



2025 OFFICERS

Chair	Curtis Larkin, <i>Fresno County</i>
Vice Chair	Sharon Green, <i>LACSD</i>
Treasurer	Frank Caponi, <i>Retired</i>
Secretary	Deepti Jain, <i>City of Sunnyvale</i>

SWANA Legislative Task Force Meeting Agenda

April 24, 2025

10 am - 12 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81644635996?pwd=N2Nor4bNWI8PObBgkpxX7D0NOhncgN.1>

1. Administrative Items (10:00 – 10:30 a.m.)

- a. Roll Call, Introductions- Ms. Green joined few minutes late. Quorum was established.
- b. Approval of March Meeting Minutes - approved unanimously with one abstention
- c. Approval of March Treasurer's Report - Mr. Caponi reported on the latest report. Brief discussion on upcoming changes to fiscal year budgeting. Moved, seconded and approved.
- d. Battery Subcommittee update – no updates. Survey still pending.
- e. 501 c 4 Mr. Larkin provided updates.
 - a. LTF Director forms (3/28/25 email from Deepti, due now) Ms. Jain has received from 3 members so far. It was requested to submit ASAP to her.
 1. Electronic Transmissions Consent
 2. Conflict of Interest
 - b. Board Action for Financial Bank Accounts Discussed whether to stay with US Bank.
 1. How many accounts (SWANA LTF fund deposit, restricted, ACH deposit)
 - a. Currently have 1 business checking account at US Bank.
 - b. Considering options for 1, 2 or 3 accounts. Idea is to keep funds used for lobbying separate. Want funds from local government to be used for non-lobbying activities. Those funds would go into restricted account and they would be used to Other funds would be used to pay for lobbying. The point of having a separate ACH account is to protect the other accounts from illicit activity. Discussed going with 3 accounts: 1-General, 2-restricted, 3-ACH transfers. Restricted would be for local jurisdictions' contributions. According to Doug, local governments cannot contribute to 501(c)(4) organizations if \$ is used for lobbying. OK if used for non-lobbying activities. Then our contribution will be non-reportable. That should be included in the letter sent for requesting jurisdiction contributions; need to include description of what the funds will be used for. Should also explain why the change in organization was made. Individual contributions will not be tax-deductible.
 - c. Mr. Kobold moved to have 3 accounts: operating, restricted, ACH transfer; seconded by Mr. Caponi.
 2. Officer access to accounts – Mr. Caponi will have access but no debit card. Chair/Vice Chairs will have debit cards for operating account. Chair/Treasurer have access to restricted account. Secretary is also named on account. Moved/seconded approved
 3. "to do" list, Officers meeting on 4/25 to discuss – brief update. Working on MOUs. Ms. Hanson is looking into insurance for organization. SYASL will propose new contract but prob won't get to it until July. It will just update the name and also

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2. **2025 WRS Joint Chapters Meeting Update** – Mr. Larkin met with Ms. Amy Burke and discussed surcharge transfers. He will be working with SWANA National on the review. There will be a new agreement with National, a licensing agreement and a 5-way agreement with the chapters. Mr. Larkin provided an update about the LTF to the group attending the meeting.
3. **SWANA Update** National is updating their website.
4. **Legislative Review (10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)** Mr. Dylan Hoffman provided updates on legislation.
 - a. [AB 28 \(Schiavo\) Solid waste landfills: subsurface temperatures.](#)
 - a. No position
 - b. ANR hearing on Monday, 4/28
 - c. Discussion: This bill has a lot of flaws. Addressing a problem but the solution won't solve the problem. Maybe this should be a "study" bill to come up with what should be done, not deal with it facility by facility. Would have to pay for the multi-agency Title V every time. It is not a good approach. Mr. Caponi stated that LTF should oppose the bill. Mr. Mohajer mentioned that he is involved with Chiquita landfill and hence will be staying out of the discussion. This is imp't & major bill. Prefers no position because maybe there will be amends. Mr. Jason Schmelzer mentioned that it's too late to go on record. We should wait and see what happens with the amendments.
 - d. Watch & see what happens – discuss next time
 - b. [AB 70 \(Aguiar-Curry\) Solid waste: organic waste: diversion: biomethane.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. Bill passed ANR committee, now at Appropriations, on Suspense.
 - c. [AB 80 \(Aguiar-Curry\) Carpet recycling.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. Out of ANR; on Suspense
 - d. [AB 337 \(Bennett\) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. On Suspense
 - e. [AB 436 \(Ransom\) Composting facilities: zoning.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. On Suspense
 - f. [AB 473 \(Wilson\) Environmental advertising: recyclability.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. *Not moving forward*
 - g. [AB 476 \(González\) Metal Theft.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. Passed B&P Committee this week; It will go to the Floor now.
 - h. [AB 643 \(Wilson\) Climate change: short-lived climate pollutants: organic waste reduction.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. Two-year bill
 - i. [AB 754 \(Connolly\) Solid waste: pharmaceutical and sharps waste: producer responsibility program.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. Amended to be something else. Assemblymember Connelly wants CPSC, MedProject to work on what needs to be updated in SB 212 and he would move it forward next year. SYASL will be involved.
 - j. [AB 762 \(Irwin\) Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. Bill is in Sen B&P Com, hearing next week.

- c. Significant opposition has emerged (cannabis industry & Chamber of Commerce), but they now have the Teamsters supporting the bill (because it is a safety bill). Firefighters Assoc also supporting the bill. Big issue is tax money that the State gets from these products.
- k. [AB 864 \(Ward\) Hazardous waste: solar photovoltaic modules.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. Amended Monday. Amends make recycling solar panels easier. Tough time for the industry so CPSC may just fight them. Still working on language. Working with CSIA and CalSPA (opposition). In appropriations.
- l. [AB 872 \(Rubio\) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.](#)
 - a. Recommend oppose – changed to Watch
 - b. Two-year bill
- m. [AB 973 \(Hoover\) Recycling: plastic packaging and products.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. Amended significantly in ANR (got out of Com this week). Amends rigid plastic packaging and film (& plastic bags) bill. Supported by NSAC and Republic, opposed by packaging associations.
- n. [AB 978 \(Hoover\) Department of Transportation and local agencies: streets and highways: recycled materials.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. Keep watch on it. Updates requirements on local governments to use recycled materials as paving materials. Has to do with recovered asphalt, fly ash, recycled plastic, etc. No local gov't engagement. Some folks will look more into this.
- o. [AB 998 \(Hadwick\) Household hazardous waste.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. RCRC is sponsor. Hearing next week in ESTM. Amends: Consolidated reporting for CalRecycle/DTSC, etc.
- p. [AB 1153 \(Bonta\) Solid waste disposal and codisposal site cleanup: illegal disposal site abatement.](#)
 - a. Watch
- q. [AB 1394 \(Wallis\) Personal opioid drug deactivation and disposal systems.](#)
 - a. Oppose
 - b. Likely dead for the year.
- r. [SB 45 \(Padilla\) Recycling: beverage containers: tethered plastic caps.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. On suspense
- s. [SB 88 \(Caballero\) Air resources: carbon emissions: biomass.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. Got out of Com this week
- t. [SB 279 \(McNerney\) Solid waste: compostable materials.](#)
 - a. Oppose unless amended
 - b. Unclear about what amendments we want – need so they can do a O/A letter. In Sen Appropriation on Suspense. Concept is to limit them to material they generate on-site, not allow them to accept bill from offsite (amendment: delete “and acquiring”). Mr. Neil Edgar testified in opposition, CAW is the sponsor. Farming groups are in support. Solid waste industry groups (privates) are all opposing this. Mr. Hoffman to talk to Mr. Nick Lapis and try to get amendments. If not productive, will take Oppose until Amended (O/A) position.
- u. [SB 318 \(Becker\) Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology \(NEW\)](#)
 - a. Added for discussion
 - b. Hearing was on 4/23/2025. Lots of support/opposition. Passed 5-3. Mr. Caponi suggested to oppose the bill. CARB is getting into permitting.

- c. Took oppose position.
 - d. Send SYASL letter of opposition.
- v. [SB 404 \(Caballero\) Hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. Amendments deleted exemptions from PRA.
- w. [SB 501 \(Allen\) Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. Passed Sen EQ Com.
- x. [SB 561 \(Blakespear\) Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. Passed Sen EQ Com.
- y. [SB 594 \(Padilla\) Waste discharge permits: landfills.](#)
 - a. Oppose
 - b. Joined Coalition letter in opposition.
- z. [SB 615 \(Allen\) Vehicle traction batteries.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. RCRC supports. Passed Sen Transportation Com. Mr. Schmelzer recommended to support. EV companies are all in opposition, despite the author's office working with them for past 2 years.
- aa. [SB 633 \(Blakespear\) Beverage containers: recycling.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. On Suspense
- bb. [SB 675 \(Padilla\) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: streamlining.](#)
 - a. Watch
 - b. Got out of Sen EQ.
- cc. [SB 682 \(Allen\) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.](#)
 - a. Support
 - b. Got out of EQ, will be heard by Senate Health Com next week. Larry raised question about reuse of wastes, e.g. at HHW collection facilities. There is an exemption in the bill, plus the bill
- dd. [SB 730 \(Hurtado\) Product safety: consumer products: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.](#)
 - a. Recommend oppose
 - b. Two-year bill

5. Regulatory Update (11:45 a.m. – noon)

- a. SB 54 – Mr. Kobold heard that CalRecycle will take at least 8 months to get through the process. There may be a need for updates to deadlines in statute.

6. Rumors and Gossip (time permitting)

- a. There was a delay in Ms. Zoe Heller confirmation, which seems to be clearing up. It is speculated that it was delayed due to SB 54 postponement. She must be confirmed by May 13th or else she will have to step down.

SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
April 2025 Treasurer's Report
SUMMARY

MONTHLY SUMMARY												
	JAN 2025	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BEGINNING BALANCE ¹	\$56,266.13	\$96,981.84	\$94,470.12	\$89,342.94								
REVENUES	\$53,685.03	\$2,610.74	\$0.78	\$2,430.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>(from Revenues sheet, Line 7)</i>												
EXPENSES ²	\$8,169.35	\$5,122.46	\$5,127.96	\$4,919.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>(from Expenses sheet, Line 6)</i>												
ENDING BALANCE	\$101,781.81	\$94,470.12	\$89,342.94	\$86,853.70								
MATCHES BANK STATEMENT?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes								

YTD	BUDGETED	% BUDGET
\$58,727	\$68,006	86%
<i>(Line 7)</i>		
\$23,340	\$81,100	29%
<i>(Line 6)</i>		

NOTES:

*** January Ending Balance does not match bank statement of \$96,981.84 because the Shaw Yoder November invoice payment, which was paid on 12/4/24, did not post until 1/3/25. It was important to include in the December 2024 record. If you subtract this payment (\$4,799.97) from this Ending Balance, bank statement matches.

- 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
April 2025 Treasurer's Report
EXPENSES

Line No.		Posted to Account ¹												YTD	BUDGET
		JAN 2025	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
1	SYASL REGULATORY REVIEW	\$1,130.73	\$1,158.99	\$1,158.99	\$1,158.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,607.70	\$14,000
2	SYASL CONTRACT	\$3,669.24	\$3,760.97	\$3,760.97	\$3,760.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,952.15	\$45,100
3	NON-SYASL EXPENSES	\$453.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$453.88	\$10,000
4	NETTOP PUBLISHING (WEBSITE)	\$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	\$1,500
5	Legal Counsel	\$2,915.50	\$202.50	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,326.00	\$10,500
6	TOTALS	\$8,169.35	\$5,122.46	\$5,127.96	\$4,919.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,339.73	\$81,100
7														% INCURRED	29%
8															
9															
10															

Line No.	MONTH SERVICES RENDERED	SYASL Payment Data													
		JAN 2025	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
12	SYASL INVOICE NO.	23210	21914	23402	23520										
13	Web Draft No.	5032	5034	5036	5038										
14	AMOUNT	\$4,799.97	\$4,919.96	\$4,919.96	\$4,919.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
15	DATE CHECK POSTED	1/21/25	2/24/25	3/21/25	4/14/25										

QUARTERLY LOBBYING PAYMENTS (BY INCURRED DATE)			
1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	4TH QUARTER
\$14,639.89	\$4,919.96	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
 April 2025 Treasurer's Report
 REVENUE

		REVENUES													
Line No.		JAN 2025	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD	BUDGET
1	DUES SURCHARGE ¹	\$2,440.00	\$2,610.00	\$0.00	\$2,430.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,480.00	\$18,000.00
2	WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM	\$51,244.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,244.19	\$20,000.00
3	MOLO COURSE REVENUES	\$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	\$5,000.00
4	INTEREST	\$0.84	\$0.74	\$0.00	\$0.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.30	\$6.00
5	AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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														
d	City of Colfax														
e	City of Fresno														
f	City of Los Angeles														
g	City of Manteca														
h	City of Roseville														
i	City of San Diego														
j	City of San Jose														
k	City of Santa Maria														
l	City of Stockton														
m	City of Sunnyvale														
n	City of Tulare														
o	City of Visalia														
p	City of Vallejo														
q	City of Watsonville														
r	Fresno County														
s	Humboldt WMA														
t	Imperial County														
u	Kern County														
v	Kings County/KWRA														
w	LA County Sanitation Districts														
x	Merced County RWMA														
y	Monterey RWMD														
z	Orange County														
aa	Placer County														
ab	Riverside County														
ac	Sacramento County														
ad	Salinas Valley SWA														
ae	San Joaquin County														
af	San Mateo County														
ag	South Bayside WMA														
ah	Ventura County														
ai	Yolo County														
aj	City of Santa Monica														
6	OTHER													\$0.00	
7	TOTALS	\$53,685.03	\$2,610.74	\$0.78	\$2,430.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,727.27	\$68,006.00

FOOTNOTES:

% OF BUDGETED

86%

SWANA CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS – 2025 LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE MEMBERS
March 27, 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	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 (S)	X	City of Sunnyvale	408-730-7791	djain@sunnyvale.ca.gov
VM/Gold Rush	Joe La Mariana	X	South Bay Waste Management Authority (Rethink Waste)	650-802-3505	jlamariana@rethinkwaste.org
ALT/Gold Rush	Tim Flanagan	A	SCS Engineers	925 440 5702	tflanagan@scsengineers.com
ALT/Gold Rush	Charles White	X	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 (VC)	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	A	City of Merced	209-385-8897	gamam@cityofmerced.org
VM/Sierra	Curtis Larkin (C)	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	A	Fresno County		ashelton@fresnocountyca.gov
<i>Lobbyist</i>	<i>Jason Schmelzer and Dylan Hoffman (X)</i>	X	<i>Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange.</i>	916-446-4656	jason@SYASLpartners.com and Hoffman@syaslpartners.com

*Joined or left call while meeting was in process.

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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