



Chair Chris Hanson, *Placer County*
Vice Chair Curtis Larkin, *County of Fresno*
Treasurer Frank Caponi, *Retired*
Secretary Sharon Green, *LA County Sanitation*

FINAL MEETING MINUTES SWANA Legislative Task Force Meeting Agenda

January 23, 2025

10 am - 12 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82717113812?pwd=lv1MmPRhle315i8LL3acmBNS6mY3wd.1>

A. Administrative Items (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

1) Roll Call, Introductions

- i. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established. It was announced that this would be Ms. Quiroz' last meeting, as she is relocating and leaving the Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL) lobbying firm at the end of January. Mr. Jason Schmelzer and Ms. Olivia Thomas attended the meeting and will be taking over for Ms. Quiroz in 2025. The LTF thanked Ms. Quiroz for her service and wished her the best in her new home and new endeavors.

2) Officer Elections/Appointments

- i. Formalizing November nominations
 1. Mr. Larkin was nominated to serve as Chair in 2025, and Ms. Green was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair in 2025. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The new officers will begin their new roles in February.
- ii. Mr. Larkin stated that he is appointing Mr. Caponi to continue serving as Treasurer and Ms. Jain to serve as Secretary.

3) Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- i. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously, with two abstentions.

4) Approval of November/December Treasurer's Report

- i. Mr. Caponi presented the November/December Treasurer's Report
 1. November 2024:
 - a. Beginning balance: \$58,208.61
 - b. Expenses: \$7,767.23
 - c. Revenues: \$7,970.49
 - d. Ending balance: \$58,411.87
 2. December 2024:
 - a. Beginning balance: \$58,411.87
 - b. Expenses: \$9,946.20
 - c. Revenues: \$3,000.49
 - d. Ending balance: \$51,466.16
 3. There was a motion and a second to approve both the November and December Treasurer's reports with changes, which was approved.

5) Website

- i. New website committee: Doug, Frank, Deepti, Robert, Monique, Sharon
- ii. Mr. Kobold reported that he is scheduling a meeting of this Committee in February.

6) Western Regional Symposium (April 7-10, 2025)

- i. Several LTF Members are on the planning committee for Western Regional Symposium (WRS). Ms. Gama reported that WRS planning is underway, sponsors are being solicited. It is recommended that interested parties register and reserve the hotel soon.

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Priscilla Quiroz

- ii. LTF role – the LTF discussed whether it would be feasible and preferred to plan a panel during conference or to just provide an update during the Joint Chapters Meeting. Various suggestions for topics were made. It was determined that our members on the Planning Committee should find out what is desired & feasible, and Ms. Martin volunteered to report back. A subcommittee was formed to plan for the LTF’s participation at WRS, and the subcommittee includes Ms. Martin, Mr. Balch, Mr. Kobold, Ms. Hanson, and Mr. Sweetser.

7) Battery Subcommittee update –

Mr. Kobold reported that the survey still has to be finalized and distributed.

8) Tax Status

- i. Need to start identifying other action items, insurance, money flow etc.
- ii. Ms. Hanson and Mr. Kobold provided an update. The paperwork to form the new organization is almost ready to be filed. We will likely need to change our budgeting to a fiscal year basis. We recognize the need to have a subgroup of the Officers plus Doug and Chris create an implementation plan and to meet with the Chapter Presidents a few times to set up the new structure and process.

9) March Planning Meeting/Lobby Day

- i. March In-Person Planning Meeting – this meeting will be held at Shaw Yoder’s offices on March 27, 2025. Shaw Yoder staff will work with the officers to plan the meeting.
 - 1. An audit of the LTF’s books for 2024 will be done at the March 27th meeting. The audit committee will be Mr. Larkin, Mr. Marchese, and Mr. LaMariana, if he is available (or someone else from the Northern chapter).
 - 2. Although this will primarily be an in-person meeting, some people may not be able to travel, so there may be exceptions.
 - 3. Curtis and Sharon will create and share the preliminary agenda in the near future.
- ii. **May Officers Lobby Day** – this will be held on May 14th. It was not discussed in detail.

10) Member Expectations

- i. Reminder to reps/new members – Ms. Green suggested that we develop a document to orient new members and welcome them to the LTF. This is not urgent but would be good to have for future members that join the LTF. Ms. Green will take the lead and work with the other officers to put this together.

B. Big SWANA Update (11:00 – 11:15 a.m.) (no update provided)

C. Legislative Update (11:15 – 11:30 a.m.)

Capitol/Budget Update

Ms. Quiroz provided an update. The Legislature has reconvened. There are a few special sessions called by the Governor. The wildfires have garnered a lot of attention and the Governor is requesting \$2.5 billion to help with the response and recovery. Some wildfire-related bills are being voted on quickly by the Legislature and sent to the Governor. They generally are urgency bills. Fires and the related insurance issues are now an overriding priority.

There is a new Chair for the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, Senator Catherine Blakespear. Senator Allen is on the relevant budget subcommittee but is no longer on the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

The bill introduction deadline is Feb. 21st. Not too many other bills have been introduced thus far.

1) [SB 45 \(Padilla\) Recycling: beverage containers: tethered plastic caps](#)

- i. The sponsors of this bill are Californians Against Waste and a few other groups. They have requested that we support the bill.

- ii. After a short discussion about the merits of SB 45, the LTF decided to take a support position on this bill.

D. Regulatory Update (11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

- 1) SB 54 Regulations
- 2) **SB 1383** – Ms. Quiroz reported that CalRecycle will reopen the SB 1383 regs, and currently plans to only address the bills that were passed last year and make the required changes. They would plan to make other changes at a later date. Some stakeholders are a bit frustrated with this approach. She suggested that the LTF might want to submit a letter suggesting other changes that we would like to see.
- 3) AB 1201
- 4) AB 2440/SB 1215
- 5) **Advanced Clean Fleet**
 - i. [CARB letter to US EPA](#)
 - ii. [US EPA Response](#)
 - iii. Article [here](#)
 - iv. This is an evolving situation and we will monitor it and discuss further at a later date.
- 6) **California Air Resources Board – Landfill Methane Regulations** – Mr. Sweetser reported that comment letters are due tomorrow on an informal proposal that CARB circulated. Mr. Caponi participated in a recent workshop and made comments. However, unfortunately he did not have time to put together a comment letter for the LTF. However, other stakeholders may include some of his comments in their letters.
- 7) **CalRecycle – bird flu** – Mr. Mohajer asked whether birds being euthanized/that die being counted as organic waste being disposed? It may be something we should inquire about with CalRecycle. Some members believe that if there is a state of emergency or a quarantine zone, disposal requirements may be waived.

Attachments:

- January 23, 2025 Attendance Roster
- November 2024 Treasurer’s Report (approved)
- December 2024 Treasurer’s Report (approved)
- Final LTF 2025 Budget
- SB 45 Tethered Cap Fact Sheet



**SWANA CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS – 2025 LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE MEMBERS
JANUARY 23, 2025**

<u>VOTING MEMBER/ CHAPTER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
VM/Gold Rush	Doug Kobold	X	California Product Stewardship Council	916-706-3420	Doug@calpsc.org
VM/Gold Rush	Chris Hanson (C)	X	Placer County/Western Placer WMA	530-886-4965	CHanson@placer.ca.gov
VM/Gold Rush	Larry Sweetser	X	Sweetser and Associates/ESJPA	510-703-0898	sweetser@hazman.us
VM/Gold Rush	Deepti Jain	A	City of Sunnyvale	408-730-7791	djain@sunnyvale.ca.gov
VM/Gold Rush	Joe La Mariana	A	South Bay Waste Management Authority (Rethink Waste)	650-802-3505	jlamariana@rethinkwaste.org
ALT/Gold Rush	Tim Flanagan	X	SCS Engineers	925 440 5702	tflanagan@scsengineers.com
ALT/Gold Rush	Charles White	A	Chuck White Consulting	916-552-2365	chuckwhiteconsulting@gmail.com
VM/Founding	Frank Caponi (T)	X	Retired Solid Waste Professional	562-699-7411	fcaponi5@gmail.com
VM/Founding	Jim Marchese	X	LA Sanitation and Environment	213-847-5174	jim.marchese@lacity.org
VM/Founding	Mike Mohajer	X	Southern California Waste Mgmt. Forum	909-592-1147	mikemohajer@yahoo.com
VM/Founding	Sharon Green (S)	X	LA County Sanitation Districts	562-699-7411	sgreen@lacsds.org
VM/Founding	Jane Fajardo	X	City of San Diego	858-997-3300	jfajardo@sandiego.gov
ALT/Founding	VACANT	N/A			
ALT Founding	Robert Sedita	X	OC Waste and Recycling	714-834-4118	Robert.sedita@ocwr.ocgov.com
VM/Sierra	Monique Gama	X	City of Merced	209-385-8897	gamam@cityofmerced.org
VM/Sierra	Curtis Larkin (VC)	X	Fresno County	559-600-4306	clarkin@fresnocountyca.gov
VM/Sierra	Lynnda Martin	X	American Refuse	661-758-5316	lynnda@americanrefuse.co
VM/Sierra	Dawyne Balch	X	City of Clovis	559-696-8248	Dawyneb@cityofclovis.com
VM/Sierra	Parveen Sandhu	A	Kings Waste & Recycling Authority	559-410-1117	psandhu@kwrarecycles.net
ALT/Sierra	Keith Hester	A	Caglia Environmental	559-417-8307	khester@cagliarecycling.com
ALT/Sierra	Annie Shelton	X*	Fresno County		ashelton@fresnocountyca.gov
Lobbyist	Priscilla Quiroz		Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange.	916-446-4656	Priscilla@SYASLpartners.com

*Joined or left call while meeting was in process.

Chapter Presidents:

Gold Rush – Derek Crutchfield – derek.crutchfield@cityofvallejo.net

Founding – Michelle Leonard, mleonard@scsengineers.com

Sierra Chapter – Dan Amann – damann@fresnocountyca.gov

Quorum: Eight or more voting members, including at least one member from each chapter, must be present to constitute a quorum.

VM= Voting Member

Ch = Chair

VC = Vice Chair

T = Treasurer

S = Secretary

SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
November 2024 Treasurer's Report
SUMMARY

MONTHLY SUMMARY												
	JAN 2024	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BEGINNING BALANCE ¹	\$88,378.45	\$77,563.72	\$63,028.82	\$60,457.19	\$57,213.70	\$54,052.64	\$49,212.08	\$45,492.53	\$40,910.91	\$47,820.63	\$58,208.61	\$58,411.87
REVENUES	\$2,300.73	\$1,450.57	\$2,370.52	\$1,680.48	\$2,520.46	\$0.41	\$1,080.42	\$1,260.35	\$11,709.69	\$15,750.45	\$7,970.49	\$0.00
<i>(from Revenues sheet, Line 7)</i>												
EXPENSES ²	\$13,115.46	\$15,985.47	\$4,942.15	\$4,923.97	\$5,681.52	\$4,840.97	\$4,799.97	\$5,841.97	\$4,799.97	\$5,362.47	\$7,767.23	\$0.00
<i>(from Expenses sheet, Line 6)</i>												
ENDING BALANCE	\$77,563.72	\$63,028.82	\$60,457.19	\$57,213.70	\$54,052.64	\$49,212.08	\$45,492.53	\$40,910.91	\$47,820.63	\$58,208.61	\$58,411.87	\$58,411.87
MATCHES BANK STATEMENT?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

YTD	BUDGETED	% BUDGET
\$48,095	\$68,006	71%
<i>(Line 7)</i>		
\$78,061	\$95,100	82%
<i>(Line 6)</i>		

NOTES:

- 1- Bank balance of each listed month. Balance for January reflective of Statement balance on January 2, 2024.
- 2- Expenses reflect checks and debits posted by bank in month shown.

SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
November 2024 Treasurer's Report
EXPENSES

		Posted to Account ¹													
Line No.		JAN 2024	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD	BUDGET
1	SYASL REGULATORY REVIEW	\$1,130.73	\$1,103.15	\$1,130.73	\$1,130.73	\$1,130.73	\$1,130.73	\$1,130.73	\$1,130.73	\$1,130.73	\$1,130.73	\$1,130.73		\$12,410.45	\$13,600
2	SYASL CONTRACT	\$3,669.24	\$3,579.74	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24		\$40,272.14	\$45,000
3	NON-SYASL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$155.58	\$142.18	\$0.00	\$361.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2,957.26		\$4,366.07	\$15,000
4	NETTOP PUBLISHING (WEBSITE)	\$3,505.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$4,030.99	\$1,500
5	Legal Counsel	\$4,809.50	\$11,147.00	\$0.00	\$124.00	\$520.50	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$267.00	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$10.00		\$16,981.50	\$20,000
6	TOTALS	\$13,115.46	\$15,985.47	\$4,942.15	\$4,923.97	\$5,681.52	\$4,840.97	\$4,799.97	\$5,841.97	\$4,799.97	\$5,362.47	\$7,767.23	\$0.00	\$78,061.15	\$95,100
7														% INCURRED	82%
8															
9															
10															

		SYASL Payment Data													
Line No.	MONTH SERVICES RENDERED	JAN 2024	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
12	SYASL INVOICE NO.	19920	22006	22191	22294	22413	22511	22608	22725	22821	22927	23032			
13	Web Draft No.	5007	5010	5011	5013	5015	5017	5020	5022	5024	5026	5027			
14	AMOUNT	\$4,799.97	\$4,682.89	\$4,799.97	\$4,799.97	\$5,161.02	\$4,799.97	\$4,799.97	\$4,799.97	\$4,799.97	\$4,799.97	\$4,799.97			
15	DATE CHECK POSTED	1/22/24	2/14/24	3/18/24	4/12/24	5/17/24	6/11/24	7/29/24	8/14/24	9/18/24	10/16/24	11/12/24			

QUARTERLY LOBBYING PAYMENTS (BY INCURRED DATE)			
1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	4TH QUARTER
\$14,282.83	\$14,399.91	\$14,399.91	\$9,599.94

Notes:

1 Invoices are typically paid for the previous month. So, for example, January expenses reflects December invoices.

SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
November 2024 Treasurer's Report
REVENUE

Line No.		REVENUES												YTD	BUDGET
		JAN 2024	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
1	DUES SURCHARGE ¹	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$2,370.00	\$1,680.01	\$2,520.00	\$0.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,770.00	\$0.00	\$1,470.00		\$12,900.01	\$18,000.00
2	WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$20,000.00
3	MOLO COURSE REVENUES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,939.35	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$9,939.35	\$5,000.00
4	INTEREST	\$0.73	\$0.57	\$0.52	\$0.47	\$0.46	\$0.41	\$0.42	\$0.35	\$0.34	\$0.45	\$0.49		\$5.21	\$6.00
5	AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,750.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$25,250.00	\$25,000.00
6	WASTECON	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
a	Butte County														
b	City of Berkeley														
c	City of Clovis														
d	City of Colfax														
e	City of Fresno														
f	City of Los Angeles														
g	City of Manteca														
h	City of Roseville											\$500.00			
i	City of San Diego										\$2,500.00				
j	City of Santa Maria										\$2,000.00				
k	City of Stockton														
l	City of Sunnyvale										\$750.00				
m	City of Tulare														
n	City of Visalia														
o	City of Watsonville														
p	Fresno County											\$2,500.00			
q	Humboldt WMA														
r	Imperial County											\$500.00			
s	Kern County														
t	Kings County/KWRA										\$500.00				
u	LA County Sanitation Districts										\$2,500.00				
v	Merced County RWMA											\$1,500.00			
w	Monterey RWMD														
x	Orange County										\$2,500.00				
y	Placer County	\$2,000.00													
z	Riverside County										\$2,500.00				
aa	Sacramento County											\$1,500.00			
bb	Salinas Valley SWA		\$1,000.00												
cc	San Joaquin County														
dd	San Mateo County														
ee	South Bayside WMA										\$2,500.00				
ff	Ventura County														
gg	Yolo County														
hh	City of Santa Monica														
6	OTHER													\$0.00	
7	TOTALS	\$2,300.73	\$1,450.57	\$2,370.52	\$1,680.48	\$2,520.46	\$0.41	\$1,080.42	\$1,260.35	\$11,709.69	\$15,750.45	\$7,970.49	\$0.00	\$48,094.57	\$68,006.00
														% OF BUDGETED	71%

FOOTNOTES:

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MATCHES BANK STATEMENT?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO

YTD	BUDGETED	% BUDGET
\$51,095	\$68,006	75%

(Line 7)

\$88,007	\$95,100	93%
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(Line 6)

NOTES:

*** Does not match bank statement of \$56,266.13 because the Shaw Yoder payment, which was paid on 12/4, did not post until 1/3/25. It is important to include in the 2024 record. If you subtract this payment, bank statement matches.

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EXPENSES

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2	SYASL CONTRACT	\$3,669.24	\$3,579.74	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$3,669.24	\$43,941.38	\$45,000
3	NON-SYASL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$155.58	\$142.18	\$0.00	\$361.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2,957.26	\$373.56	\$4,739.63	\$15,000
4	NETTOP PUBLISHING (WEBSITE)	\$3,505.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,228.17	\$5,259.16	\$1,500
5	Legal Counsel	\$4,809.50	\$11,147.00	\$0.00	\$124.00	\$520.50	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$267.00	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$10.00	\$3,544.50	\$20,526.00	\$20,000
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16															
17		QUARTERLY LOBBYING PAYMENTS (BY INCURRED DATE)													
18		1ST QUARTER			2ND QUARTER			3RD QUARTER			4TH QUARTER				
19		\$14,282.83			\$14,399.91			\$14,399.91			\$14,399.91				

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December 2024 Treasurer's Report
REVENUE

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1	DUES SURCHARGE ¹	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$2,370.00	\$1,680.01	\$2,520.00	\$0.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,770.00	\$0.00	\$1,470.00	\$0.00	\$12,900.01	\$18,000.00
2	WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
\$3	MOLO COURSE REVENUES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,939.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,939.35	\$5,000.00
4	INTEREST	\$0.73	\$0.57	\$0.52	\$0.47	\$0.46	\$0.41	\$0.42	\$0.35	\$0.34	\$0.45	\$0.49	\$0.49	\$5.70	\$6.00
5	AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,750.00	\$6,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$28,250.00	\$25,000.00
6	WASTECON	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
a	Butte County														
b	City of Berkeley														
c	City of Clovis												\$750.00		
d	City of Colfax														
e	City of Fresno														
f	City of Los Angeles														
g	City of Manteca														
h	City of Roseville										\$500.00				
i	City of San Diego									\$2,500.00					
j	City of San Jose											\$1,500.00			
k	City of Santa Maria									\$2,000.00					
l	City of Stockton														
m	City of Sunnyvale									\$750.00					
n	City of Tulare														
o	City of Visalia														
p	City of Vallejo												\$750.00		
q	City of Watsonville														
r	Fresno County										\$2,500.00				
s	Humboldt WMA														
t	Imperial County										\$500.00				
u	Kern County														
v	Kings County/KWRA									\$500.00					
w	LA County Sanitation Districts									\$2,500.00					
x	Merced County RWMA										\$1,500.00				
y	Monterey RWMD														
z	Orange County									\$2,500.00					
aa	Placer County	\$2,000.00													
ab	Riverside County									\$2,500.00					
ac	Sacramento County										\$1,500.00				
ad	Salinas Valley SWA		\$1,000.00												
ae	San Joaquin County														
af	San Mateo County														
ag	South Bayside WMA									\$2,500.00					
ah	Ventura County														
ai	Yolo County														
aj	City of Santa Monica														
6	OTHER													\$0.00	
7	TOTALS	\$2,300.73	\$1,450.57	\$2,370.52	\$1,680.48	\$2,520.46	\$0.41	\$1,080.42	\$1,260.35	\$11,709.69	\$15,750.45	\$7,970.49	\$3,000.49	\$51,095.06	\$68,006.00
														% OF BUDGETED	75%

FOOTNOTES:

SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

BEGINNING BANK STATEMENT BALANCE ON
1/1/2025 - **\$56,266**

(Note: does not include the \$51, 244.19 LTF WRS share which will be posted in January 2025)

REVENUES								
	2020	2021	2022	2023		2024		2025
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED BUDGET
Dues Surcharge	\$19,710	\$19,500	\$18,870	\$18,000	\$15,900	\$18,000	\$12,900	\$18,000
Western Regional Symposium	\$0	\$0	\$28,948	\$12,000	\$24,399	\$20,000	\$51,244	\$20,000
MOLO Course Revenues	\$0	\$4,379	\$0	\$3,500	\$7,473	\$5,000	\$9,939	\$5,000
Agency Contributions	\$30,750	\$33,750	\$35,250	\$25,000	\$29,750	\$25,000	\$28,250	\$25,000
Interest	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$6	\$6	\$6
WASTECON				\$15,000	\$28,667	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$247							
TOTAL	\$50,712	\$57,634	\$83,073	\$73,506	\$106,196	\$68,006	\$102,339	\$68,006

EXPENSES								
	2020	2021	2022	2023		2024		2025
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED BUDGET
SYASL Regulatory Review	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,915	\$13,248	\$13,211	\$13,600	\$13,541	\$14,000
SYASL Contract	\$40,887	\$40,887	\$41,909	\$42,957	\$42,870	\$45,000	\$43,941	\$45,100
SYASL Admin	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SYASL Website	\$30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SYASL Teleconference/Meetings	\$1,288	\$9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUBTOTAL	\$54,805	\$53,496	\$54,824	\$56,205	\$56,081	\$58,600	\$57,483	\$59,100
Non-SYASL Expenses/Meetings	\$891	\$403	\$20,442	\$9,000	\$13,248	\$15,000	\$4,740	\$10,000
Non-SYASL Expenses/Website	\$1,950	\$725	\$1,675	\$1,500	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$5,259	\$1,500
Legal Counsel	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$20,000	\$20,526	\$10,500
TOTAL	\$57,646	\$54,624	\$76,941	\$74,705	\$77,379	\$95,100	\$88,007	\$81,100

- Notes:**
- 1 - Since 2020 some categories changed (e.g., SYASL transitioned out of supporting the LTF website in 2020)
 - 2- The 2024 Website "Actual" included a one-time correction of past billing errors which inflated this number well over budget.
 - 3- The dues surcharge from National SWANA has been increasingly low for two years. We are working with SWANA to determine why.



SB 45 Fact Sheet – DRAFT: Tethered Bottle Caps

SUMMARY

This measure would require that plastic caps on defined plastic beverage containers be ‘tethered’ to the container in a manner that helps ensure the caps remain with the container throughout its lifecycle, thereby reducing a significant and especially harmful source of plastic pollution.

Ensuring bottle caps remain affixed to the bottle during the intended use and recovery stage would eliminate a significant source of plastic litter/pollution as well as improve material recycling by reducing opportunities for leakage and loss from stray caps.

Recent studies estimate more than 14 billion plastic bottle caps produced annually in California, culminating in over 22,000 tons¹ of plastic waste. According to cleanup data conducted by the 5 Gyres Institute, plastic beverage caps were ranked as the third most littered item found on beaches and in national parks², and the volunteers for the Surfrider Foundation report having collected nearly 30,000 plastic bottle caps littered along our nation’s coasts in 2024 alone³. Plastic caps were also found to comprise a ‘top 5’ threat imperiling marine animals and ecosystems⁴, whose accidental consumption often proves fatal due to indigestibility or acute toxicity.

Detachable bottle caps also pose a particular hinderance to material recovery efforts, as they are often small enough to slip through or escape recycling machinery.

Ensuring that caps remain affixed to bottles during their lifecycle is essential for litter abatement, marine ecosystem protection, and expanded resource recovery.

BACKGROUND

Recent years have seen momentum in California and internationally for finding solutions to the blight caused by plastic bottle caps, particularly from beach clean-up data and ocean debris waste characterizations, which have continually ranked it in the top three most littered items since 1988⁵. With more than 20 million bottle caps having been discovered during beach cleanups over the last 30 years⁶, the environmental impact of easily detachable plastic bottle caps cannot be understated, both due to pollution and microplastic shedding contaminating waterways. These microplastics spread into our water, soil and air⁷ before making their way into our food systems, water supply, and even our bodies.

Detachable bottle caps also pose an existential threat to the biodiversity of mammals, sea birds, and other marine life. Due to their frequently bright colors, caps are often attractive to wildlife and mistaken for food. This poses an immediately fatal choking hazard, as well as long-term concerns about the bio-accumulation of hazardous toxins and starvation due to the cap’s indigestibility⁸. Plastic caps have also been known to cause ‘Bubble Butt’ syndrome in sea turtles, plasticosis among fish and other marine life, and fatal indigestion in whale species⁹.

¹ “Top Ten Plastic Items Found on US Beaches: Estimating US Consumption of Beach Litter Items,” Ocean Conservancy (Ocean Conservancy, August 2022), https://oceanconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/DSM-Analysis-Doc_CLEAN.pdf.

² The 5 Gyres Institute. “Plastic Free Parks Trash Blitz Report 2024.” <https://www.5gyres.org/s/Plastic-Free-Parks-TrashBlitz-Report-2024.pdf>

³ The Surfrider Foundation. “Waste Collection Results.” (2024). <https://cleanups.surfrider.org/results/>

⁴ Institute for Local Self-Reliance. “North Sea Foundation Report on Bottle Caps.” (14 July 2017) <https://ilsr.org/articles/north-sea-foundation-report-on-bottle-caps/>

⁵ California Coastal Commission. “Top Ten Items 1988-2023.” <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/stats/data.xlsx>

⁶ Nikolaev, Alexander. “The Physical Characterization and Terminal Velocities of Aluminium, Iron, and Plastic Bottle Caps in Water Environment.” (24 March 2022). <https://www.mdpi.com/2313-4321/7/3/28>

⁷ Kye, Homin et al. “Microplastics in water systems: A review of their impacts on the environment and their potential hazards.” *Heliyon*. Vol. 9, Issue 3. (March 2023).

⁸ Gladstone, Rachel. “Litter(ally): Bottle Caps.” *Marine Debris Tracker*. (11 March 2023). <https://debristracker.org/blog-posts/litter-ally-bottle-caps/#:~:text=Marine%20life%20can%20mistake%20brightly,debris%20item%20for%20sea%20life.>

⁹ Cohn, Joshua. “The Impacts of Plastic Pollution on Ocean Animals.” *Oceana*. (30 August 2024). <https://oceana.org/blog/the-impacts-of-plastic->

Even when detachable bottle caps are disposed of correctly, their size and shape render them nearly impossible to recycle. Because they are too small to be handled by material recovery facility (MRF) machinery and baling equipment, they often end up in MRF residuals, which are sent to landfills or incinerators for final disposal¹⁰. However, when caps remain attached to the beverage container, they are captured and baled with the container, preventing unnecessary residuals and material loss¹¹.

Past state legislation on this issue includes [AB 925 \(Saldana, 2009\)](#), [AB 319 \(Stone, 2018\)](#), and [AB 2779 \(Stone, 2018\)](#), which were ultimately unsuccessful but elicited a massive outpouring of public support to improve caps' material recovery and mitigate their effects on marine ecosystems and wildlife.

Successful legislation arose out of the EU in 2018, when they announced a directive to phase out loose plastic bottle caps as a source reduction strategy by the summer of 2024. With the regulation now in effect, public opinion polling and surveys in the EU conducted by Sidel have found that consumers prefer caps that remain attached to their beverage containers for reasons of convenience, cleanliness, environmental benefit, and recyclability.

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Despite initial hesitation from beverage companies to acquiesce due to high costs associated with retrofitting bottling machinery, the implementation of the design switch to hinged tops and lasso closures has been relatively seamless in the EU and beyond. Several major beverage brands and manufacturers have already rolled out tethered closure technologies stateside and abroad, including Crystal Geysler, Coca-Cola, Pepsico, Blue Triton (Arrowhead), Keurig-Dr. Pepper, and Nestle. While there is increasing momentum for California cities to pass their own ordinances requiring tethered caps, a statewide approach in regulating their design would be preferred for ensuring clarity and consistency of the law.

THIS BILL

SB 45 would:

- Require plastic beverage containers less than three liters to have an attached bottle cap by 2027;
- Allow Plastic beverage containers with a recycling rate greater than 70 percent in 2022 and 2023 to adopt a tethered bottle cap by 2028.

Tethering bottle caps to the bottle will reduce litter, minimize threats to marine wildlife, enhance material recovery efforts and loss reduction.

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¹⁰ Association of Plastic Recyclers. "The APR Design Guide for Plastics Recyclability." 2018. https://fortissolutionsgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Full_APR_Design_Guide.pdf

¹¹ Cham, Richard. "Leading a More Circular Plastics Value Chain." RECOUP. (February 2024). <https://www.recoup.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/MRF-Processes-Case-Study-1.3.pdf>