

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE
December 16, 2021**



AGENDA

- 1) Oral communications from the public
- 2) Oral communications from Task Force members
- 3) Changes to the agenda
- 4) Approval of minutes from meeting of September 9, 2021 (attached)
- 5) SB 1383 Organics Diversion Update – all
Food Rescue Update - All
- 6) Local ordinance updates - all
Cup Charge Ordinance - County
- 7) Legislative Update - Beau
See Attached List
- 8) Proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule: All meetings first Thursday of the month from 3-5 pm
 - March 3, Watsonville
 - June 2, County
 - September 1, Santa Cruz
 - December 1, Capitola
- 9) 2022 Officers:
 - Chair:
 - Vice Chair:
- 10) Call for Agenda Items
- 11) Adjournment

**Meeting is online. For meeting portal, please visit <http://www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash/Recycling/LocalTaskForce.aspx>

Next Meeting, March 3, 2022

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT LOCAL TASK FORCE September 9,
2021



Minutes

Present: Mike Rivera, Larry Laurent, Bob Nelson, Noel Bock, Lowell Hurst, Jack Dilles, Chris Lamm

Staff: Kasey Kolassa and Beau Hawksford,

Guests: Leslie O'Malley, MaryAnn LoBalbo, Christina Horvat, and Christian DiRenzo

1) Oral communications from the public

None

2) Oral communications from Task Force members

Jack Dilles welcomes Chris Lamm to the Task Force

3) Changes to the agenda

None

4) Approval of minutes from meeting of September 9, 2021 (attached)

Moved: Bob Nelson; Second: Jack Dilles; Approved: 6-0 w/Chris Lamm abstaining

5) SB 1383 Organics Diversion Update/Food Rescue Update – All

Mike Rivera – Watsonville: Confirms to comingle food/yard waste for MRWMD – 3 cart system with 1 new driver/new truck. Estimate to be between 40% - 60% implemented by January 1, 2022.

Larry Laurent – Capitola: Working with MRWMD as well

Bob Nelson – Santa Cruz: Small pilot program with 260 hours of evaluation of residential program. Commercial program is up and running with the options of taking to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant or Santa Clara. Updating their ordinance to add separate food collection. They are looking at 6 gallon pales.

Kasey Kolassa – Santa Cruz County: Board of Supervisors to incorporate SB1383 into §7.20 of the County Code. Foodwaste up and running for Commercial customers and working to expand the program. Our plan is to mix food and yardwaste and go to MRWMD.

Chris Lamm – Scotts Valley: Currently in negotiations with GreenWaste and MRWMD and working on updating Scotts Valley's ordinances as well.

Leslie O'Malley – City of Santa Cruz: Can also drop off foodwaste at facility.

6) Local ordinance updates – All: See above in §5

Chapter 7.20 Ordinance – County: See above in §5

Cup Charge Ordinance – County: Will take effect on January 1, 2022. All businesses will be required to collect \$0.25 per disposable cup.

7) Legislative Update - Beau

Went over progress of environmental legislation bills (list attached)

8) Other issues

Noel Bock – What are we doing with Education?

9) Adjournment

CEAC Resource Recovery & Waste Management Legislative Bill Tracking Report By Catherine Freeman 12/10/2021

AB 480 **(Carrillo D) Hazardous materials.**

Introduced: 2/8/2021

Status: 10/9/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 743, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: Current law requires a business that handles a hazardous material (handler), or an employee, authorized representative, agent, or designee of the handler, to, upon discovery, immediately report any release or threatened release of a hazardous material, or an actual release of a hazardous substance, as defined, to the UPA and the Office of Emergency Services, as provided. Current law requires the office to adopt regulations implementing this requirement on or before January 1, 2022. This bill would revise that reporting requirement to require, for regulated facilities, a handler, or an employee, authorized representative, agent, or designee of the handler, to report a release or threatened release of a hazardous material, hazardous waste, or hazardous substance to the UPA and the office immediately upon discovery of the release or threatened release. The bill would require, for unregulated facilities, that reporting to be made upon the discovery of an actual release that results in an emergency response, as defined.

CSAC Position

Support

AB 707 **(Quirk D) Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2021.**

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 10/8/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 703, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: The Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2008, as part of the state’s hazardous waste control laws, requires a manufacturer that owns or owned a name brand of mercury-added thermostats, as defined, sold in this state before January 1, 2006, to establish and maintain a collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal program for out-of-service mercury-added thermostats, as defined. This bill would recast the program, still as part of the state’s hazardous waste control laws, as the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2021. The bill would require each manufacturer of mercury-added thermostats, or group of manufacturers, on or before March 1, 2022, to contract with or retain a qualified third party, as defined, to develop and implement a convenient, cost-effective, and efficient program for the collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal of out-of-service mercury-added thermostats.

CSAC Position

Watch

AB 818 **(Bloom D) Solid waste: premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes.**

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 10/6/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 590, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: Would require, except as provided, certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022, to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase “Do Not Flush” and a related symbol, as specified. The bill would prohibit a covered entity, as defined, from making a representation about the flushable attributes, benefits, performance, or efficacy of those premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes, as provided. The bill would establish enforcement provisions, including authorizing a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per day, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per violation, to be imposed on a covered entity who violates those provisions.

CSAC Position

Support

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B 881

(Gonzalez, Lorena D) Recycling: plastic waste: export.

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 10/5/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 501, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, requires each city, county, and joint powers authority formed under the act, referred to as a regional agency, to develop a source reduction and recycling element of an integrated waste management plan. The act requires the source reduction and recycling element to divert from disposal 50% of all solid waste subject to the element through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities, with specified exceptions. This bill would make the export out of the country of a mixture of plastic wastes "disposal" for purposes of the act, unless the mixture includes only certain plastics destined for separate recycling and satisfies other specified requirements, in which case that export would constitute diversion through recycling.

CSAC Position

Pending

AB 962

(Kamlager D) California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: reusable beverage containers.

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 10/5/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 502, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to certify processors and requires certified processors to comply with specified requirements for operation, including, among others, taking the actions necessary and approved by the department to cancel containers to render them unfit for redemption. A violation of the act is an infraction. This bill would authorize the department to authorize a processor to satisfy that cancellation requirement by washing a reusable beverage container or transferring a reusable beverage container for subsequent washing to a processor approved by the department. The bill would authorize the department to certify additional models of processors that are determined necessary to implement that provision and would require, by January 1, 2024, the of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt by regulation the requirements and standards for the certification and operation of those processors, as specified.

CSAC Position

Pending

AB 1201

(Ting D) Solid waste: products: labeling: compostability and biodegradability.

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 10/5/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 504, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: Current law authorizes the Director of Resources Recycling and Recovery to issue guidelines for determining whether a plastic product is not compliant with these labeling requirements, and whether a plastic product is designed, pigmented, or advertised in a manner that is misleading to consumers. Current law defines "plastic product" for these purposes to mean a product made of plastic, whether alone or in combination with other material. This bill would repeal that definition of "plastic product" and replace certain references to "plastic product" in those and related provisions with "product," which includes, but is not limited to, a consumer product, as defined, a package or packaging component, a thin plastic sheet film product, and a food or beverage container.

CSAC Position

Neutral

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B 1276 (Carrillo D) Single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments.

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 10/5/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 505, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: Would prohibit a food facility from providing any single-use foodware accessory or standard condiment, as defined, to a consumer unless requested by the consumer, as provided. The bill would prohibit those items from being bundled or packaged in a way that prohibits the consumer from taking only the item desired. The bill would authorize a food facility to ask a drive-through consumer, or a food facility located within a public airport to ask a walk-through consumer, if the consumer wants a single-use foodware accessory in specified circumstances. The bill would require a food facility using a third-party food delivery platform to list on its menu the availability of single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments and only provide those items when requested, as provided. The bill would exclude from these requirements correctional institutions, health care facilities, residential care facilities, and public and private school cafeterias.

CSAC Position

Pending

AB 1311 (Wood D) Recycling: beverage containers.

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 10/5/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 506, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: The The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act provides that a recycling center that is a reverse vending machine that accepts all types of empty beverage containers except those that are 3 or more liters in volume and those that are pouches is open for business if it provides an attendant to accept all types of empty beverage containers for no less than 10 hours per week, as provided, and is operable and properly functioning for no less than 70 hours per week. The act requires the department to pay handling fees to those recycling centers, and requires those recycling centers to pay refund values, on the basis of the number of beverage containers redeemed through the reverse vending machines, and not on the basis of weight. This bill would apply the above-specified provisions applicable to reverse vending machines to bag drop recycling centers, defined to mean a recycling location operated by a recycling center at which consumers can drop off bagged empty beverage containers for redemption. The bill would require a bag drop recycling center to pay the refund value for beverage containers within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 3 business days.

CSAC Position

Watch

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 6/4/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was THIRD READING on 5/25/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

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SB 244 (Archuleta D) Lithium-ion batteries: illegal disposal: fire prevention.

Introduced: 1/21/2021

Status: 10/7/2021-Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

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Summary: Would prohibit a person from knowingly disposing of a lithium-ion battery in a container or receptacle that is intended for the collection of solid waste or recyclable materials, unless the container or receptacle is designated for the collection of batteries for recycling pursuant to specified laws.

CSAC Position

Pending

SB 343 (Allen D) Environmental advertising: recycling symbol: recyclability: products and packaging.

Introduced: 2/9/2021

Status: 10/5/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 507, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: Current law declares that it is the public policy of the state that environmental marketing claims, whether explicit or implied, should be substantiated by competent and reliable evidence to prevent deceiving or misleading consumers about the environmental impact of plastic products and that, for consumers to have accurate and useful information about the environmental impact of plastic products, environmental marketing claims should adhere to uniform and recognized standards. This bill would further declare that it is the public policy of the state that claims related to the recyclability of a product or packaging be truthful and that consumers deserve accurate and useful information related to how to properly handle the end of life of a product or packaging.

CSAC Position

Support

SB 451 (Dodd D) Beverage container recycling: pilot program.

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 9/10/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 6/10/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

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Summary: Would authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to establish a recycling pilot program for the collection and recycling of beverage containers. The bill would define the terms "beverage" and "beverage containers" for purposes of the pilot program to include certain beverage containers that are otherwise excluded for other purposes. The bill would make an appropriation by changing the terms and conditions under which the department is authorized to make payments from a continuously appropriated fund.

CSAC Position

Pending

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SB 619 (Laird D) Organic waste: reduction regulations: local jurisdiction compliance.

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 10/5/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 508, Statutes of 2021.

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Summary: Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to complete, approve, and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the state to achieve, among other things, a reduction in the statewide emissions of methane by 40%. Current law requires the methane emissions reduction goals to include specified targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organics. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve those targets for reducing organic waste in landfills, and authorizes those regulations to require local jurisdictions to impose requirements on generators or other relevant entities within their jurisdiction, to authorize local jurisdictions to impose penalties on generators for noncompliance, and to include penalties to be imposed by the department for noncompliance. This bill would authorize a local jurisdiction facing continuing violations that commence during the 2022 calendar year of those regulations to submit to the department no later than March 1, 2022, a notification of intent to comply, as prescribed.

CSAC Position

Support

[SB 759](#)

(Hueso D) Short-lived climate pollutants: methane: organic waste: landfills.

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 9/10/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was RLS. on 2/19/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

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Summary: Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to complete, approve, and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the state and to achieve a reduction in the statewide emissions of methane by 40%, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40%, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50% below 2013 levels by 2030, as provided. Current law requires the methane emissions reduction goals to include specified targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organics. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that latter provision.

CSAC Position

Watch