

**Mayor Nason Report on Meeting Attended:**

**Stopwaste (Waste Management Authority and Energy Council)**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

[www.stopwaste.org](http://www.stopwaste.org)

The Waste Management Authority voted to reduce the annual fee for Household Hazardous waste from \$7.40 to \$6.64.

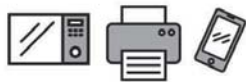
It also voted to amend the ordinance by which the fee is collected to (1) re-set the fee every five years, rather than every year, and (2) remove the provision that sunsets the ordinance in 2024.

It took a presentation on pending legislation affecting the agency's areas of concern, and conducted a performance review of its Executive Director.

I have attached excerpts from the Powerpoint presentation on the fee adjustment and the ordinance change. These pages also show the types of hazardous waste covered by the Stopwaste program, the locations where hazardous waste may be disposed of through Stopwaste, including the Oakland collection center (with open hours) and the special events which are held periodically at Golden Gate Fields.

I have also attached the legislative update which may be of interest to the Council and the public.

## What is Household Hazardous Waste



Electronics &  
Small Appliances



Batteries



Fluorescent  
Bulbs



Paints



Pest & Garden



Oil, Gasoline,  
Auto Fluids



Propane



Cleaners



Medicine  
(no controlled substances)



Sharps in  
Containers



Miscellaneous

## Program Components

- Four drop-off facilities
  - No charge for residents
  - Fee based program for small businesses
- Containers for batteries and bulbs at hardware stores and public facilities
- One-day events



ALAMEDA COUNTY  
**HOUSEHOLD**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE**

## Hours of Operations – Household Program

### Oakland

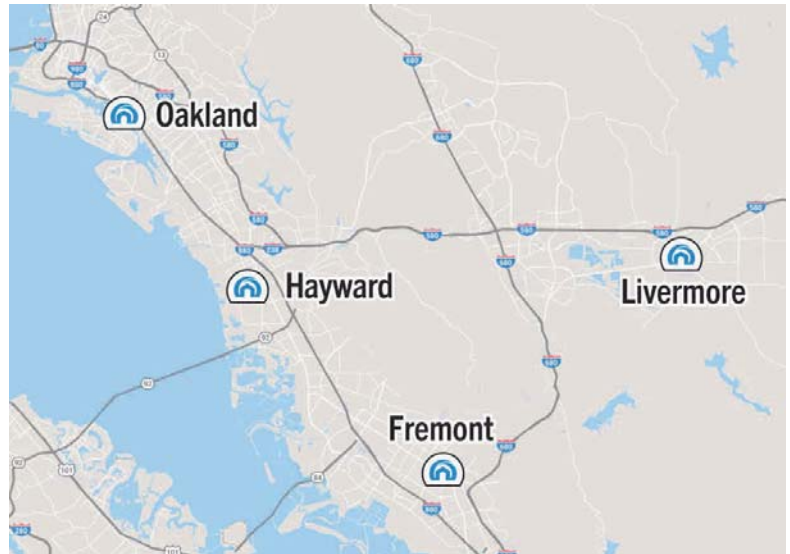
- **Wed–Fri: 9am – 2:30pm**
- **Sat: 9am–4:00pm**

### Livermore & Hayward

- **Thurs–Fri: 9am – 2:30pm**
- **Sat: 9am – 4pm**

### Fremont

- **Wed–Fri: 8:30am – 2:30pm**
- **Sat: 8am – 4:00pm**



## Funding for the program

- Two funding sources
  - **\$2.15 per ton fee**
  - **\$9.55 household hazardous waste collection and disposal fee approved in 2014**
    - Fee needed to continue program given decline in tonnages
    - Fee is adjust annually based on certain per ton revenue and PaintCare offsets
    - Proposed annual fee for FY 19-20 = \$6.64
    - Mostly collected on property tax roll, remainder (approximately 1%) by third party contractor

## Fee Collection Report

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- Ordinance requires Board approval each year prior to placing the parcel fee on the property tax roll
- Recommendation:
  - The WMA hold a public hearing on the Fee Collection Report
  - Approve the Fee Collection Report for FY 18-19, which includes adjusting the annual fee downward from \$7.40 to \$6.64 per unit for FY 19-20

## Recommendation to the WMA Board

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- Introduce and waive the first reading of the attached ordinance to be considered for adoption, which:
  - Resets the annual HHW Collection and Disposal fee to \$6.64 per year per residential unit through June 30, 2024
  - Requires that a financial analysis be conducted by March 31, 2024 to determine what the fee should be for the following five fiscal years and to conduct similar analysis in five year intervals to determine what the fee should be at that time
  - Caps the fee at \$9.55 per year per residential unit per the original ordinance
  - Removes the previous sunset provision; however, the Board may repeal this fee at any time



**Date:** June 26, 2019  
**TO:** Waste Management Authority  
**FROM:** Anu Natarajan, Legislative Affairs Manager  
**SUBJECT:** 2019 Legislative Update

**SUMMARY:**

This is the first year of the 2019/2020 legislative session. As of the deadline on February 22, 2,576 bills were introduced (1,801 in Assembly, 775 in Senate). Working with Jason Schmelzer and Priscilla Quiros of Shaw Yoder Antwih, we are actively working with authors of priority bills, and tracking several bills in the legislative process as approved by the Board in April. The report below provides an update on the status of bills.

We will return to the WMA in October with another status update.

**DISCUSSION:**

In December 2018, the Waste Management Authority Board approved its legislative priorities for 2019, and emphasized plastic pollution prevention, contamination, climate change, organics to landfill and unsustainable consumption. In April 2019, the Board provided direction to staff on a set of bills to track.

Below is an update on those bills.

Plastic Pollution Prevention

**AB 1080 (Gonzalez) /SB 54 (Allen, Skinner, Wiener, Wieckowski): California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act**

These two companion bills provide a comprehensive framework to address single use plastic packaging and products by requiring source reduction and recycling of 75% by 2030, and 100% recyclable and compostable on or after 2030. CalRecycle will develop a Scoping Plan by 2021 to develop criteria to achieve the stated goals and to select the top ten priority packaging products that contribute to the litter problem.

This remains one of our priority bills and we have been working with the authors' staff along with our partners Californians Against Waste (CAW) and California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC). In addition

to providing technical input, we have focused our efforts to ensure that the impact to local jurisdictions with reporting requirements is minimized.

Position: Support (S1)

Status: Active/Committee Hearings

Link: [SB 54](#)

**AB 886 (Eggman): Plastic bags**

Current law requires an operator of a retail store to establish an in-store recycling program that provides customers the opportunity to return clean plastic carryout bags to that store by providing a collection bin located in a visible area. This law sunsets in January 2020. This bill would extend those requirements to January 1, 2021.

Position: Support (S1)

Status: Two year bill.

Link: [AB 886](#)

**AB 1672 (Bloom): Product Labeling: Flushable Products**

This bill prohibits a manufacturer from labeling products as safe to flush, safe for sewer systems or safe for septic systems unless they meet the International Water Services Flushability Group testing methods and criteria for flushability. The bill requires non-flushable products to be labeled clearly to communicate that they cannot be flushed.

Position: Support (S1)

Status: Two year bill

Link: [AB 1672](#)

**AB 619 (Chiu): Retail Food: Reusable Containers: Multiuse Utensils**

This bill promotes the use of reusable food containers by stipulating that clean consumer-owned containers provided or returned to the food facility for filling may be filled by either the employee or the owner of the container. The bill also includes requirements to minimize contamination and for the containers to be designed for reuse. The bill would require the food facility to prepare, maintain, and adhere to written procedures to prevent cross-contamination.

Position: Support (S2)

Status: Active Committee Hearings

Link: [AB 619](#)

Recycling

**SB 667 (Huezo): Organic Waste Infrastructure**

This bill focuses on funding for infrastructure and requires the State Air Resources Board to develop a 5-year investment strategy to drive innovation and infrastructure, in order to meet specified organic waste reduction and recycling targets.

The bill requires an unspecified amount to be appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be transferred into the California Recycling Infrastructure Investment Account for a five-year period. It also requires coordination with the States of Nevada, Oregon, and Washington on infrastructure financing to

support the recycling needs of the region and to create an advisory stakeholder committee to support development of interstate recycling infrastructure and markets for recyclable materials.

Position: Support (S1)

Status: Active/Committee Hearings

Link: [SB 667](#)

#### **AB 792 (Ting): Recycling: Plastic Beverage Containers: Minimum Content Standards**

This bill sets minimum recycled content requirements to be phased in for all plastic beverage containers in order to encourage efficient use of recyclable plastics. It requires a minimum content of 25% in 2021 to no less than 75% after January 2030. The bill authorizes CalRecycle to assess penalties, and deposit the money in a Recycling Enhancement Penalty Account.

Position: Support (S1)

Status: Active/Committee Hearings

Link: [AB 792](#)

#### **AB 1583 (Eggman): The California Recycling Market Development Act**

This bill reauthorizes existing, and creates new recycling infrastructure development programs (including the 10 year extension of the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program). It requires the state to develop a commission of private and public sector recyclers to develop strategies for education and to promote product design for recyclability. This bill eliminates the chasing arrows and the plastic resin number on plastic bottles and rigid plastic containers.

Position: Watch

Status: Active/Committee Hearings

Link: [AB 1583](#)

#### Climate/Energy

#### **SB 43 (Allen): Carbon Taxes**

This bill requires the State Air Resources Board to conduct a study with an assessment on retail products sold or used in the state based on the carbon intensity of the product to encourage the use of less carbon-intensive products. The bill requires the state board to revise the scoping plan by January 1, 2022 to reflect the carbon emission reduction benefits that may be realized through the imposition of the assessment based on carbon intensities of products.

Position: Support (S1)

Status: Active/Committee Hearings

Link: [SB 43](#)

#### **SB 739 (Stern): Climate change: research, development, and demonstration: financial assistance**

The bill requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop a new model for providing agile financial assistance for research, development, and demonstration of climate change mitigation technologies with transformational potential to meet the state's energy goals.

Position: Support (S2)

Status: Two year bill

Link: [SB 739](#)

**AB 1276 (Bonta): Green New Deal**

This bill enacts legislation to develop and implement a Green New Deal with the objective of reaching specific environmental outcomes in a 10 year timeframe.

Position: Watch

Status: Two year bill

Link: [AB 1276](#)

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)/Circular Economy

**AB 1509 (Mullin, Bermen): Lithium-ion batteries**

This bill requires manufacturers of products with a non-removable rechargeable lithium-ion battery to provide disassembly information to recyclers of rechargeable consumer products for the purpose of ensuring safe removal of the battery, and would prohibit the sale or offer of sale of that product if the manufacturer does not provide that information.

Position: Support (S1)

Status: Active/Committee Hearings

Link: [AB 1509](#)

**AB 1163 (Eggman): California Right to Repair Act**

This bill requires manufacturers of electronics to make service literature and equipment or parts available to product owners and to regulated, independent repair shops at no charge.

Position: Two year bill

Status: Support (S1)

Link: [AB 1163](#)

**SB 424 (Jackson): Tobacco Products: Single-use and Multi-use Components**

This bill prohibits the use of single-use filters made of any material, an attachable and single-use plastic device meant to facilitate filtration of a tobacco product, and a single-use electronic cigarette or vaporizer device.

Position: S2

Status: Active Committee Hearings

Link: [SB 424](#)

Other

**AB 1216 (Bauer-Kahan): Solid Waste: Illegal Dumping**

This bill authorized a pilot program for the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa to employ a law enforcement officer for each county solely for the purpose of dealing with illegal dumping and enforcing dumping laws in those counties.

Position: S2

Status: Two year bill

Link: [AB 1216](#)

**SB 726 (Caballero): Hazardous Waste: Materials Exchange Program**



The bill would authorize the operation of a hazardous waste collection facility to accept reusable household hazardous products or materials and providing those products or materials to recipients. The bill would require the determination as to which reusable household hazardous products or materials are suitable and acceptable for distribution to be made without regard as to whether the distribution would be to the public.

Position: S2

Status: Active

Link: [SB 726](#)

### Bills to Watch

There are several bills that are on the “watch” list and are listed below.

### Plastic Pollution Prevention

AB 129 (Bloom): Waste Management: Plastic Microfiber **(Status: Active)**

AB 1162 (Kalra): Single-Use Hotel Toiletries **(Status: Active)**

AB 1171 (Chen): Recycling: Grocery Store Food Packaging: Sustainability Standards **(Status: 2 year bill)**

SB 372 (Wieckowski): Single-use Plastic Products: Extended Producer Responsibility **(Status: 2 year bill)**

### Recycling

AB 827 (McCarty): Solid waste: Commercial and Organic Waste: Recycling Bins **(Status: Active)**

SB 213 (Wieckowski): Litter: Receptacles **(Status: Active)**

AB 900 (Flora): Waste Management: City Source Reduction and Recycling Element **(Status: Active)**

### Climate/Energy

SB 739 (Stern): Climate Change: Research, Development, and Demonstration: Financial Assistance **(Status: Active)**

AB 975 (Calderon): California Adaptation Leadership and Coordination Act of 2019 **(Status: Active)**

AB 660 (Levine): Building Energy Efficiency Standards **(Status: Active)**

### Extended Producer Responsibility

SB 724 (Stern): The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act **(Status: Held in committee)**

AB 729 (Chu): Carpet recycling: Carpet Stewardship Organizations **(Status: Active)**

AB 187 (Garcia, Cristina): Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act: Budget **(Status: Active)**

### Budget Update

Listed below are allocations from the Governor’s budget proposal:

CalRecycle Waste Diversion: \$25 million

Healthy Soils Program: \$28 million

Transition to a Carbon Neutral Economy: \$3 million

An assembly trailer bill directing CalRecycle to expend \$5 million to provide assistance to certified recycling centers is still pending.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.