current measurement system, and how they would translate under SB 1016. It is important to note that the per capita disposal number is a unique goal for each jurisdiction, depending on their population, economic characteristics, and other factors which vary greatly. Hence, the per capita indicates the individual jurisdiction's performance and cannot be compared to other jurisdictions.

Lbs./person/day	Jurisdictions in each Range	Jurisdictions at or above 50%	Jurisdictions below 50%
1,5 to 5.0	118	79	39
5.1 to 10.0	233	161	72
10.1 to 20.0	46	37	9
Over 20.0	14	· 8	6

Enacting SB 1016 will allow the CIWMB to redirect staff into the field to provide valuable and timely technical assistance to reduce, reuse and recycle. It is our hope that this spreadsheet provides a reference point to show that if a jurisdiction is in compliance under current system, they will be in compliance under SB 1016 and if they currently are out of compliance, they will be as well under SB 1016.

We would be happy to provide more detail, including statistical analyses on the reported disposal numbers from all the jurisdictions. If you would like more information, please contact Elizabeth Huber, CIWMB Legislative & External Affairs Director at 916-341-6283.

Attachment: Spreadsheet

SB 1016 (Wiggins) - Disposal Measurement System Act of 2008

In order for the CIWMB and jurisdictions to focus on successful program implementation under the
Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), SB 1016 has two primary components: 1) Moves
the current emphasis on an estimated diversion measurement number to using an actual disposal
measurement number as an indicator of program implementation; and, 2) Reduces the frequency of
reporting and reviewing of the annual report. This memo provides an overview of how these
components will be implemented under a disposal measurement system and includes examples of actua
jurisdictions 50% diversion rate "equivalent" and per capita disposal rates under SB 1016.

I. Overview of SB 1016

SB 1016 does not change the AB 939 50% requirement. The intent of SB 1016 is to build on AB 939 compliance requirements by implementing a simplified and timelier indicator of jurisdictions' performance by changing to a disposal based number as reported by disposal facilities. The disposal reporting number will be reported as a per capita disposal rate. The per capita disposal rate uses only two factors: a jurisdiction's population and disposal. The Department of Finance reports annually on each jurisdiction's population while disposal facilities and counties report quarterly on jurisdiction level disposal.

In contrast, the current system uses a set of complex adjustment factors that are not timely – typically they are not available from other state agencies until 14 months or more after the end of the reporting period and an additional 4-6 months after that for a jurisdiction to report. Thus, it can be 24-36 months after the reporting period that the CIWMB determines compliance for all jurisdictions reporting. Furthermore, the current system does not rely on actual numbers, but instead it relies on assumptions, extrapolations and estimates of waste generation numbers to calculate an estimated diversion rate. By focusing on actual disposal, the CIWMB and jurisdictions can place their focus and resources on programs that divert solid waste from landfills and emphasize programs that reduce, reuse and recycle.

The existing reporting system requires the submission of annual reports by each jurisdiction, an annual review by CIWMB staff and a biennial review by the Board Members. By going from an annual reporting system with a review every two years to jurisdiction reporting either every two or four years depending upon compliance status with corresponding reviews by CIWMB staff and Board members, SB 1016 would allow all parties involved to concentrate their efforts on diversion program implementation rather than paper work and bean counting. Jurisdictions would be allowed to still provide electronic updates on their program information more frequently than every four years if they choose. To ensure local performance, CIWMB staff will visit jurisdictions and State Agencies at least once annually and use the Disposal Reporting System (DRS) to identify disposal trends/anomalies that indicate potential performance problems. While the proposed compliance review would be every two years or four years depending on a jurisdiction's compliance status, the CIWMB would have the authority to review local jurisdiction performance at any time based on performance problems.

The following addresses questions that have been raised by stakeholders regarding what SB 1016 does or doesn't change:

50% Requirement

- This proposal does not change the existing 50% requirement, but it does change how the requirement is measured.
- Converts current 50% diversion requirement measurement to a disposal requirement equivalent measurement.

- The 50% disposal reduction requirement is approximately equivalent to the 50% diversion requirement.
- The 50% equivalent expressed in terms of per capita disposal equals the per capita disposal a jurisdiction would have had if it been at exactly 50% diversion during the period of 2003 to 2006.
- The calculation for the 50% equivalent does rely upon generation, which is an estimate. It will be important to continue to emphasize that because of the inaccuracies related to the base year generation this equivalent should only be considered as an indicator.

A comparison of actual annual per capita disposal to the 50% per capita equivalent (the average of 50% of generation in 2003 through 2006 expressed in terms of per capita) will be useful for

measuring progress.

- o For those jurisdictions not meeting the per capita equivalent, it is the trend in per capita disposal that the Board would focus on. If the trend in per capita disposal is increasing significantly, then the Board would conduct a more detailed review of the jurisdiction's program implementation, just as the Board does now when a jurisdiction is below 50%.
- Does not create a per capita statewide standard.

O As is the current practice, each jurisdiction is unique and will be reviewed on a case base case, and the CIWMB would review a jurisdiction's per capita rate and 50% equivalent per capita rate as a trend over time.

o Each jurisdiction would be evaluated on its own achievement, not a statewide standard. This is no change from how the current review system is set up, since comparisons between jurisdictions are not truly comparable due to circumstances that vary between

jurisdictions.

50% Disposal Equivalent as an Indicator

- Uses per capita disposal to measure and allow for growth. As population increases, overall disposal can increase and still be consistent with the 50% disposal equivalent even though the per capita disposal remains the same.
- Uses disposal as an indicator of program implementation and local jurisdiction performance.
- Increases timeliness and allows the CIWMB to begin assisting jurisdictions in addressing implementation issues earlier rather than waiting until long after they have already manifested.
- Compliance would be determined primarily through the implementation of programs. Under the existing diversion measurement system there has been a strong tendency to place emphasis on the diversion rate number as opposed to actual program implementation.
- The per capita disposal rate would not be based upon one baseline year but an average of 2003 to 2006.

o The CIWMB would look at the per capita disposal indicator trend from year to year,

specific to each jurisdiction.

Based upon the feedback from stakeholders, staff would also compare it to the average level of disposal the jurisdiction would have had if it had reached 50% diversion in the years 2003 through 2006. Comparing per capita annual disposal in later years to this four-year average of the per capita equivalent of each jurisdiction's 50% diversion rate will allow CIWMB to assess how jurisdictions are progressing in relation to the indicator. In addition, each two or four year review cycle will present a trend in per capita disposal.

O CIWMB would have the flexibility to look at long term trends, address anomaly years, etc. SB 1016 affords that flexibility.

o SB 1016 does not limit the CIWMB or jurisdictions on the number of years for reviewing a trend. Based upon feedback from stakeholders, CIWMB is proposing that typically a four year trend would be used. However, if there was a need to review a longer period of time CIWMB could do so, thus allowing the CIWMB to further evaluate spikes or

anomalies in disposal and how they may or may not be indicative of the jurisdiction's programs, for example, a natural disaster.

- The 50% disposal rate equivalent rewards those jurisdictions that have performed well over the
 years and who have already achieved substantial progress in implementing their diversion
 programs.
 - O Because the 50% disposal rate equivalent is based on the level of disposal each jurisdiction would have achieved if it had reached 50% diversion in the base period (2003-2006), the intent of SB 1016 is that jurisdictions compliance status would not change.
 - O While the conversion of this system requires converting what a jurisdiction's disposal rate would be if they were at the 50% diversion rate and takes an average of four years, there are a few jurisdictions that were above 50% diversion, but due to averaging they do not meet their 50% diversion equivalent. As long as these jurisdictions' program implementation efforts continued, their compliance status would remain the same as under the existing system.

Jurisdiction Reporting and Review

- Changes jurisdictions' reporting frequency from annual to: every four years if in compliance/every two years if not in compliance.
 - o Increases the jurisdiction and State Agency field visits by CIWMB Local Assistance Market Development staff.
- Changes the Board's minimum review of jurisdictions' compliance from: every four years if in compliance/every two years if not in compliance.
 - To further ensure local performance, CIWMB staff will visit jurisdictions and State Agencies at least once annually and use the Disposal Reporting System (DRS) to indentify disposal trends/anomalies that indicate potential performance problems. The CIWMB would have the authority to review local jurisdiction performance at any time in a given year based on performance problems.

Rural Definition

- Changes the definition of rural jurisdictions.
 - o This is necessary because the current definition is complex and relies on a jurisdiction's location in relation to primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSA). PMSA are no longer defined and obsolete, so this criterion is no longer available.
 - O Under the proposal this would affect jurisdictions located within 26 counties or multicounty regional agencies that have a total disposal of 200,000 tons annually and contribute less than 5% of the total disposal in California.
 - O Small size, lack of economies of scale, distance to markets and other rural issues are common to this group of jurisdictions.

Transformation and Biomass

- Converts the allowance for diversion through transformation to a disposal based equivalent, but does not change the amount that jurisdictions are credited under the existing system.
 - The proposed allowance maintains an approximate equivalent to the current 10 percent diversion credit.
- Removes biomass reporting year extra-credit. Biomass has never been included in jurisdictions' base year generation amounts. Biomass is outside the measured waste stream.

II. Summary and Examples of Per Capita Analysis for Local Jurisdictions Under SB 1016

Under SB 1016 each jurisdiction's per capita disposal rate would be compared to their 50% per capita disposal equivalent. Increases in per capita disposal would indicate that disposal has increased faster than the jurisdiction has grown. The CIWMB would use an increase as an indicator that program implementation efforts must be more closely examined. The CIWMB review may indicate a variety of things including:

- A jurisdiction needs to expand existing programs or implement new programs. Under this situation the CIWMB, as they do now, would continue to work collaboratively with a jurisdiction to identify program opportunities.
- A jurisdiction is fully implementing their programs and there are disposal inaccuracies.
- A jurisdiction is fully implementing their programs and a number of factors are contributing to their increase, but the jurisdiction is found to be making a good faith effort.

In other words, the CIWMB is proposing the same process of program review that exists under the current system. Thus if a jurisdiction's per capita is above their 50% per capita equivalent (same as saying under the 50% diversion rate), then the Board staff would work with the jurisdiction to determine if program implementation is lacking or if the jurisdiction is making a good faith effort.

The following is a hypothetical example:

There are two jurisdictions. The average per capita generation from 2003 to 2006 for both jurisdictions is 10.0 lbs/person/day. Therefore the 50% equivalent in terms of per capita disposal is 5.0 lbs/person/day; this is the new per capita disposal base against progress will be measured.

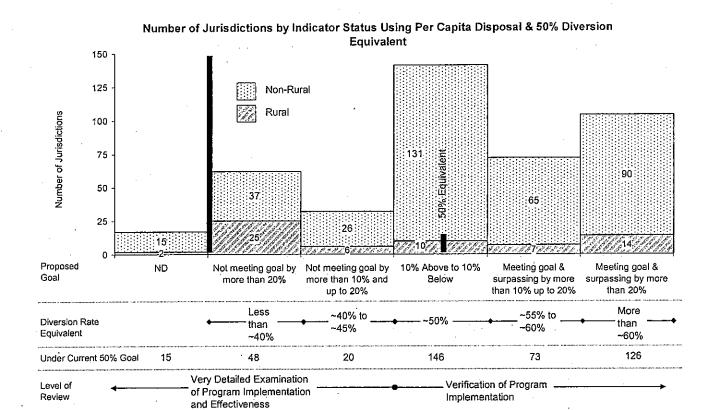
Jurisdiction A is at a diversion rate of 70% in 2006, far exceeding the diversion goal of 50% in 2006. In terms of per capita disposal, they would be disposing of 3.0 lbs/person/day. In order to maintain a 50% disposal equivalent, they would need to keep their disposal under 5.0 lbs/person/day.

However, Jurisdiction B is at a diversion rate of 40%, below the goal of 50% in 2006. In terms of per capita disposal, they would be disposing of 6.0 lbs/person/day. In order to get to a 50% disposal equivalent, they would need to reduce their disposal to be below 5.0 lbs.

This system recognizes the efforts of those jurisdictions that have already exceeded their 50% diversion goals, while leaving those jurisdictions below 50% something to work on.

Note: Jurisdiction per capita disposal is jurisdiction disposal in tons multiplied by 2000 lbs/ton divided by jurisdiction-level population.

The following table provides a summary of the status of California jurisdictions using per capita disposal and the 50% equivalent. The table separates out the status of rural versus non-rural jurisdictions. The table is intended to show current compliance and SB 1016 compliance as well as the level of review that jurisdictions would have as a result of their per capita disposal rate.



Attached you will find three spreadsheets.

Sheet 1: Examples of jurisdictions in compliance under current system and SB 1016, jurisdictions currently out of compliance and out of compliance under SB 1016, and a rural jurisdiction's compliance and review under current system and SB 1016.

Sheet 2: Jurisdiction compliance performance under current system and SB 1016.

Sheet 3: SB 1016 Calculator.

SB 1016 PER CAPITA DISPOSAL EQUIVALENT DRAFT CALCULATOR:

1. Determining the per capita disposal equivalent & transformation credit limit:

This part will be done once, thereafter only part 2 will be done annually.

Step A. Enter the jurisdiction's generation and population values in the 8 upper boxes

Step B. Change diversion requirement level if granted a reduced diversion requirement in lower box.

	Jurisdiction Generation		Calculated Per Capita Generation
Year	(Annual Tons)	Jurisdiction Population (People)	(Lbs./Person/Day)
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Four-year Average of Calculated Generation:

Diversion requirement level (default = 50%, unless reduced requirement):

Per Capita Transformation credit limit: Per Capita Disposal Equivalent:

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2. Determining annual indicator level for the Per Capita Disposal Equivalent: Step A. Enter the year, jurisdiction's total annual disposal, and population in the 3 upper boxes.

Step B. Enter the amount transformed in the lower box. Reported Jurisdiction

Disposal

(Landfilled, Transformed & Exported in Annual

Year

Jurisdiction Population (People)

Transformation Credit (Lbs./Person/Day) Reported Per Capita Disposal without

Transformation (Annual Tons)

Reported Jurisdiction

Per Capita Transformation (Lbs./Person/Day) Reported

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Maximum Transformation Credit (from above)

0.6 Transformation Credit (Lbs./Person/Day) Reported Per Capita Disposal with 2.9

Is the jurisdiction's per capita disposal less than the per capita disposal equivalent?

Yes

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 21, 2008 AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 28, 2008

SENATE BILL

No. 1625

Introduced by Senator Corbett (Coauthor: Senator Kuehl)

February 22, 2008

An act to amend Sections 14500, 14501, 14504, 14505, 14512.7, 14551, and 14575 of, to add Sections 14517.1 and 14518.6 to, and to repeal Section 14523.5 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to recycling, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1625, as amended, Corbett. Recycling: CRV containers.

(1) Under existing law, the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, every beverage container sold or offered for sale in this state is required to have a minimum refund value. A distributor is required to pay a redemption payment for every beverage container sold or offered for sale in the state to the Department of Conservation and the department is required to deposit those amounts in the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund. The money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the department for the payment of refund values and processing fees. A violation of the act is a crime.

"Beverage" is defined, for purposes of the act, to include, among other things, beer and other malt beverages, wine and distilled spirit coolers, carbonated mineral and soda waters, noncarbonated fruit drinks, and vegetable juices, in liquid form that are intended for human consumption, but excludes from that definition vegetable drinks in beverage containers of more than 16 ounces. The act also excludes, from the definition of "beverage," any product sold in a container that

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is not an aluminum beverage container, a glass container, a plastic beverage container, or a bimetal container.

This bill would rename the act as the California Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. The bill would define the term "plastic bottle" as an individual rigid or semirigid container with a body consisting primarily of plastic and with a neck narrower than the body in which one gallon or less of any nonbeverage product is sold. The bill would define the term "CRV container" to mean a beverage container or a plastic bottle and would provide that the term "beverage container," when used in the act, means a CRV container.

The bill would also revise the term "beverage" to include nut, grain, or soy drinks that contain any percentage of juice, and would delete the requirement that a vegetable drink subject to the act be sold in a container of 16 ounces or less. The bill would delete the exclusion from the term "beverage," for a product that is not sold in the above-specified types of containers. The bill would also make conforming changes to other definitions, for purposes of the act.

Since the payments for the plastic beverage containers and other CRV containers that this bill would make subject to the act would be deposited in a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation. The bill would also impose a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes relating to CRV containers.

(2) The Department of Conservation is required to establish reporting periods of 6 months each for redemption rates and recycling rates for specified types of beverage containers. The act also requires the department to determine the redemption rates and recycling rates for those beverage containers for each reporting period and to issue a report on those determinations. The act defines various words for purposes of those provisions, including "redemption rate." The act also makes various findings and declarations, including a declaration that, when the redemption rate for any one type of beverage container falls below 65%, the act provides for an increased refund value.

This bill would delete the provisions that require the department to establish reporting periods for redemption rates and that require the department to determine redemption rates for specified types of beverage containers. The bill also would delete the definition of redemption rate.

(3) The existing act requires the department to calculate a processing fee and a processing payment for each beverage container with a specified scrap value. The processing fee is required to be paid by beverage manufacturers for each beverage container sold or transferred

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to a dealer. Existing law requires the department to pay processing payments for redeemed containers to processors, for each type of beverage container, in a specified manner. The department is required to reduce the processing fee for calendar year 2007 to zero for a container that has a recycling rate equal to, or greater than, 40%.

This bill would instead require the department to suspend the requirement to pay the processing fee for any container type with a certain recycling rate for calendar years 2009 and 2010 if the balance of the fund is more than \$150,000,000.

(4) The bill would prohibit the department from expending any funds collected pursuant to the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act that were collected or payable on or before January 1, 2009, for a beverage container, for making any refund value, processing payment, handling fee, or other expenditures related to a CRV container that was not subject to the act on January 1, 2007.

(5) 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.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the 2 following:
 - (a) California has demonstrated a more than 20-year commitment to reducing and recycling materials that would otherwise become waste.
 - (b) California's commitment to waste reduction and recycling has demonstrated itself in the development and implementation of a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling policy that has succeeded in a 50 percent diversion of solid waste from landfills.
- 10 (c) California's commitment has further demonstrated itself in 11 the development and implementation of the nation's most 12 expansive and cost effective beverage container recycling system 13 that has succeeded in recycling 60 percent of beverage containers
- 14 generated.

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(d) Despite the commitment and efforts of the public, local agencies, and the state; to reduce waste and increase recycling, the lack of incentives and opportunities for the recycling of most plastic bottles has resulted in a recycling failure.

(e) Studies by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency reveal that each year California generates more than 13 billion plastic bottles and disposes of more than 315,000 tons of plastic bottle waste.

(f) A recent study by the CIWMB further revealed that while 96 percent of the plastic bottles not currently covered by the state's container recycling law are made from readily recyclable and marketable polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and high density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic, less than 12 percent of these plastic bottles are currently recycled.

(g) Relying exclusively on California's curbside recycling infrastructure to collect the more than six billion non-California Refund Value (CRV) plastic bottles littered and landfilled in California annually has proven unsuccessful and even moderate success, 50 percent recycling, if it were possible, would cost local agencies and ratepayers in excess of thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) annually in higher collection and processing costs.

(h) Compounding the problem of plastic litter and waste, the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) has determined that marine debris poses a serious threat to California's marine environment and ocean-based economies, and that 60 to 80 percent, inclusive, of all marine debris and 90 percent of all floating debris is plastic.

(i) To help reduce the problem of plastic marine debris, the OPC in February unanimously adopted a resolution stating in part: "The state should look closely at extending the CRV or similar Extended Producer Responsibility programs to include other plastics commonly found in marine debris."

(j) California's 20 years of experience demonstrates that extending the financial incentives and convenient return opportunities of the state's successful container recycling and litter reduction law to all plastic bottles regardless of content represents the single most expeditious and cost-effective means of reducing and recycling the more than six billion non-CRV plastic bottles that are littered and landfilled in California annually.

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Section 14500 of the Public Resources Code is 2 amended to read:

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14500. This division shall be known and may be cited as the California Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act.

Section 14501 of the Public Resources Code is SEC. 3. amended to read:

14501. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

- (a) Experience in this state and others demonstrates that financial incentives and convenient return systems ensure the efficient and large-scale recycling of beverage containers. Accordingly, it is the intent of the Legislature to encourage increased, and more convenient, beverage container redemption opportunities for all consumers. These redemption opportunities shall consist of dealer and other shopping center locations, independent and industry operated recycling centers, curbside programs, nonprofit dropoff programs, and other recycling systems that assure all consumers, in every region of the state, the opportunity to return-beverage containers conveniently, efficiently, and economically.
- (b) California grocery, beer, soft drink, container manufacturing, labor, agricultural, consumer, environmental, government, citizen, recreational, taxpayer, and recycling groups have joined together in calling for an innovative program to generate large-scale redemption and recycling of beverage containers.
- (c) This division establishes a beverage container recycling goal of 80 percent.
- (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that every container type proves its own recyclability.
- (e) It is the intent of the Legislature to make redemption and recycling convenient to consumers, and the Legislature hereby urges cities and counties, when exercising their zoning authority, to act favorably on the siting of multimaterial recycling centers, reverse vending machines, mobile recycling units, or other types of recycling opportunities, as necessary for consumer convenience, and the overall success of litter abatement and beverage container recycling in the state.
- (f) The purpose of this division is to create and maintain a marketplace where it is profitable to establish sufficient recycling centers and locations to provide consumers with convenient recycling opportunities through the establishment of minimum refund values and processing fees and, through the proper

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application of these elements, to enhance the profitability of recycling centers, recycling locations, and other-beverage container recycling programs.

- (g) The responsibility to provide convenient, efficient, and economical redemption opportunities rests jointly with manufacturers, distributors, dealers, recyclers, processors, and the Department of Conservation.
- (h) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this division, that all empty—beverage containers redeemed shall be recycled, and that the responsibilities and regulations of the department shall be determined and implemented in a manner which favors the recycling of redeemed containers, as opposed to their disposal.
- (i) Nothing in this division shall be interpreted as affecting the current business practices of scrap dealers or recycling centers, except that, to the extent they function as a recycling center or processor, they shall do so in accordance with this division.
- (j) The program established by this division will contribute significantly to the reduction of the beverage container component of litter in this state.
- SEC. 4. Section 14504 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
 - 14504. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), "beverage" means any of the following products if those products are in liquid, ready-to-drink form, and are intended for human consumption:
 - (1) Beer and other malt beverages.
 - (2) Wine and distilled spirit coolers.
- 27 (3) Carbonated water, including soda and carbonated mineral water.
 - (4) Noncarbonated water, including noncarbonated mineral water.
 - (5) Carbonated soft drinks.
 - (6) Noncarbonated soft drinks and "sport" drinks.
- 33 (7) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), 34 vegetable, nut, grain, soy, or noncarbonated fruit drinks that contain 35 any percentage of juice.
- 36 (8) Coffee and tea drinks.
- 37 (9) Carbonated fruit drinks.
- 38 (b) "Beverage" does not include any of the following:
- 39 (1) Wine, or wine from which alcohol has been removed, in whole or in part, whether or not sparkling or carbonated.

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(2) Milk, medical food, or infant formula.

- (3) One hundred percent fruit juice in containers that are 46 ounces or more in volume.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
- (1) "Infant formula" means any liquid food described or sold as an alternative for human milk for the feeding of infants.
- (2) (A) "Medical food" means a food or beverage that is formulated to be consumed, or administered enterally under the supervision of a physician, and that is intended for specific dietary management of diseases or health conditions for which distinctive nutritional requirements, based on recognized scientific principles, are established by medical evaluation.
- (B) A "medical food" is a specially formulated and processed product, for the partial or exclusive feeding of a patient by means of oral intake or enteral feeding by tube, and is not a naturally occurring foodstuff used in its natural state.
- (C) "Medical food" includes any product that meets the definition of "medical food" in the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. Sec. 360ee (b)(3)).
- (3) "Noncarbonated soft drink" means a nonalcoholic, noncarbonated naturally or artificially flavored water containing sugar or sweetener or trace amounts of various elements from both natural and synthetic sources.
- SEC. 5. Section 14505 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 14505. (a) "Beverage container" means the individual, separate bottle, can, jar, carton, or other receptacle, however denominated, in which a beverage is sold, and which is constructed of metal, glass, or plastic, or other material, or any combination of these materials. "Beverage container" does not include cups or other similar open or loosely sealed receptacles.
- (b) "California Refund Value container" or "CRV container" means a beverage container or a plastic bottle, as defined in Section 14517.1.
- (c) Except as provided in subdivision (a), whenever the term "beverage container" is used in this division, it shall be deemed to mean a CRV container.
- (d) Whenever the term "distributor" is used in this division, it shall be deemed to mean a CRV container distributor.

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- (e) Whenever the term "beverage manufacturer" is used in thisdivision, it shall be deemed to mean a CRV container manufacturer.
- SEC. 6. Section 14512.7 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 14512.7. "Fund" means the California Container Recycling Fund established pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 14580.
- 7 SEC. 7. Section 14517.1 is added to the Public Resources Code, 8 to read:
- 9 14517.1. (a) "Plastic bottle" means an individual rigid or 10 semirigid container with a body consisting primarily of plastic and 11 with a neck narrower than the body in which one gallon or less of 12 a nonbeverage product is sold.
 - (b) The department may develop, maintain, and regularly update a list of products and containers that meet the definition of "plastic bottle" in this section.
 - (c) "Plastic bottle" does not mean a container for a beverage, as defined in Section 14504, or a product expressly excluded from the definition of beverage pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 14504.
- (d) "Plastic bottle" does not mean a container-for any-toxic or hazardous product that contains a toxic or hazardous product that is regulated by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.).
- SEC. 8. Section 14518.6 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 14518.6. "Product manufacturer" means a person who bottles
 or otherwise fills a plastic bottle or imports a filled plastic bottle,
 for sale to a distributor, dealer, or consumer.
- 29 SEC. 9. Section 14523.5 of the Public Resources Code is 30 repealed.
- SEC. 10. Section 14551 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:
- 14551. (a) The department shall establish reporting periods for the reporting of recycling rates. Each reporting period shall be six months. The department shall determine all of the following for each reporting period and shall issue a report on its determinations, within 130 days of the end of each reporting period:
- 38 (1) Sales of beverages in aluminum beverage containers, bimetal beverage containers, glass beverage containers, plastic beverage

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containers, and other beverage containers in this state, including refillable beverage containers.

- (2) Returns for recycling, and returns not for recycling, of empty aluminum beverage containers, bimetal beverage containers, glass beverage containers, plastic beverage containers, and other beverage containers in this state, including refillable beverage containers returned to distributors pursuant to Section 14572.5. These numbers shall be calculated using the average current weights of beverage containers, as determined and reported by the department.
- (3) An aluminum beverage container recycling rate, the numerator of which shall be the number of empty aluminum beverage containers returned for recycling, including refillable aluminum beverage containers, and the denominator of which shall be the number of aluminum beverage containers sold in this state.
- (4) A bimetal beverage container recycling rate, the numerator of which shall be the number of empty bimetal containers returned for recycling, including refillable bimetal beverage containers, and the denominator of which shall be the number of bimetal beverage containers sold in this state.
- (5) A glass beverage container recycling rate, the numerator of which shall be the number of empty glass beverage containers returned for recycling, including refillable glass beverage containers, and the denominator of which shall be the number of glass beverage containers sold in this state.
- (6) A plastic beverage container recycling rate, the numerator of which shall be the number of empty plastic beverage containers returned for recycling, including refillable plastic beverage containers, and the denominator of which shall be the number of plastic beverage containers sold in this state.
- (7) A recycling rate for other beverage containers, the numerator of which shall be the number of empty beverage containers other than those containers specified in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, returned for recycling, and the denominator of which shall be the number of beverage containers, other than those containers specified in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, sold in this state.
- (8) The department may define categories of other beverage containers, and report a recycling rate for each of those categories of other beverage containers.

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(9) The volumes of materials collected from certified recycling centers, by city or county, as requested by the city or county, if the reporting is consistent with the procedures established pursuant to Section 14554 to protect proprietary information.

(b) The department shall determine the manner of collecting the information for the reports specified in subdivision (a), including establishing procedures, to protect any proprietary information concerning the sales and purchases.

SEC. 11. Section 14575 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

- 14575. (a) If any type of empty CRV container with a refund value established pursuant to Section 14560 has a scrap value less than the cost of recycling, the department shall, on January 1, 2000, and on or before January 1 annually thereafter, establish a processing fee and a processing payment for the container by the type of the material of the container.
- (b) The processing payment shall be at least equal to the difference between the scrap value offered to a statistically significant sample of recyclers by willing purchasers, and except for the initial calculation made pursuant to subdivision (d), the sum of both of the following:
- (1) The actual cost for certified recycling centers, excluding centers receiving a handling fee, of receiving, handling, storing, transporting, and maintaining equipment for each container sold for recycling or, only if the container is not recyclable, the actual cost of disposal, calculated pursuant to subdivision (c). The department shall determine the statewide weighted average cost to recycle each container type, which shall serve as the actual recycling costs for purposes of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c), by conducting a survey of the costs of a statistically significant sample of certified recycling centers, excluding those recycling centers receiving a handling fee, for receiving, handling, storing, transporting, and maintaining equipment.
 - (2) A reasonable financial return for recycling centers.
- 35 (c) The department shall base the processing payment pursuant 36 to this section upon either of the following:
 - (1) The department shall use the average scrap values paid to recyclers between October 1, 2001, and September 30, 2002, for the 2003 calculation and the same 12-month period directly

preceding the year in which the processing fee is calculated for any subsequent calculation.

(2) For calculating processing payments that will be in effect on and after January 1, 2004, the department shall determine the actual costs for certified recycling centers, every second year, pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b). The department shall adjust the recycling costs annually to reflect changes in the cost of living, as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or a successor agency of the United States government.

(d) Except as specified in subdivision (g), the actual processing fee paid by a beverage manufacturer shall equal 65 percent of the processing payment calculated pursuant to subdivision (b).

(e) The department, consistent with Section 14581 and subject to the availability of funds, shall reduce the processing fee paid by beverage manufacturers by expending funds in each material processing fee account, in the following manner:

(1) On January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the processing fee shall equal the following amounts:

(A) Ten percent of the processing payment for a container type with a recycling rate equal to or greater than 75 percent.

(B) Eleven percent of the processing payment for a container type with a recycling rate equal to or greater than 65 percent, but less than 75 percent.

(C) Twelve percent of the processing payment for a container type with a recycling rate equal to or greater than 60 percent, but less than 65 percent.

(D) Thirteen percent of the processing payment for a container type with a recycling rate equal to or greater than 55 percent, but less than 60 percent.

(E) Fourteen percent of the processing payment for a container type with a recycling rate equal to or greater than 50 percent, but less than 55 percent.

(F) Fifteen percent of the processing payment for a container type with a recycling rate equal to or greater than 45 percent, but less than 50 percent.

(G) Eighteen percent of the processing payment for a container type with a recycling rate equal to or greater than 40 percent, but less than 45 percent.

- 1 (H) Twenty percent of the processing payment for a container 2 type with a recycling rate equal to or greater than 30 percent, but 3 less than 40 percent.
 - (I) Sixty-five percent of the processing payment for a container type with a recycling rate less than 30 percent.
 - (2) Notwithstanding this section, for calendar years 2009 and 2010 only, if the balance of the fund that is subject to expenditure pursuant to Section 14581 on September 30, 2007, and on September 30 of each year thereafter, is more than one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) the requirement to pay a processing fee for any container type shall be suspended during the subsequent calendar year (January 1 to December 31) for each container type with a recycling rate as follows:
 - (A) Fifty-five percent for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2008, for the suspension in 2009.
 - (B) Sixty percent for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2009, for the suspension in 2010.
 - (C) For any container type with a recycling rate of less than the required thresholds, the processing fee payment shall be in the amount provided in paragraph (1).
 - (3) The department shall calculate the recycling rate for purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) based on the 12-month period ending on June 30 that directly precedes the date of the January 1 processing fee determination.
 - (f) Not more than once every three months, the department may make an adjustment in the amount of the processing payment established pursuant to this section notwithstanding any change in the amount of the processing fee established pursuant to this section, for any beverage container, if the department makes the following determinations:
 - (1) The statewide scrap value paid by processors for the material type for the most recent available 12-month period directly preceding the quarter in which the processing payment is to be adjusted is 5 percent more or 5 percent less than the average scrap value used as the basis for the processing payment currently in effect.
- 37 (2) Funds are available in the processing fee account for the material type.
- 39 (3) Adjusting the processing payment is necessary to further 40 the objectives of this division.

- (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), every beverage manufacturer shall pay to the department the applicable processing fee for each container sold or transferred to a distributor or dealer within 40 days of the sale in the form and in the manner which the department may prescribe.
- (2) (A) Notwithstanding Section 14506, with respect to the payment of processing fees for beer and other malt beverages manufactured outside the state, the beverage manufacturer shall be deemed to be the person or entity named on the certificate of compliance issued pursuant to Section 23671 of the Business and Professions Code. If the department is unable to collect the processing fee from the person or entity named on the certificate of compliance, the department shall give written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to that person or entity. The notice shall state that the processing fee shall be remitted in full within 30 days of issuance of the notice or the person or entity shall not be permitted to offer that beverage brand for sale within the state. If the person or entity fails to remit the processing fee within 30 days of issuance of the notice, the department shall notify the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control that the certificate holder has failed to comply, and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall prohibit the offering for sale of that beverage brand within the state.
- (B) The department shall enter into a contract with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, pursuant to Section 14536.5, concerning the implementation of this paragraph, which shall include a provision reimbursing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for its costs incurred in implementing this paragraph.
- (3) (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a beverage manufacturer displays a pattern of operation in compliance with this division and the regulations adopted pursuant to this division, to the satisfaction of the department, the beverage manufacturer may make a single annual payment of processing fees, if the beverage manufacturer meets either of the following conditions:
- (i) If the redemption payment and refund value is not increased pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 14560, the beverage manufacturer's projected processing fees for a calendar year total less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

- (ii) If the redemption payment and refund value is increased pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 14560, the beverage manufacturer's projected processing fees for a calendar year total less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).
- (B) An annual processing fee payment made pursuant to this paragraph is due and payable on or before February 1 for every beverage container sold or transferred by the beverage manufacturer to a distributor or dealer in the previous calendar year.
- (C) A manufacturer shall notify the department of its intent to make an annual processing fee payment pursuant to this paragraph on or before January 31 of the calendar year for which the payment will be due.
- (4) The department shall pay the processing payments on redeemed containers to processors, in the same manner as it pays refund values pursuant to Sections 14573 and 14573.5. The processor shall pay the recycling center the entire processing payment representing the actual costs and financial return incurred by the recycling center, as specified in subdivision (b).
- (h) When assessing processing fees pursuant to subdivision (a), the department shall assess the processing fee on each container sold, as provided in subdivisions (e) and (f) (d) and (e), by the type of material of the container, assuming that every container sold will be redeemed for recycling, whether or not the container is actually recycled.
- (i) The container manufacturer, or a designated agent, shall pay to, or credit, the account of the beverage manufacturer in an amount equal to the processing fee.
- (j) If, at the end of any calendar year for which glass recycling rates equal or exceed 45 percent and sufficient surplus funds remain in the glass processing fee account to make the reduction pursuant to this subdivision or if, at the end of any calendar year for which PET recycling rates equal or exceed 45 percent and sufficient surplus funds remain in the PET processing fee account to make the reduction pursuant to this subdivision, the department shall use these surplus funds in the respective processing fee accounts in the following calendar year to reduce the amount of the processing fee that would otherwise be due from glass or PET beverage manufacturers pursuant to this subdivision.

(1) The department shall reduce the glass or PET processing fee amount pursuant to this subdivision in addition to any reduction for which the glass or PET beverage container qualifies under subdivision—(f) (e).

(2) The department shall determine the processing fee reduction by dividing two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from each processing fee account by an estimate of the number of containers sold or transferred to a distributor during the previous calendar year, based

upon the latest available data.

SEC. 12. The Department of Conservation shall not expend any funds collected pursuant to Division 12.1 (commencing with Section 14500) of the Public Resources Code that were collected or payable on or before prior to January 1, 2009 for a beverage container, as defined in Section 14505, as that section read on immediately preceding January 1, 2009, for making any refund value, processing payment, handling fee, or any program or other expenditure related to a CRV container that was not subject to the California Beverage Recycling and Litter Reduction Act on January 1, 2007 immediately preceding January 1, 2009.

SEC. 13. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California

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March 26, 2008

The Honorable Sandre Swanson Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 6012 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 501 (Swanson) -SUPPORT IF AMENDED

Dear Assembly Member Swanson:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I offer our "Support if Amended" position for your Assembly Bill 501. AB 501 gives manufacturers of pre-filled injection needles (commonly known as sharps) the option of providing customers, "upon request", with a take-back option and/or directing customers to facilities that properly handle the disposal of these used items.

RCRC is composed of members of the Boards of Supervisors from thirty-one California counties. In addition, twenty-two RCRC member counties have formed the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) to provide assistance to counties regarding the management of solid waste. The issue of safely disposing used sharps is a major concern of the solid waste managers who operate landfills and transfer stations in rural counties.

As you know, effective September 1st of this year, California imposes a ban on the disposal of used sharps in solid waste, recycling, and green waste containers. Therefore, we have been working with you, your staff and other stakeholders in an attempt to find the best way to safely dispose of these items without imposing further burdens on the people who rely on these injections.

Unfortunately, we have concerns with the most recent version of AB 501 and we would suggest further amendments. We view the latest version as providing pharmaceutical manufacturers with minimal responsibilities in collecting used sharps. Furthermore, we are concerned that these manufacturers will simply direct these products to county-operated household hazardous waste facilities, thus adding costs and increasing the burden of processing their disposal. We recognize that you, your staff, and sponsors have worked tirelessly on this effort; however, we would prefer that amendments be incorporated into AB 501 that remove "upon request" and impose on the manufacturer a strong take-back scheme rather than have them direct their customers to other disposal options.

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If you should have any questions or concerns regarding our change in position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-447-4806.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SMITH

Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: The Honorable Sheila Kuehl, Chair of the Senate Health Committee Members of the Senate Health Committee

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March 24, 2008

The Honorable Jared Huffman Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 4139 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1860 (Huffman) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Huffman:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I am pleased to offer our support for your Assembly Bill 1860, which requires the manufacturer of a recalled product to establish and maintain a collection system in the event a recall is issued for that product.

RCRC is composed of members of the Boards of Supervisors from our thirty-one California counties. In addition, twenty-two RCRC member counties have formed the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority to provide assistance to counties regarding the management of solid waste. The issue of safely disposing and managing the surge-volume of recalled products is a major concern of the solid waste managers who operate landfills and transfer stations in rural counties.

In many instances, when a recall is issued by either the manufacturer or a government agency, consumers are directed to either dispose of the product or return it to the retailer for compensation. In both of those circumstances, it is the local solid waste manager who ultimately receives the product and must pay for the cost of disposal. RCRC believes that it is the producer who ultimately must bear the cost and responsibility of these products. As such, a system should be required for a manufacturer to collect and aggregate these products when they are no longer suitable for market.

RCRC appreciates your introduction of AB 1860. We look forward to working with you to ensure this bill is enacted into law. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-447-4806.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SMITH

Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: The Honorable Loni Hancock, Chair of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee Ms. Heidi Sanborn, California Product Stewardship Council

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April 23, 2008

The Honorable Jim Silva Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 3149 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1931 (Silva) - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Silva:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I am pleased to offer our support for your Assembly Bill 1931, which addresses the issue and qualifications for illegal dumping officers.

RCRC is comprised of members of the Boards of Supervisors from thirty-one California counties. In addition, twenty-two RCRC member counties have formed the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) to provide assistance to counties regarding the management of solid waste. The illegal dumping of solid waste is and continues to be a problem for California's rural counties as it is easier to elude law enforcement by traveling to the remote parts of the state to dump products. The costs associated with the clean up of illegal dumping is expensive not only for counties, but also lowers private property values and threatens the stability of environmentally sensitive lands and the state's water quality.

Specifically, AB 1931 makes revisions to the definition of an illegal dumping officer to include persons who are employed full-time, part-time, and volunteers provided they obtain and complete the proper training. This bill will help ensure that the proper personnel are in the field to enforce our illegal dumping laws in order to minimize the amount of illegal waste placed in inappropriate places.

RCRC appreciates your introduction of AB 1931. We look forward to working with you to ensure this bill is enacted into law. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-447-4806.

Sincerely.

Paul A. Smith

Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: Members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee
Margo Reid Brown, Integrated Waste Management Board
Rosalie Mule, Integrated Waste Management Board

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The Honorable Ira Ruskin Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 3123 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 2347 (Ruskin) - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Ruskin:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I am pleased to offer our support for your Assembly Bill 2347, which requires the manufactures of mercury-containing thermostats to establish and maintain a collection and recycling program for out-of-service mercury-added thermostats.

RCRC is composed of members of the Boards of Supervisors from our thirty-one California counties. In addition, twenty-two RCRC member counties have formed the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) to provide assistance to counties regarding the management of solid waste. The issue of safely disposing used thermostats which contain mercury is a major concern of the solid waste managers who operate landfills and transfer stations in rural counties.

The ESJPA is a participant in the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), which is an organization of California local governments who are working towards a single mission: To shift California's product waste management system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer-financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

Under current law, products containing mercury are classified as hazardous waste and must be disposed at a household hazardous waste facility – a special facility that handles and disposes products that cannot be discarded in a traditional landfill. Operating a household hazardous waste facility is very expensive. Furthermore, many rural counties lack a household hazardous waste facility and thus must pay for the cost of handling and transporting these classified products to a facility. We believe it is appropriate – from a standpoint of cost and safety – that manufacturers of products that contain mercury be responsible for their products when they have reached their end-of-life. As such, we believe AB 2347 is appropriate as it requires manufacturers to establish and maintain collections programs for used mercury-thermostats.

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RCRC appreciates your continued involvement in this important issue, and we look forward to working with you to ensure AB 2347 is enacted into law. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-447-4806.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SMITH

Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: The Honorable Jared Huffman, Chair of the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee

Members of the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee Ms. Kate Riley, Consultant to the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee

Ms. Heidi Sanborn, California Product Stewardship Council

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The Honorable Jared Huffman Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 4139 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 2640 (Huffman) - OPPOSE

Dear Assemblyman Huffman:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I regret to inform you of our opposition to your Assembly Bill 2640, which addresses the issue of using "green waste" as alternative daily cover (ADC) for solid waste landfills.

RCRC is composed of members of the Boards of Supervisors from thirty-one California counties. In addition, twenty-two RCRC member counties have formed the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) to provide assistance to solid waste managers in rural counties. These solid waste managers have been charged with ensuring that their respective counties meet state-imposed requirements to cover the face of landfills as well as reduce the amount of waste that is disposed in California.

Unfortunately, we must oppose the two key components of AB 2640 – the levying of the \$1.40 per ton state disposal fee on green waste used as ADC and the phase-out of diversion credit for using green waste as ADC. First, levying a fee on material that is being beneficially reused sets a bad precedent. Green waste is not the only material that is reused as daily cover or used for other engineered applications and we question why green waste would be subject to the disposal fee when other materials used for the same purpose are not.

Operators of landfills have a number of options to use as cover including dirt, green waste or other approved waste materials, and tarps. Without question, using green waste (garden clippings, agricultural clippings, etc.) is the most cost-effective and reliable option for many of the rural jurisdictions. Furthermore, in many rural counties, if green waste were not to be used as ADC, it would simply be committed to the landfill due to the lack of other cost-effective options.

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Diversion credit for ADC is an important component for rural counties to reach their 50% diversion goals. As mentioned, if green waste were not converted into ADC, many rural counties would simply commit it to the landfill. Thus, it makes sense that this waste — which is being reused — should be counted as diversion when it is used for alternative purpose. Also, keep in mind that not all green waste received at a landfill can be converted into ADC.

Finally, it should be noted that there have been a number of legislative attempts to increase the mandatory diversion number above 50%. Taking away diversion credit for green waste/ADC would simply make it even more difficult, especially for rural jurisdictions, to achieve these new diversion goals.

Much has been made that green waste should not be used as ADC in favor of using as compost material or feedstock for waste-to-energy facilities. While this may be attractive for some, it presents a number of challenges for rural counties. First, implementing cost-effective composting operations in rural areas is difficult given the low volumes and types of materials. Second, it is very difficult for local governments to obtain the necessary local and state air and water permits to construct and put in place a composting operation. Third, the cost associated with transporting, over great distances, compost feedstock to either a compost facility or energy facility is very expensive. And finally, in most rural counties, particularly those outside the San Joaquin or Sacramento Valleys, not enough green waste is generated locally to support a waste-to-energy facility.

For the above-mentioned reasons, we must respectfully oppose your AB 2640. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-447-4806.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SMITH

Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

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The Honorable Roger Niello Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 6027 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 2695 (Niello) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Niello:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I am pleased to offer our support for your Assembly Bill 2695, which addresses the issue of illegal dumping.

RCRC is composed of members of the Boards of Supervisors from our thirty-one California counties. In addition, twenty-two RCRC member counties have formed the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority to provide assistance to counties regarding the management of solid waste. The issue of properly disposing and managing solid waste is a major concern for all rural counties.

Specifically, AB 2695 strengthens existing solid waste enforcement laws to assist state and local efforts aimed at combating illegal dumping of solid waste. The bill also authorizes the Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) to establish a grant and loan program to help fund illegal dumping enforcement programs. Finally, AB 2695 requires the Waste Board to adopt a model local ordinance for the permitting of refuse hauler service providers.

The illegal dumping of solid waste is and continues to be a problem for California's rural counties as it is easier to elude law enforcement by traveling to the remote parts of the state to dump products. The costs associated with the clean up of illegal dumping is expensive not only for counties, but also lowers private property values and threatens the stability of environmentally sensitive lands and the state's water quality.

RCRC appreciates your introduction of AB 2695. We look forward to working with you to ensure this bill is enacted into law. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-447-4806.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SMITH

Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: Margo Reid Brown, Integrated Waste Management Board Rosalie Mule, Integrated Waste Management Board Members, Assembly Judiciary Committee Consultant, Assembly Judiciary Committee ALPINE, AMADOR, BUTTE, CALAVERAS, COLUSA DEL NORTE, ELDORADO, GLENN, IMPERIAL, INYO, LAKE, ŁASSEN, MADERA, MARIPOSA, MENDOCINO, MERCED

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The Honorable Kevin De Leon Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 4140 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 2866 (De Leon) - OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member De Leon:

On behalf of the thirty-one members of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I am writing to express our opposition to your Assembly Bill 2866, which increases the state-imposed solid waste disposal fee (commonly known as the "tipping fee") and dedicates the proceeds to a variety of efforts.

In many California counties and cities, the municipality operates a landfill. In others, those operations are contracted with another party. Regardless of which party owns/operates the landfill, \$1.40 per ton must be collected and remitted to the Integrated Waste Management Board (the Waste Board). The \$1.40 per ton is solely used to fund a variety of activities by the Waste Board to assist in reducing or managing the disposal of waste throughout the State.

AB 2866 proposes to increase our state's tipping fee by \$0.60 per ton in order to provide a funding stream for four efforts:

- Provide matching grants to assist public solid waste landfill operators in complying with measures adopted by the State Air Resources Board to enhance the capture of fugitive landfill gas emissions.
- Fund projects to accelerate the commercialization of hybrid trucks for the collection of recyclables, yard waste, and garbage:
- Fund projects to demonstrate the commercial viability of producing clean transportation fuels from municipal solid waste and landfill gas.
- Establish and maintain \$50 million in the Solid Waste Mitigation Account at the Waste Board to pay for any future liability of the state resulting from the failure of a landfill operator to meet its responsibilities for landfill closure and postclosure care.

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Last year we raised a number of concerns with your Assembly Bill 712 which would have increased our state's tipping fee by \$0.50 per ton in order to raise monies for the Air Resources Board which would have been allocated to operators for retrofitting off-road diesel-powered vehicles that are used in the operation of a landfill. Like last year, we are concerned with any increase in the tipping fee which is used to address matters outside the purview of the Waste Board. We are not aware of any itemized additional fee in the waste hauling and disposal industry, put forth in statute, which is levied to cover the costs of complying or addressing stateimposed regulations outside the Waste Board's purview. We believe the costs to comply/address these regulations should be approved at the local level though the alreadyestablished rate setting processes. As such, creating funding streams for landfill gas capture (an Air Board activity), promoting hybrid waste hauling vehicles an (Air Board/Energy Commission activity), clean alternative fuels (an Air Board activity) - while laudable - should not be funded through a disposal fee increase. We view this as a dangerous precedent of putting forth a fee attachment that is used for an issue that is not directly related to reducing the amount of waste being disposed in California. Otherwise, we believe this invites others to see the tipping fee as a vehicle for raising revenue for other projects.

The fourth effort included in AB 2866's tipping fee increase addresses an activity within the purview of the Waste Board — ensuring adequate financial assurance for the costs of closing a landfill and maintaining the care of the landfill decades after closure. The Waste Board has been reviewing the issue of financial assurance for over a year and is in the process of developing options to ensure financial assurance. First, we question whether the Legislature needs to increase the tipping fee for this purpose at this time. Nevertheless, if the Legislature believes action should be taken before the Waste Board concludes this process, we would ask that public landfill owners and operators be exempt from collecting the increase. Owner/operators can already meet their financial assurance obligations with a "pledge of revenue" — basically the full faith and credit of the taxpayers of those jurisdictions. Unlike corporations, companies, or proprietorships who can file for bankruptcy or walk away from their obligations, counties and cities cannot and do not have those options. Furthermore, it is doubtful that public entities would ever utilize the fund created in AB 2866 under our pledge of revenue mechanisms.

For the above-mentioned reasons, RCRC must respectfully oppose Assembly Bill 2866. If you have any questions or concerns about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SMITH

Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: Members, Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Ms. Elizabeth MacMillan, Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Ms. Carol Baker, Office of Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez

Mr. John Kennedy, Assembly Republican Caucus

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The Honorable Lou Correa Member, California State Senate State Capitol, Room 4062 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 1321 (Correa) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Correa:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I am pleased to offer our support for your Senate Bill 1321, which requires each school district that has a secondary school to maintain beverage container recycling bins on each secondary school campus and the administrative office of that school district.

RCRC is composed of members of the Boards of Supervisors from our thirty-one California counties. In addition, twenty-two RCRC member counties have formed the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority to provide assistance to solid waste managers in rural counties. These solid waste managers have been charged with ensuring that their respective counties meet state-imposed requirements to reduce the amount of waste that is disposed in California.

State law requires counties to divert 50% of their solid waste from landfills. The California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) enforces this requirement and works with counties to achieve these diversion requirements. Many RCRC counties have been unable to reach the 50% requirement due to a number of factors. Thankfully, the Waste Board recognizes many of these factors and limitations; however, we are constantly working with the Waste Board to implement programs that ultimately reduce waste disposal into landfills. One option that continues to surface is to have schools participate in recycling programs.

While beverage containers are a small portion of the waste stream, we believe that any effort to have items diverted (recycled) should be implemented. And while we recognize the up-front costs to school districts to implement campus-based beverage container

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recycling, we point out that these costs can be recovered when these containers are redeemed.

RCRC appreciates your authorship of SB 1321. We look forward to working with you to ensure this measure is enacted into law. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-447-4806.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SMITH

Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: The Honorable Jack Scott, Chair of the Senate Education Committee Members of the Senate Education Committee

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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Carole Migden, Chair Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee Room 5114, State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1345 (Ashburn) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Migden:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 1345, by Senator Ashburn, relating to volunteerism. By eliminating the sunset in current law, SB 1345 would extend the volunteer worker prevailing wage exemption indefinitely.

Volunteers provide a very valuable contribution to government-financed projects such as litter cleanup in our state's waterways and on our beaches, among other things. SB 1345 would allow volunteers to continue supporting local efforts and result in local cost savings.

RCRC requests your favorable consideration and "aye" vote for SB 1345 when it is heard before you on April 9, 2008.

Sincerely,

Kathy Mannion

Director of Water and Power

cc: Senator Ashburn

Members, Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

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