



## 2025 OFFICERS

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

# APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

## SWANA Legislative Task Force Meeting Agenda

### October 23, 2025

10 am - 12 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87807591748?pwd=LoTfW5KGYetQyXhdywaXUwaNoJiqH.1>

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

- a. **Roll Call, Introductions:** Quorum achieved at 10:03 AM. See attached Attendance roster for details.
- b. Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Curtis)
  - I. September meeting minutes were moved, seconded and approved with minor edits to Sections 1d and 4c.
- c. Approval of September Treasurer's Report (Frank) Mr. Caponi provided the Treasurer's report. Expenses were routine. He reported that he has been working with staff at SWANA National to update the bank account for the remittance. As a result, the old bank accounts are being closed. The new remittance from SWANA National will be reflected in next month's Treasurer's Report. In the meantime, a footnote will be added to the September Treasurer's Report to indicate that some funds still remained in the old bank accounts at that time.
  - I. The September Treasurer's report was moved, seconded and approved with the noted correction.
  - II. Letters Requesting Contributions Ms. Green and her staff assisted Mr. Caponi by mailing out the annual contribution requests in early October. Contributions have begun to be received, which will be reflected in upcoming Treasurer's Reports.
- d. Officer's update
  - I. Financial transition to new fiscal year (Frank) The spreadsheet reflects the financial transition to the new fiscal year.
  - II. SWANA LTF dues disbursement to LTF (Curtis) Mr. Larkin has contacted Elizabeth Rowe (President of SWANA) and she is working with staff at SWANA National to schedule a meeting with the LTF Officers.
  - III. Legal updates (Curtis)
    1. For Adler & Colvin, Chris Hanson and Doug Kobold will be the points of contact.
    2. For FPLG – Curtis Larkin will be the point of contact.
  - IV. Insurance (Sharon) Ms. Green reported that research on obtaining insurance is still underway.
- e. LTF Annual Planning Meeting (Doug/Jane/Jim)
  - I. Accommodations Mr. Kobold provided an update about accommodations and rates. He is tracking attendance via email and working with the hotel to finalize the contract.
  - II. Workplan Review/Update (Jim)
    1. Due on October 31, 2025 The group was reminded to please complete assignments and direct questions to Mr. Marchese. It was suggested that the Workplan include information regarding the update to the Landfill Methane Regulation that is update. Mr. Caponi agreed to cover that topic.
- f. Website update (Doug) Mr. Kobold will schedule a meeting of the website committee in the near future. New LTF Directors should now have full access to the website.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE

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- g. LTF Updates to Chapters (Chris) Ms. Hanson has proposed that the LTF provide more regular and scheduled updates to the chapters (e.g. three times per year). She and Ms. Gama will be working on that and will be developing a newsletter. The Gold Rush Chapter is working on a new form of communication. Ms. Hanson & Ms. Gama asked that we keep outreach and education on the monthly LTF meeting agendas moving forward.
2. **SWANA Update (Joe)** Mr. Sweetser reported that he attended a recent meeting of the National Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee, which included federal updates primarily about EPA. The biggest update is RCon, which will take place the second week of November in Columbus, Ohio.
3. **Legislative Review (10:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.) (Dylan)** Mr. Hoffman, Legislative Advocate for the LTF, reported that the legislative session ended on October 13, 2025. He provided an overview of the legislative year and what to expect going into the second year of session. 2,300 – 2,400 bills were introduced, 900 made it to the Governor, and around 750 were signed. The final status of the priority bills tracked by the LTF is shown below. A more complete list of bills tracked is in the bill matrix that can be found on the LTF’s website.

AB 28 (Schiavo) Solid waste landfills: subsurface temperatures.

- I. Oppose unless amended
  - II. Two-year bill
- b. AB 70 (Aguiar-Curry) Solid waste: organic waste: diversion: biomethane.
- I. Support
  - II. This bill was signed by the Governor on October 13, 2025.  
Signed on the last day of the signing period.
- c. AB 80 (Aguiar-Curry) Carpet recycling.
- I. Support
  - II. Two-year bill  
One of the bills that unexpectedly was held in the Appropriations committee. May be sending a request to sign onto a coalition letter.
- d. AB 476 (González) Metal Theft.
- I. Support
  - II. This bill was signed by the Governor on October 13, 2025.  
Signed on the last day of the signing period.
- e. AB 864 (Ward) Hazardous waste: solar photovoltaic modules.
- I. Watch
  - II. Two-year bill
- f. AB 978 (Hoover) Department of Transportation and local agencies: streets and highways: recycled materials.
- I. Watch
  - II. This bill was signed by the Governor on October 7, 2025.
- g. AB 998 (Hadwick) Household hazardous waste: vape pens
- I. Support
  - II. Two-year bill
- h. SB 88 (Caballero) Air resources: carbon emissions: biomass.
- I. Support
  - II. This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 3, 2025. A copy of the veto message can be found [here](#).  
One of the bills highlighted that it was duplicative of current efforts from the administration.
- i. SB 279 (McNerney) Solid waste: compostable materials.
- I. Oppose unless amended
  - II. This bill was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2025.

Submitted a veto letter. Larry pointed out that they allowed from the bigger volume but nothing changed the regulations that CalRecycle has on the footprint it's still \$700 for 150 square feet.

- j. SB 404 (Caballero) Hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities
  - I. Watch
  - II. This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 13, 2025. A copy of the veto message can be found [here](#).  
Vetoed for similar reasons to SB 88 (Caballero) due to increased costs and being burdensome to the state.
- k. SB 615 (Allen) Vehicle traction batteries.
  - I. Watch
  - II. Two-year bill
- l. SB 633 (Blakespear) Beverage containers: recycling.
  - I. Watch
  - II. Two-year bill
- m. SB 682 (Allen) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
  - I. Support
  - II. This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 13, 2025. A copy of the veto message can be found [here](#).  
Veto message specifically called out his concern about the cost of consumer goods particularly pots and pans. Evidence of how sensitive the administration and Legislature was to consumer costs this year. Celebrity chefs came out in opposition to the bill at the end.

#### 4. Regulatory Update (11:40 a.m. – noon)

- a. Illegal Disposal (Larry) Mr. Sweetser provided an update on the emergency regulations on illegal dumping. He reported that that there haven't been any changes in the regulations, and the comment period will end on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Alameda county is doing a 1-day illegal dumping "convening" which is both virtual and in person on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- b. CARB Landfill Methane Rule (LMR) Update (Frank/Larry)
  - I. Draft is available for public comment now. Comments due November 10.
  - II. Public Hearing regarding amendments on November 20, 2025, at 9:00 am
  - III. The subcommittee recommends that Mr. Hoffman help coordinate a coalition letter with major issues all agree on. The LTF will also develop a more detailed letter.
  - IV. Mr. Sweetser reported that he participated in an industry group meeting with CARB on Monday.
  - V. The subcommittee has identified the following topics for comments (among others):
    1. CARB should ensure that there are new/updated MOUs with Air Districts in place before the new rule takes effect.
    2. Equivalence to the Emissions Guidelines (EG) and need for approval in the State's State Implementation Plan (SIP)
    3. The relationship with implementation of organics diversion programs (e.g. through SB 1383) vs the small amount of methane reduction from these revisions
    4. Cover Integrity Program – already contains requirements; LMR revisions duplicative
    5. New Surface Monitoring requirements
    6. New requirements to monitor in "unsafe areas" (like side slopes) – revisions require remote sensing; request flexibility to use conventional methods
    7. Remote Sensing done by CARB – if CARB identifies plume, remediation required in specified timeframes. Suggest this be done as pilot.

8. Extensive new temperature monitoring requirements that go beyond federal temperature monitoring requirements.
- c. SB 54 Regulatory Update (Chris) Ms. Hanson provided an update on the new version of the regulations.
  - I. CalRecycle released an updated version of the proposed regulations for a 45-day formal rulemaking comment period that ended with a public hearing on October 7.
    1. Still enforcement and penalties on jurisdictions and Recycling Service Providers (RSPs), but not while a jurisdiction request for exemption is under review, and jurisdiction and RSPs are now eligible for Corrective Action Plans.
    2. Alternative Technology provisions are mostly unchanged.
    3. No change to jurisdictions' time to comply.
    4. No substantive changes to payments to local jurisdictions; details will be in Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) Plan.
    5. Definition of Alternative Collection unchanged.
  - II. The LTF signed onto the CSAC letter, which made the following major points:
    1. Alternative Collection – recommend added clarification regarding not conflicting with Franchise Agreements.
    2. PRO Plan – Suggest reasonable turnaround periods for PRO to determine covered costs
    3. Administrative Civil Penalties – debated statutory authority to enforce on jurisdictions, recommend use AB 939 /Electronic Annual Report process to confirm compliance.
  - III. Responses to comments will be included in the Final Statement of Reasons. If CalRecycle makes additional substantive changes, another comment period will be necessary. Rulemaking webpage.
  - IV. Circular Action Alliance (CAA) is working to develop the Producer Responsibility Plan and holding a series of topic-based webinars during October and November. Schedule is on CAA website.
  - V. Ms. Hanson suggests that a Fact Sheet be developed or a section be added to the Work Plan, which would aid jurisdictions and solid waste facilities in preparing and engaging on implementation of SB 54.

**5. Rumors (time permitting)**

**The LTF adjourned at 11:41 AM.**

**Enclosures:**

**Attendance Roster**

**Treasurer's Report**

**LTF Mtg Attendance Roster (10/23/2025)**

Name	Organization	Present	Absent		
Christina Hanson	Placer County/Western Placer WMA	X			
Deepti Jain (S)	City of Sunnyvale		X		
Doug Kobold	California Product Stewardship Council	X			
Joe La Mariana	South Bayside Waste Management Authority	X			
Larry Sweetser	Sweetser and Associates/ESIPA	X			
Curtis Larkin (C)	Fresno County	X			
Dawyne Balch	City of Clovis	X			
Mike Schlessinger	City of Merced	X			
Monique Gama	City of Merced		X		
Tari Heslop	City of Santa Maria	X			
Frank Caponi (T)	Retired	X			
Jane-Marie Fajardo	City of San Diego	X			
Jim Marchese	LA Sanitation & Environment		X		
Mike Mohajer	Southern California Waste Mgmt. Forum	X			
Sharon Green (VC)	LA County Sanitation Districts	X			

**SYASL:**

Jason Schmelzer	Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange			X	
Dylan Hoffman	Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange	X			
Olivia Thomas	Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange	X			

**Guests:**

Phillip Vander Klay	LACSD	X			
Robert Sedita	OCWR	X			

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY												
	JULY 2025	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN 2026	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$0.30	\$0.28	\$0.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$7,361.15	\$5,041.00	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>BEGINNING ACCT. BALANCES</b>												
Operating Acct.	\$66,411.93	\$59,051.06	\$54,010.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACH Acct.	\$500.00	\$500.01	\$500.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restricted Acct.	\$500.00	\$500.01	\$500.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>ENDING ACCT. BALANCES</b>												
Operating Acct.	\$59,051.06	\$54,010.30	\$48,810.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACH Acct.	\$500.01	\$500.03	\$500.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restricted Acct.	\$500.01	\$500.03	\$500.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	YES	YES	YES									

YTD	BUDGETED	% BUDGET
\$0.79	\$63,006	0%
\$17,602	\$77,430	23%

**NOTES:** The LTF's old bank account has not been closed yet because of some remaining issues. As of October, 2025, the accounts balance is \$8,977.06

SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE  
September 2025 Treasurer's Report  
EXPENSES

		Posted to Account <sup>1</sup>													
Line No.		JULY 2025	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN 2026	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	YTD	BUDGET
1	SYASL LEG. & REG. REPRESENTATION	\$3,760.97	\$3,020.00	\$3,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,800.97	\$37,000
2	SYASL CONSULTING SERVICES	\$1,158.99	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,198.99	\$23,400
3	MISC. EXPENSES	\$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	\$10,000
4	NETTOP PUBLISHING (WEBSITE)	\$2,301.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,301.19	\$2,500
5	ADLER & COLVIN	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$159.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.00	\$500
6	MISC. LEGAL SERVICES	\$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	\$2,000
7	INSURANCE	\$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	\$2,000
8	BANK SERVICE CHARGE	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$30
9	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$7,361.15	\$5,041.00	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,602.15	\$77,430
10														% INCURRED	23%
11															
12															
13															
		SYASL Payment Data													
MONTH SERVICES RENDERED	JULY 2025	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN 2026	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE			
15	SYASL INVOICE NO.	23828	23762	24047											
16	PAYMENT METHOD	ACH	ACH	ACH											
17	AMOUNT	\$4,919.96	\$5,040.00	\$5,040.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
18	DATE PAYMENT POSTED	7/31/25	8/22/25	9/22/25											
19															
20															
21															
22															

QUARTERLY LOBBYING PAYMENTS (BY INCURRED DATE)			
1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	4TH QUARTER
\$9,800.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

- Notes:
- Invoices are typically paid for the previous month. So, for example, January expenses reflects December invoices.
  - The three bank accounts reflected in this report actually began in June, 2025, but not part of the current fiscal year. Two expenses occurred on this account not shown here; For Purpose Law - \$1,000; and new checks - \$88.24. For Purpose Law was contracted with to review existing MOU with the local SWANA chapters that need to be modified as a result of changes to the LTF's non-profit designation.

