



2025 Legislation Update

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SWANA Legislative Task Force



What is the SWANA Legislative Task Force (LTF):

- The SWANA California LTF is non-profit corporation that represents the three California Chapters on Legislative and Regulatory matters.
- Each of the SWANA three California Chapters has members on the LTF.
- The LTF continuously monitors legislations and regulations, actively advocates on behalf of SWANA Chapters and its members and provides education regarding legislation impacting our industry.
- SWANA LTF has a contract lobbyist to assist with its advocacy efforts.
- The LTF is the voice in the Capitol and at regulatory agencies for California SWANA members.

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SWANA Lobby Day:

- **Held on May 14, 2025**
 - **Focused on 6 priority Bills:**
 - SB 682 (Allen) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. – **SUPPORT**
 - SB 501 (Allen) Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act. – **SUPPORT**
 - SB 561 (Blakespear) Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act. – **SUPPORT**
 - AB 337 (Bennett) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food. – **SUPPORT**
 - SB 594 (Padilla) Waste discharge permits: landfills. – **OPPOSE**
 - SB 318 (Becker) Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology. – **OPPOSE**

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LTF is currently tracking 53 Bills

- LTF Support: 13 Bills
- LTF Watch List: 8 Bills
- LTF Opposition: 5 Bills
- LTF is Monitoring: 27 Bills

Letters of Support Provided for the Following Bills:

- ❑ AB 80 (Aguiar-Curry) Carpet recycling.
- ❑ AB 337 (Bennett) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food.
- ❑ AB 476 (González) Metal theft.
- ❑ AB 762 (Irwin & Wilson) Ban on Disposable Vapes
- ❑ SB 45 (Padilla) Recycling: beverage containers: tethered plastic caps.
- ❑ SB 88 (Caballero) Air resources: carbon emissions: biomass.
- ❑ SB 501 (Allen) Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act.
- ❑ SB 561 (Blakespear) Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act.
- ❑ SB 682 (Allen) Phasing out Unnecessary Uses of "Forever Chemicals".

Letter of Opposition Provided for the Following Bills:

- ❑ AB 1394 (Wallis) Personal Opioid Drug Deactivation and Disposal Systems.
- ❑ SB 594 (Padilla) Waste Discharge Permits

2025 Legislation Overview



■ Legislation Cycle Timeline:

- Jul. 18: Last day for policy committees to hear/report bills.
- Aug. 29: Last day for fiscal committees to hear/report bills.
- Sept. 5: Last day to amend on the floor.
- Sept. 12: Last day for each house to pass bills.
- Oct. 12: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills.
- Jan. 5, 2026: Legislature Reconvenes

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AB 337 (Bennett) Support Greenhouse Gas Reduction: Grant Program: Edible Food

Position: Support

Proposed New Law:

- ❑ This bill would expand the grant program to provide financial assistance for the recovery of edible food, as specified.
- ❑ The bill would specify that eligible infrastructure projects includes the construction or expansion of facilities to help develop, implement, or expand edible food waste recovery operations.
- ❑ The bill would require the department to consider the increased amount of edible food recovery capacity that the project will create when awarding a grant for edible food recovery.

Location: **5/22/25 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (May be acted upon Jan 2026)**

AB 762 (Irwin) Disposable Battery Embedded Vapor Inhalation Device

Position: Support

Proposed New Law:

- ❑ Starting January 1, 2026, would prohibit, a person from selling, distributing, or offering for sale a new or refurbished disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device in this state.
- ❑ The bill would define a “disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device” to mean a vaporization device that is not designed or intended to be reused, as specified.

Location: **5/1/25 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (May be acted upon Jan 2026)**

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AB 998 (Hadwick) Household Hazardous Waste: Vape Pens

Proposed Law:

- ❑ A vape pen confiscated by a school is presumed to have been generated by a household and does not lose its status as household hazardous waste (HHW).
- ❑ The bill would impose conditions relating to transporting confiscated vape pens to a HHW collection facility and authorize a HHW collection facility to conduct activities involving the disassembly of vape pens to separate batteries, valves, electronic components and other parts.

Location: 6/5/25 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment

SB 501 (Allen) Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act

Position: Support

Proposed Law:

- ❑ Would create a producer responsibility program for products containing household hazardous waste and would require the safe and convenient collection, transportation, and proper management of covered products at no cost to consumers or local governments.
- ❑ The bill would define “covered product” to mean a consumer product that is ignitable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive, or that meets other specified criteria.
- ❑ The bill would require a producer of a covered product to adopt regulations to implement the program no earlier than July 1, 2028.

Location: 5/23/25 Held in committee and under submission

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SB 561 (Blakespare) Hazardous Waste Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act

Position: Support

Proposed New Law:

- ❑ Would create a manufacturer responsibility program for the safe and proper management of emergency distress flares.
- ❑ The bill would require a manufacturer of a covered product, individually or through a manufacturer responsibility organization, to develop and implement a manufacturer responsibility plan for the collection, transportation, and the safe and proper management of covered products.

Location: 6/9/25 Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M.

AB 476 (González) Metal Theft

Position: Support

Proposed New Law:

- ❑ Would require junk dealers and recyclers to include additional information in the written record, including details of each sale or purchase, the employee's name handling the transaction, description of the item or items of junk purchased or sold and require information indicating ownership or the name of the person from whom the seller obtained the junk from to be signed and would require specified information, including the legal name, date of birth, and place of residence of the seller.

Location: Amend, and re-refer to committee

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AB 70 (Aguiar-Curry) Solid Waste Biomethane Procurement

Proposed Law:

- This bill would require the department, no later than January 1, 2027, to amend those regulations to include, as a recovered organic waste product attributable to a local jurisdiction's procurement target, pipeline biomethane converted exclusively from organic waste.

Location: 6/11/25 Referred to Com. on E.Q

SB 235 (McNerney) Recycling Precious Metals and Critical Minerals

Proposed Law:

- This bill would require the department to draft and submit a report to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2028, relating to the in-state collection, recycling, reuse, and stockpiling for domestic consumption of precious metals, critical minerals, as defined, and other similar valuable materials as reasonably decided by the department, contained within products in the state, as specified.
- The bill would require the department to provide opportunities for public input and to perform outreach to potentially interested parties.
- The bill also would authorize the department to make recommendations to industries on the promote a circular economy for precious metals, critical minerals, and other similar valuable materials within products, including, but not limited to, best practices for product design to optimize the ability to recycle precious metals, critical minerals, and other similar valuable materials at the product's end of life.

Location: 5/23/25 Held in committee and under submission

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AB 696 (Ransom) Lithium-Ion Vehicle Batteries: Emergencies Advisory Group

Proposed Law:

- Would require by December 31, 2026, to convene the Lithium-Ion Car Battery Advisory Group to review, and advise on, policies pertaining to the handling and disposal of lithium-ion vehicle batteries in an emergency capacity.
- The bill would require the group to meet at least quarterly and to consult with universities and research institutions that have conducted research in the area of battery recycling, with manufacturers of electric and hybrid vehicles, and with the recycling industry.
- By July 1, 2028, the group shall submit policy recommendations to the Legislature ensuring that best standards and practices are created that allow first responders to respond to lithium-ion vehicle battery emergencies in a safe and efficient manner.

Location: 6/5/25 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment..

SB 615 (Allen) Vehicle Traction Batteries

Proposed Law:

- Would require a battery supplier, secondary user, secondary handler to be responsible for ensuring the responsible end-of-life management of a vehicle traction battery, return of batteries to supplier, and reporting information regarding the sale, transfer, or receipt of a vehicle traction battery or module to the department.
- Bill would also require an auctioneer and salvage disposal auction, to report similar information.

Location: 6/17/25 VOTE: Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Natural Resources] (PASS)

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SB 682 (Allen) Environmental Health: Product Safety Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

Position: Support

Proposed Law:

- ❑ This bill would, beginning January 1, 2027, prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a covered product that contain intentionally added PFAS, as defined, except for previously used products and as otherwise preempted by federal law.
- ❑ The bill would define “covered product” to include cleaning products, cookware, dental floss, juvenile products, food packaging, and ski wax.

Location: 6/9/25 Referred to Com. on E.S & T.M

AB 823 (Boerner) Solid Waste: Plastic Microbeads and Plastic Glitter

Proposed Law:

- ❑ This bill would, on and after January 1, 2029, prohibit a person from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes in this state a cleaning or personal care product containing plastic glitter, or a personal care or a cleaning product containing one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are used as an abrasive.
- ❑ On and after January 1, 2030, prohibit a person from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or promotional purposes in this state a cleaning or personal care product, that contains one ppm or more by weight of plastic microbeads that are not used as an abrasive.

Location: 6/11/25 Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and JUD.



Legislation That Can Impact OCWR

AB 28 (Schiavo) Solid Waste Subsurface Temperatures

Proposed Law:

- ❑ If the gas temperature is 131 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for longer than 60 days, this bill would require the operator of the landfill to take specified actions, including filing a corrective action plan.
- ❑ If the gas temperature is 146 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for longer than 60 days, the bill would require additional actions, including, but not limited to, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery forming and leading a multiagency coordination group to investigate the subsurface elevated landfill gas temperature and provide advice on how to resolve it and the inclusion of that advice in a corrective action plan by the operator or the local enforcement agency.
- ❑ By requiring a local enforcement agency to perform additional duties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Location: 6/11/25 Referred to Com. on E.Q

Concerns:

- ❑ Requirements largely overlap with existing federal regulations which have established comprehensive protocols for monitoring, corrective actions and reporting.
- ❑ Would add costs for regulatory and landfill operations staffing, equipment and penalties.
- ❑ Could introduce discrepancies with current federal standards.
- ❑ Measurement Point does not represent subsurface fire or reaction within the Landfill.

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Update: SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act

- SB 54 establishes the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, which imposes minimum content requirements for single-use packaging and plastic food service ware, to be achieved through an extended producer responsibility (EPR) program.
- The law establishes California's largest EPR program by regulating several thousand producers, as many as an estimated 13,615, whereas other California EPR programs regulate less than 1,000 producers.
- The law requires producers to ensure that by 2032:
 - 100% of single-use packaging and plastic food service ware sold in the state is recyclable or compostable;
 - 65% of single-use plastic packaging and food service ware is recycled; and
 - 25% less single-use plastic packaging and food service ware is sold.
- On May 16, 2025, CalRecycle released proposed revised regulations for public review and comment.
- Written feedback and questions may be submitted through June 3, 2025.
- As currently written still includes multiple areas of concern regarding local reporting and oversight, need for markets, reimbursement and payment process, recyclability and contamination standards.



Questions?

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