



## 2025 OFFICERS

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## SWANA Legislative Task Force Meeting Agenda May 22, 2025

10 am - 12 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81644635996?pwd=N2Nor4bNWI8P0bBgkpXx7D0NOhncgN.1>

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

- a. Roll Call, Introductions – *See Attached Attendance Sheet.*  
*Guests - Meilin Tsao, from Zero waste Marin, and Tari Heslop, City of Santa Maria*
- b. Approval of April Meeting Minutes – *Motion was made, seconded, and passed*
- c. Approval of April Treasurer’s Report – *Mr. Larkin followed up on the overdue dues with SWANA National. Most of the expenses are from SYSAL. Year closing financial statement work is in progress. Motion was made, seconded, and passed.*
- d. Battery Subcommittee update – *No update.*
- e. Status of Financial Bank Accounts - *US Bank Accounts – process to set up accounts is in progress. Mr. Larkin is working with the bank representative.*
- f. Summary of Lobby Day - *Ms. Green gave an update. Following Bills were discussed with the legislative staff/aid for different Assembly members. It was great opportunity for the Officers to showcase SWANA LTF work, and positions on the following Bills were discussed below:*
  - I. *SB 682 (Allen) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.*
  - II. *SB 501 (Allen) Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act.*
  - III. *SB 561 (Blakespear) Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act.*
  - IV. *AB 337 (Bennett) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food.*
  - V. *SB 594 (Padilla) Waste discharge permits: landfills.*
  - VI. *SB 318 (Becker) Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology.*
- g. Website update – *(REVISED)*  
*Mr. Kobold will arrange a meeting for the website committee. He announced a document repository for incorporation and other documents, so the LTF Secretary is no longer solely responsible for maintaining records. This repository will be accessible only to directors. Mr. Mohajer asked if the LTF website password should match SWANA National’s. Mr. Kobold clarified that we cannot link access between the two websites/databases.*

### 2. SWANA Update - Attached

### 3. Legislative Review (10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

- a. *\*[AB 28 \(Schiavo\) Solid waste landfills: subsurface temperatures.](#) (REVISED)*  
*Mr. Jason provided an update, noting that the amended language of the bill is not acceptable and recommending continued opposition. Ms. Green highlighted the strong sentiments of the author and local residents regarding landfill issues, and the need for alignment with RCRC. The group discussed*

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various strategies, including working with the author's office and other industry partners to address the issue, and suggested forming a subcommittee to develop a position of "oppose until amended." The site discussed is near another potential toxic site, and there are concerns about odor issues. Lastly, it was emphasized that time is of the essence to come up with a position before mid-June/early July. A subcommittee to work on this bill including Mr. Mohajer, Ms. Green Sharon, Mr. Kobold, Mr. Caponi, Mr. Larkin, and Ms. Jain.

Position for now - Oppose unless Amendment and work with the subcommittee  
Note: Mr. Mohajer and Ms. Green supported the motion only as LTF members.

- b. [AB 70 \(Aguiar-Curry\) Solid waste: organic waste: diversion: biomethane.](#)
  - a. Support
- c. [AB 80 \(Aguiar-Curry\) Carpet recycling.](#)
  - a. Support
- d. [AB 337 \(Bennett\) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food.](#)
  - a. Support
- e. [AB 436 \(Ransom\) Composting facilities: zoning.](#)
  - a. Support
- f. [AB 476 \(González\) Metal Theft.](#)
  - a. Support
- g. [AB 754 \(Connolly\) Solid waste: pharmaceutical and sharps waste: producer responsibility program.](#)
  - a. Watch
    - This bill has been gutted and amended to an unrelated topic.
- h. [AB 762 \(Irwin\) Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition.](#)
  - a. Support
- i. [AB 864 \(Ward\) Hazardous waste: solar photovoltaic modules.](#)
  - a. Watch
- j. [\\*AB 914 \(Garcia\) Air pollution: indirect sources: toxic air contaminants.](#)
  - a. **New!**
    - Mr. Schmelzer – bill is on the suspense file.
    - Ms. Green stated Landfills/MRF will be subject to the indirect source rule due to the transfer truck emissions.
    - Mr. Kobold shared that many equipment manufacturers, building properties association, Advanced Biofuels Alliance and others are in Opposition to AB 914.
  - a. Position – Oppose and join other coalition letters.
- k. [AB 973 \(Hoover\) Recycling: plastic packaging and products.](#)
  - a. Watch
- l. [AB 978 \(Hoover\) Department of Transportation and local agencies: streets and highways: recycled materials.](#)
  - a. Watch
- m. [AB 998 \(Hadwick\) Household hazardous waste.](#)
  - a. Support
- n. [AB 1153 \(Bonta\) Solid waste disposal and codisposal site cleanup: illegal disposal site abatement.](#)
  - a. Watch
- o. [AB 1394 \(Wallis\) Personal opioid drug deactivation and disposal systems.](#)

- a. Oppose
- b. **Two-year bill.**
- p. [SB 45 \(Padilla\) Recycling: beverage containers: tethered plastic caps.](#)
  - a. Support
- q. [SB 88 \(Caballero\) Air resources: carbon emissions: biomass.](#)
  - a. Support
- r. [SB 279 \(McNerney\) Solid waste: compostable materials.](#)
  - a. **Oppose unless amended**  
Ms. Martin requested an update. She also mentioned that she has talked to local farms. This bill is not in favor of franchise haulers or composting facilities.
- s. [SB 318 \(Becker\) Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology](#)
  - a. Oppose
- t. [SB 404 \(Caballero\) Hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities](#)
  - a. Watch
- u. [SB 501 \(Allen\) Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act.](#)
  - a. Support
- v. [SB 561 \(Blakespear\) Hazardous waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act.](#)
  - a. Support
- w. [SB 594 \(Padilla\) Waste discharge permits: landfills.](#)
  - a. Oppose
- x. [SB 615 \(Allen\) Vehicle traction batteries.](#)
  - a. Watch
- y. [SB 633 \(Blakespear\) Beverage containers: recycling.](#)
  - a. Watch
- z. [SB 675 \(Padilla\) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: streamlining.](#)
  - a. Watch
- aa. [SB 682 \(Allen\) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.](#)
  - a. Support

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

- a. SB 54 –  
**Informal Comment Period. A workshop will be held next Tuesday. The written comments are due by June 3rd. Mr. Schmelzer will review the previously submitted letter and engage based on our position. Mr. Larkin suggested to reestablish the subcommittee – (Ms. Fajardo, Ms. Hanson, Mr. Mohajer, Mr. Sweetser )**
- b. Landfill Methane Rule update (*REVISED*)  
 Mr. Sweetser updated the group on recent meetings with CARB staff and private landfill operators. Key points included:
  - Upcoming meeting with CARB staff.
  - CARB's review of downtime for inspections and maintenance, currently set at five days.
  - Discussion on limiting the size of the working face.
  - Early detection with a temporary gas collection system on active cells, opposed by the industry.
  - Consideration of BMP's for certain areas.
  - Discussion on temperature monitoring requirements and the importance of not relying solely on temperature as a condition for monitoring.

- Topics on hot spots, methane standards, correlation, and surface emissions monitoring thresholds (200 ppm vs. 500 ppm).
- New regulations expected by the end of 2025 and implementation by 2027, potentially impacting closed landfills.

5. **Rumors (time permitting)** – Transition is having at CAA. Rachel Wagner won't be with CAA.

Meet adjourned at 11:52.

Attachments:

- I. SWANA Advocacy Updates
- II. Treasurer's report



**SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE**  
**April 2025 Treasurer's Report**  
**SUMMARY**

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

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

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**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 <sup>1</sup>												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	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$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	<b>\$23,339.73</b>	<b>\$81,100</b>
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:**  
<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	\$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%



## MEMO

FROM: Kristyn Oldendorf, Senior Director of Public Policy & Communications, SWANA  
TO: SWANA Core Advocacy Group  
DATE: May 19, 2025  
**SUBJECT: SWANA Advocacy Updates**

The purpose of this report is to provide the SWANA Core Advocacy Group with an update on policies that may be of interest to SWANA members and updates on SWANA's recent advocacy and public policy programs. Please share this information with your Chapters and Technical Divisions.

### **PFAS Regulation Updates**

On May 14, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) its intention to roll back parts of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation. It will rescind and "reconsider" regulations for PFHxS, PFNA, PFBS, and HFPO-DA, commonly known as GenX. At this time, there are no changes to PFOA and PFOS standards in the regulations, although the EPA intends to extend compliance deadlines for PFOA and PFAS.

SWANA is currently working with a coalition of passive receivers in the waste, water, and wastewater industries to conduct outreach on PFAS to Congress. The coalition previously held briefings for the House and Senate and is now in the process of planning subsequent briefings for new leadership. Administrator Zeldin has publicly stated that he acknowledges the role of passive receivers. Senator Capito, Chair of the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, has [expressed her support](#) to have protections for passive receivers. SWANA will continue to advocate for a narrowly tailored exemption from CERCLA liability for waste acceptance facilities.

### **US Department of Energy (DOE) Deregulatory Updates**

On May 12, the [US DOE announced](#) its intent to eliminate or reduce 47 regulations.

This includes the publication of a proposed rule on [Rescinding Reporting Requirements, Certification, Independent Verification, and DOE Review for Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting](#), which is currently open for comments until June 16, 2025. It is also proposing to rescind the [Renewable Energy Production Incentives](#) program regulations at the end of fiscal year 2026 and is accepting comments until June 16, 2025.



## **Waste to Energy**

Earlier this year, the EPA reopened the comment period on the proposed [\*Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Large Municipal Waste Combustors Voluntary Remand Response and 5-Year Review\*](#). The comment period ends May 30, 2025. SWANA previously submitted comments on these proposed standards and is seeking input to inform additional comments to submit before the May 30 deadline.

## **EPA Landfill Management White Papers**

The EPA has published a series of [white papers](#) related to new and emerging technologies and regulatory approaches for emissions of municipal solid waste landfills. SWANA is seeking feedback and comments on the white papers to submit. The comment period will end May 24, 2025.

## **Battery Stewardship Laws**

The Nebraska *Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act* (included in an omnibus bill [LB36](#)) was passed by the legislature and presented to the Governor for signature on May 14. SWANA submitted comments in support of this legislation which will provide more options for safe battery collection and management. The legislation would establish EPR for batteries, requiring producers and retailers of batteries to join a battery stewardship organization (BSO) which would provide for the collection of all covered batteries, beginning in 2028.

The Colorado *Battery Stewardship Act* (SB 25-163), was approved by both chamber of the legislature. This legislation requires the establishment of a comprehensive framework for the responsible collection, transportation, processing, and recycling of batteries.

## **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Laws**

The Maryland packaging EPR bill was signed into law on May 13, covering packaging and paper products. It allows for multiple producer responsibility organizations (PROS) and has a reimbursement rate requirement that scales up over time to reach a rate of at least 90% by July 1, 2030. Maryland previously passed a bill to call for a recycling needs assessment, and EPR advisory group, and a recommendations report, which was released earlier this year.

The Washington packaging EPR bill was signed into law on May 17, covering packaging and paper products. It has a reimbursement rate requirement that scales up over time to reach a rate of at least



90% by 2032. The bill requires the Washington Department of Ecology to conduct and submit a statewide recycling needs assessment.

We encourage you to visit <https://swana.org/news> for regular SWANA news and announcements. Please contact me at [koldendorf@swana.org](mailto:koldendorf@swana.org) to provide input on SWANA positions and to provide updates on your chapter advocacy activities.

Thank you

**SWANA CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS – 2025 LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE MEMBERS  
May 22, 2025**

<u>VOTING MEMBER/ CHAPTER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
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\*Joined or left call while meeting was in process.

Guests: Tari Heslop, City of Santa Maria, Meilin Tsao, Zero waste Marin.

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