



## MEETING NOTICE

**APRIL 5, 2011**

Tuesday, 2:00pm  
1537 Webster Street  
Oakland, CA. 94612  
StopWaste.Org Board Room

**APRIL 26, 2011**

Tuesday, 6:00pm  
777 B Street  
Hayward, CA 94541  
Hayward City Hall - Room 2A

## COMMUNITY SCOPING MEETING

**For Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report  
StopWaste.Org and its Member Agencies**

StopWaste.Org will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a Mandatory Recycling Ordinance and a Single Use Bag Reduction Ordinance. For purposes of this EIR, StopWaste.Org is the Alameda County Waste Management Authority. After completion of the EIR process, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, as the lead agency, will be the entity responsible for considering approval of the two ordinances.

We would like to hear the views of the community as they are relevant to environmental issues and information to be addressed in the EIR.

The focus of the meetings will be on the environmental effects of the project. The two Community Scoping Meetings will provide an opportunity for the community to provide verbal and written input regarding environmental issues and questions prior to preparation of the environmental impact report.

**Project Description:** StopWaste.Org is considering two specific initiatives to increase recycling countywide, to decrease disposal of resources in landfills, to decrease use of valuable resources in the manufacture and disposal of single-use bags, and to significantly reduce the quantity of plastic bags in the urban environment, in the creeks and water bodies of Alameda County, and in San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

### Mandatory Recycling

The ten-year Strategic Workplan adopted by StopWaste.Org in July 2010 includes a new discard objective that not more than 10 percent of all readily recoverable materials be deposited in landfills. To achieve this goal, StopWaste.Org is proposing that an ordinance be adopted that would make recycling (including food scraps and other organics) mandatory in Alameda County.

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## Mandatory Recycling (continued)

Generators of discarded materials would be required to separate readily recyclable and compostable materials from other discards before placing them out for collection, waste collectors would be required to deliver the separately collected recyclable and compostable materials to processing facilities that would prepare them to be made into new products by recyclers, and landfills in the County may be prohibited or restricted from receiving for disposal, loads containing significant amounts of designated recyclables and compostables.

## Single-Use Bag Reduction

StopWaste.Org is also proposing an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of single-use carryout paper and plastic bags at the point of sale (i.e., check-out) for all commercial retail businesses in Alameda County. An exception would be made for "green" paper bags containing a specified minimum percentage of recycled content, which can only be provided to customers for a nominal fee to cover the cost to the business of providing the bags.

The ordinance would not apply to plastic or paper bags that are used by customers or the store to protect or contain meat, fresh produce, food prepared at the establishment, or other goods that must be protected from moisture, damage, or contamination, and that are typically placed inside a carryout bag at the point of sale. Restaurants, take-out food establishments, or any other businesses that receive 90 percent or more of their revenue from the sale of food cooked or otherwise prepared at the establishment would be exempt from the ordinance, as would non-profit re-use vendors.

**Probable Environmental Effects:** It is anticipated that the EIR will need to address environmental effects from the ordinances in the following subject areas: land use, transportation, noise, air quality, public services, hazards and hazardous materials, biological resources, utilities and services, energy and greenhouse gases.

### **Directions:**

- Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 2:00pm at **StopWaste.Org** Board Room, **1537 Webster Street, Oakland**, CA 94612. The facility is walking distance from BART ([19<sup>th</sup> Street](#) or [12<sup>th</sup> Street / Civic Center](#) Stations) and has nearby parking. Additional information for directions and parking can be found on the StopWaste.Org [website](#). (<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=205>)
- Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:00pm at **Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward**, CA 94541. The facility is walking distance from BART ([Hayward Station](#)) and has free parking. Additional information for directions can be found on [yahoo maps](#).