

**Environmental Services Joint Powers' Authority
Board of Directors' Meeting**

Thursday, March 26, 2026

**Agenda Item VI
Legislative Update**

SOLID WASTE BILLS FOR 2026

Organic Waste/Compostable Products

- [AB 1812 \(Aguiar-Curry\) Compostable Products](#)
Prohibits bioplastic producers from labeling any product made wholly or partially of bioplastics as compostable.
- [AB 2112 \(Bains\) Integrated Waste Management Plans](#)
Requires local integrated waste management plan annual reports to include information on areas identified as locations for new or expanded medium or small compostable material handling facilities.
- [AB 2226 \(Rubio\) Precheckout Bags](#)
Repeals an existing law requiring grocery stores to use compostable bags to hold unwrapped food items like fruits and vegetables.
- [AB 2334 \(Bennett\) Methane Reduction Working Group](#)
Requires CalRecycle to establish a working group to study the need for and value of alternative methods of methane reduction.
- SB 1031 (Blakespear) Solid Waste: Compostable Products
Spot bill.

Beverage Container Recycling

- [AB 1780 \(Rodriguez\) Distributor Payments Exemption](#)
Exempts a beverage container distributor from making redemption payments for containers donated to a tax exempt organization.
- [AB 2481 \(Soria\) Glass Incentive Payments](#)
Authorizes CalRecycle to make quality incentive payments to manufacturers of fiberglass insulation in this state that use glass cullet.
- [SB 633 \(Blakespear\) Beverage Container Recycling](#)
Requires beverage manufacturers to report the amount of imported postconsumer recycled plastic used in plastic beverage containers the previous calendar year.
- [SB 955 \(Blakespear\) Supermarkets, Reverse Vending Machines](#)
Makes various changes to the definition of “supermarket” and operating criteria for reverse vending machines under the state’s Beverage Container Recycling Program.
- [SB 1341 \(Cabaldon\) Boxed Wine Processing Fee](#)
Allows CalRecycle to reduce the processing fee paid by manufacturers of boxed wine.

Recycling

- [AB 2253 \(Boerner\) Environmental Marketing Claims](#)
Expands the scope and requirements of the state’s environmental marketing claim law related to plastic food containers to instead apply to all products for which the manufacturer or supplier makes a claim as to recycled content.

Product-Specific Bills

- [AB 762 \(Irwin\) Disposable Battery-Embedded Vapes](#)
Bans the sale, distribution, or offering for sale of new or refurbished disposable, battery-embedded nicotine vapes and allows a city, county, or the state to take enforcement actions and impose fines.
- [AB 864 \(Ward\) Hazardous Waste: Solar Photovoltaic Modules](#)
Vehicle for solar panel recycling framework.
- [AB 2076 \(Lowenthal\) Nitrous Oxide Online Sales](#)

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Bans large online marketplaces with over \$1 billion in sales from selling nitrous oxide, firearms, BB guns, ammunition, aerosolized paint, etching cream, and other products that are restricted or illegal to sell to a minor. Requires online retailers to verify the age of consumers purchasing nitrous oxide.

- [AB 2462 \(Pellerin\) Recalled Products](#)
Expands the protections afforded by the Product Recall Safety and Protection Act to ensure that the manufacture shall provide for the safe and appropriate disposal of the product to free of charge to additionally protect recycling centers, municipal recycling or disposal facilities, permitted solid waste facilities, household hazardous waste collection facilities, and retail thrift stores.
- [SB 501 \(Allen\) Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act](#)
Adds medium format batteries, including e-bike and e-scooter batteries, to the state's battery recycling programs.
- [SB 615 \(Allen\) Vehicle Traction Batteries](#)
Establishes a framework for management of vehicle traction batteries at the end of their useful lives.
- [SB 758 \(Umberg\) Nitrous Oxide Sales](#)
Prohibits tobacco retailers from selling nitrous oxide.
- [SB 936 \(Blakespear and Umberg\) Nitrous Oxide Sales](#)
Bans the sale of flavored nitrous oxide and unflavored nitrous oxide in containers larger than 8 grams, with exemptions for dentistry, medical, automotive, and manufacturing purposes.
- SB 1010 (Ashby) Refrigerants
Spot Bill for refrigerant EPR program.
- [SB 1314 \(Mennjivar\) Smoke Shops Nitrous Oxide Sales](#)
Imposes restrictions on smoke shop locations and prohibits those retailers from selling nitrous oxide or related paraphernalia.

Landfills

- [AB 28 \(Schiavo\) Landfills: Subsurface Temperatures](#)
Establishes a landfill gas temperature monitoring and enforcement regime for landfills, including fines and suspension of operating permits where the exceedances result from gross negligence and create an imminent and substantial risk to public health, safety, or the environment.

Hazardous Waste

- [AB 599 \(Connolly\) Hazardous Waste Classification and Alternative Management Standards: Notice of Change](#)
Requires DTSC, if it proposes to reclassify wastes or adopt alternative management standards for regulating waste, to provide public notifications, enable public review of facility entitlements, and enable local community input.
- [AB 1617 \(Alanis\) Household Hazardous Waste Reporting](#)
Requires CalRecycle's Form 303 to report information on a calendar year basis.
- [AB 1642 \(Harabedian\) Wildfire Contamination Standards](#)
Requires DSC to adopt emergency regulations specifying standards for investigation, testing, and removal of contaminants inside and outside of homes, schools, and workplaces in residential areas after a wildfire.
- [AB 2245 \(Rodriguez\) Automotive Lubricant Management](#)
Establishes an industry-run producer responsibility program that will collect and manage automotive lubricants and associated packaging, not including used oil.
- [AB 2667 \(Hadwick\) Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities, Vapes](#)

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Requires DTSC to evaluate opportunities to increase the safety and convenience for management and disposal of vapes confiscated from students by schools. Allows a HHW Collection Facility to safely disassemble vapes to separate batteries, electronic components, cartridges, etc. Prohibits HHW Collection Facilities from offering vapes in their materials exchange/reuse programs. Bans the sale of disguised vapes and vapes containing video display devices.

- [SB 328 \(Grayson\) Hazardous Waste Generation and Handling Fee](#)
Caps the maximum hazardous waste generation and handling fee at \$100,000 for residential infill housing project or \$250,000 for a master development project
- [SB 811 \(Caballero\) Hazardous Materials: Metal Shredding Facilities](#)
Establishes a new framework for regulation and permitting of metal shredding facilities.
- SB 819 (Padilla) Geothermal Waste Hazardous Waste Generation and Handling Fees
- SB 1289 (Hurtado) Hazardous Waste
Will require California-designated hazardous waste to be disposed of in a hazardous waste landfill.

Illegal Dumping

- [AB 1153 \(Bonta\) Illegal Disposal Site Abatement](#)
Authorizes CalRecycle to fund the removal/disposal of recreational vehicles, develop enforcement strategies, and funding for local enforcement teams. Prioritizes funding for projects in CalEnviroScreen communities.
- [AB 2310 \(Carrillo\) Illegal Dumping](#)
Prohibits the transportation of waste matter, rocks, concrete, asphalt, dirt, or construction debris for disposal in restricted locations. Prohibits a private landowner (or an individual acting with the landowner's permission) from placing, depositing, dumping, or transporting those items if those activities require a permit or license from a state or local agency that has not been obtained or those actions would create a public health and safety hazard, a public nuisance, or a fire hazard.
- [SB 1218 \(Arreguin\) Illegal Dumping: Vehicle Registration](#)
Prohibits DMV from renewing the registration of a vehicle if the registered owner has been mailed a notice of an unpaid delinquent illegal dumping violation.
- [SB 1230 \(Valladares\) Illegal Dumping](#)
Increases penalties for illegal dumping and requires CalRecycle to create a website with resources to help local governments prevent and clean up illegal dumping.

Miscellaneous

- AB 1776 (Aguar-Curry) Cartwright Act
- [SB 922 \(Laird\) Local Agency Charges: Use of Streets and Highways](#)
Allows local governments to continue to recover the costs of street maintenance and repair from those who provide public services or public works.
- [SB 1180 \(Allen\) California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund](#)
Establishes eligibility and project criteria for the expenditure of funds from the SB 54 Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund.
- [SB 1371 \(Durazo\) Solid Waste Handling Labor Disputes](#)
Restricts the circumstances during which a local agency may compel the performance of solid waste handling services during a labor dispute. Makes void and unenforceable any force majeure provision in a franchise contract, license, or permit for solid waste handling services that excuses or suspends performance due to a work stoppage arising out of or in connection with a labor dispute, regardless of the date on which the contract, license, or permit was entered into.