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**MINUTES OF SWANA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE  
TASK FORCE ANNUAL WORKSHOP MEETING  
November 9 and 10, 2012 – San Diego, California  
By: Mark Urquhart, Secretary**

The Legislative Task Force (LTF) annual meeting took place in San Diego on November 9 and 10, 2012. It started at about 8:30 AM on November 9 and included a half day on November 10, 2010. A quorum was not present as there were 9 voting members present but not one voting member from each chapter (no Sierra Chapter member present). The agenda is Attachment A. A list of the attendees is on the sign-up sheet in Attachment B. The items from the agenda below were not all discussed in the order listed.

**DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 9, 2012**

***BUSINESS ITEMS AND LTF ACTIVITIES***

***November Treasurer’s Report***

Mark Bowers passed out the October 2012 treasurer’s report. (Attachment C). He noted that the November Treasurer’s report shows a fund balance of \$54,875 with a projected balance carryover to 2012 of about \$35,227.50.

The LTF discussed a preliminary budget developed by Mark Bowers. It was discussed that Mark Bowers will refine a draft proposed budget for review by the LTF. The proposed budget will be voted on by the LTF by email and then sent to the chapter presidents by the end of the year per the LTF MOU for their approval.

***2013 Meeting Schedule***

The 2013 proposed meeting schedule in the agenda packet was modified slightly at the annual workshop to be as shown in Attachment E. It was tentatively planned that the annual workshop would be in Monterey November 8 and 9, 2013.

The phone meetings will generally be monthly and would continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month from 10 AM to noon. The next meeting date will be a conference call on February 7, 2013. It was also discussed that the March 2013 in person meeting would be started at 10 AM to allow travel time.

***Discussion and Recommendations for Proposed Officers for 2012***

Lisa Wood discussed that according to the LTF MOU, the election of officers is formally taken up during the first LTF meeting after February 1 of the given year. According to the MOU the task force members are appointed by Chapter Presidents by January 1. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are then elected by the LTF in the first LTF meeting after February 1. The Chairperson then appoints the treasurer and secretary at the same first meeting of the LTF after February 1, which is then ratified by the LTF.

It was decided the LTF, based on those present at this workshop meeting, would consider retaining Lisa Wood as the Chairperson, Nancy Ewert as the Vice-Chair, Mark Bowers as Treasurer; and Mark Urquhart as Secretary.

The motion carried, as all were in favor. (For this slate above, all of the above recommended officers would have to also be appointed by Chapter presidents to again serve on the LTF for 2013).

### **2013 Western Regional Symposium**

The 2013 Western Regional Symposium (WRS) will be held in San Luis Obispo. There was discussion about possible speakers for the LTF session that would involve inviting Carroll Mortensen of CalRecycle and Glenn Acosta to present and discuss the topic of the 75% recycling (diversion) plan that is currently being promulgated by CalRecycle. The LTF will ask the WRS committee chairperson (Mark Urquhart to contact) if the LTF can have a 1-1/2 hour session at an earlier time in the day (rather than a 1 hour slot at 5PM).

### **LTF Fund Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee consisting of Larry Sweetser and Mike Mohajer reviewed the financial books for 2012 and verified the income and expenditure items and found all to be accurate and correct. Because there was no LTF member present from the Sierra Chapter present at the workshop meeting, Mark Bowers would have a LTF member from the Sierra Chapter review the 2012 financial books after the meeting for concurrence pursuant to the LTF Memorandum of Understanding.

### **2013 LEGISLATION Forecast**

Jason Schmelzer briefly discussed that with the super majority in both houses that there will be more last minute changes to bills, which will limit the LTF ability to influence or comment on bills. In addition solid waste fees for different types of solid waste may be more likely to be considered and passed. The passing of proposition 30 will relieve fiscal concerns on the state level and somewhat on the local level; however, this could also reduce the level of reluctance to take up new solid waste fees.

Jason Schmelzer discussed some expected bills for 2013, some a continuation from 2012 efforts:

- Product stewardship - in particular batteries
- Sharps, medical waste disposal – stick proof containers discussed
- Mattresses – Californians Against Waste and others support (CAW)
- Fees – CAW may introduce new solid waste fees or potential Advanced Disposal Fees
- Organics – the need for definitions was discussed
- Bottle Bill – may be budget or urgency bill
- Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility

### **Regulations**

Larry Sweetser discussed the following:

- Paint Care - Paint Care is filing a lawsuit against CalRecycle over authority regarding portions of the agreement
- Carpet EPR – A pilot study is being done
- MRF efficiency – this is a key issue regarding AB 341 that CalRecycle is still trying to deal with
- Composting regulations – A draft will be completed by the end of the year. The Regional Water Quality Control Board has postponed finalization of the process because it may be subject to CEQA. This was done according to issues raised by industry.
- Organics – The process will continue next year. There is an odor workshop coming up.

### **UNIFORM SESSION ON LTF 75% DIVERSION PLAN WHITEPAPER (IN LIEU OF BREAKOUT)**

Glenn Acosta discussed an overview of his draft paper distributed for the meeting. There was long discussion on this topic, which ended up covering all of the elements planned for breakouts. It was decided that based on the discussion that Glenn Acosta will complete the draft paper and circulate it to the LTF for comment and finalization to submission to CalRecycle. The general consensus was that the tone of the paper is good involving positive promotion of a strategy and path to 75% diversion and beyond. Some LTF members at the meeting requested they be provided the file of the final letter for potential use in their jurisdictions.

## **Workplan**

The group worked on rewording the draft 2013 workplan. The draft workplan as updated by Jason Schmelzer at the meeting based on discussions in Attachment E. The meeting was adjourned about 5:00 PM.

### **DAY 2 – NOVEMBER 10, 2012**

#### ***2013 WORKPLAN***

Saturday discussions involved continuing to edit and update the wording of the workplan.

The following items were discussed:

- Jason Schmelzer would finalize the draft 2013 workplan and circulate
- Mark Bowers would finalize draft budget and circulate
- Glenn Acosta would complete draft 75% diversion plan white paper and circulate (LTF comments due to Glenn Acosta by November 15,2012)
- There would be an LTF meeting by phone in early December to vote on and adopt the following:
  - Proposed 2013 budget
  - 2013 Workplan
  - 75% diversion white paper

After completion of the above, Lisa Wood will complete a letter forwarding the 2013 workplan and 2013 proposed budget to the California Chapter presidents for approval.

Mark Urquhart will be sending an email to the Chapter presidents requesting their appointment of LTF members by the end of the year, along with the annual meeting recommendations for Officers (officer slate discussed above that must also be appointed as LTF members).

Other follow-up items included planning for meetings in Sacramento with the officers and CalRecycle, CAW, Justin Malin (lobbyist), and other parties.

#### ***ADJOURNMENT – DAY 2***

The meeting adjourned at about 10:20 AM.



**Annual Work Plan Meeting  
November 8-10, 2012  
San Diego, CA**

<b>THURSDAY (optional)</b>	
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH AT BUD'S.</b> <a href="http://www.yelp.com/biz/buds-louisiana-cafe-san-diego">http://www.yelp.com/biz/buds-louisiana-cafe-san-diego</a>
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>MRF TOUR.</b> <a href="http://www.edcodisposal.com/public-disposal/cdi-lg.html">http://www.edcodisposal.com/public-disposal/cdi-lg.html</a>
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	<b>LANDFILL TOUR.</b> <a href="http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/miramar/">http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/miramar/</a> Meet at the fee booth
6:30 p.m.	<b>DINNER AT BALI-HAI.</b> <a href="http://www.balihairrestaurant.com/">http://www.balihairrestaurant.com/</a>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>PLAN LTF SESSION AT WESTERN REGIONAL (All).</b>
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<b>2013 LEGISLATIVE FORECAST (Jason).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 480 (Ma)</li> <li>• Mattress Recycling</li> </ul>
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	<b>SWANA NATIONAL/SWANA CHAPTERS TIME (Constance, Chapter reps).</b>
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<b>LTF BUSINESS (Mark U, Mark B).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer nominations.</li> <li>• Attendance report.</li> <li>• Treasurer's Report</li> <li>• Meeting schedule for 2013.</li> <li>• Other.</li> </ul>
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>BREAK.</b>
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.	<b>MORNING BREAKOUTS</b> <i>Lifecycle Analysis/Market Development/Organics/Mixed Bag.</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH.</b>
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	<b>REPORT OUTS.</b>
2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>WORK PLAN.</b>
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK.</b>
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>WORKPLAN.</b>

<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>DINNER AT YACHT CLUB.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FINISH WORKPLAN.</b>
<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>BREAK.</b>
<b>10:15 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.</b>	<b>UPDATE THE WHITE PAPER.</b>

**ATTENDANCE LIST  
SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ANNUAL WORKSHOP MEETING  
DECEMBER 2-3, 2011 – Monterey, CA**

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**SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE - 2012 BUDGET**  
**October 2012 Treasurer's Report**

<b>BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCE - 1/1/2012</b>	<b>\$ 46,662.50</b>		
Release from Reserves	\$ 11,435.00		
Starting Cash Balance	<b>\$ 35,227.50</b>		
<b>REVENUES</b>			
	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>DUES SURCHARGE (\$30 / MEMBER)</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>		
Jan Dues		\$1,170.00	
Feb Dues		\$1,980.00	
Mar Dues		\$3,810.00	
Apr Dues		\$1,560.00	
May Dues		\$1,710.00	
June Dues		\$1,140.00	
July Dues		\$1,740.00	
Aug Dues		\$2,040.00	
Sept Dues		\$1,320.00	
Oct Dues		\$1,230.00	
Nov Dues			
Dec Dues			\$17,700.00
<b>WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>		
		\$14,048.00	\$14,048.00
<b>MOLO COURSE REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>		
		\$3,303.35	
			\$3,303.35
<b>AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>		
Clovis		\$750.00	
Kern County		\$1,000.00	
Sacramento County		\$1,500.00	
San Joaquin County			
City of Folsom		\$750.00	
Merced County			
LA County San Districts		\$2,500.00	
City of Sunnyvale		\$750.00	
City of San Diego		\$2,500.00	
Monterey RWMD		\$2,000.00	
Placer County		\$1,000.00	
City of Tulare		\$750.00	
Salinas IWMA		\$1,000.00	\$14,500.00
<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>		
Jan-12		\$0.40	
Feb-12		\$0.38	
Mar-12		\$0.38	
Apr-12		\$0.36	
May-12		\$0.33	
Jun-12		\$0.31	
Jul-12		\$0.29	
Aug-12		\$0.41	
Sep-12		\$0.43	
Oct-12		\$0.51	
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$3.80
<b>RELEASE FROM RESERVES</b>	<b>\$11,435.00</b>		
			\$0.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 59,940.00</b>		<b>\$49,555.15</b>

EXPENSES			
	Annual	Monthly	YTD
<b>REGULATORY REVIEW</b>	\$ 12,000.00		
Jan-12		\$1,000.00	
Feb-12		\$1,000.00	
Mar-12		\$1,000.00	
Apr-12		\$1,000.00	
May-12		\$1,000.00	
Jun-12		\$1,000.00	
Jul-12		\$1,000.00	
Aug-12		\$1,000.00	
Sep-12		\$1,000.00	
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$9,000.00
<b>SHAW / YODER, INC. CONTRACT</b>	\$ 38,940.00		
	Cashed		
Jan-12		\$3,245.00	
Feb-12		\$3,245.00	
Mar-12		\$3,245.00	
Apr-12		\$3,245.00	
May-12		\$3,245.00	
Jun-12		\$3,245.00	
Jul-12		\$3,244.80	
Aug-12		\$3,245.00	
Sep-12		\$3,245.00	
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$29,204.80
<b>SHAW / YODER, INC. ADMIN. EXPENSES</b>	\$ 2,000.00		
Jan-12		\$95.63	
Feb-12		\$45.00	
Mar-12		\$45.00	
Apr-12		\$45.00	
May-12		\$45.00	
Jun-12		\$45.00	
Jul-12		\$45.00	
Aug-12		\$45.00	
Sep-12		\$45.00	
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$455.63
<b>WEBSITE DEV/MAINTENANCE &amp; ROSTER</b>	\$ 500.00		
Jan-12		\$0.00	
Feb-12		\$0.00	
Mar-12		\$60.00	
Apr-12		\$72.00	
May-12		\$20.00	
Jun-12		\$112.00	
Jul-12		\$20.00	
Aug-12		\$50.00	
Sep-12		\$122.00	
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$456.00
<b>MTGS/TELECONFERENCE/WORKSHOP</b>	\$ 4,500.00		
Jan-12		\$16.86	
Feb-12		\$125.87	
Mar-12		\$0.00	
Apr-12		\$395.70	
May-12		\$97.10	
Jun-12		\$209.20	
Jul-12		\$120.40	
Aug-12		\$1,261.36	
Sep-12		\$0.00	
Oct-12			
Nov-12			
Dec-12			\$2,226.49
<b>CONTINGENCIES / SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	\$ 2,000.00		
			\$0.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 59,940.00</b>		<b>\$41,342.92</b>
<b>October 31 Account Balance</b>			<b>\$54,874.73</b>
<b>PROJECTED CARRY OVER TO 2012</b>	<b>\$ 35,227.50</b>		





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**SWANA Legislative Task Force  
Tentative Meeting Schedule – 2013**

January

No Call

February 7

Conference Call

March 6 (Officers), 7

In-person Meeting in Sacramento

April 17

Western Regional Symposium (not business meeting)

May 2

Conference Call

June 6

Conference Call

July 11

Conference Call

August 1

Conference Call

September 5

Conference Call

October 3

Conference Call

November 8,9

Annual Workshop Monterey

# SWANA CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE (LTF) 2013 WORK PLAN

At its annual workshop in November 2012 the Legislative Task Force identified the following issues as top priorities for 2013:

- Impacts Associated with AB 341 / Reduced Disposal
  - Local Government Budgets
  - Development of California Markets
  - Organics
- Extended Producer Responsibility / Product Stewardship / Lifecycle Issues
- Water Board Regulations
  - Industrial NPDES
  - General WDRs
  - Composting
- AB 32 Impacts / Air Board Regulation and Definitions / Green Energy Credit
- Potential State Fee Increases and Proposed Uses Thereof
- Conversion Technologies
- Illegal Dumping
- ADC Diversion
- Closure and Post Closure / Correction Action
- Changes to the Bottle Bill
- Communication / Relationship with Regulatory Agencies.
- MRF Efficiency
- OEHHA California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool

The 2013 Work Plan encompasses four major areas of effort and will guide the activities of the LTF and its Legislative Advocate during the 2013 calendar year.

## **Mission Statement:**

*To represent local government interests and the three California Chapters' membership in developing and advocating environmentally and technically sound, economical, solid waste public policy at the most appropriate governmental level.*

## **I. REGULATORY**

- A. **Goal:** Ensure, through active participation in the development and review process, reasonable regulations that assure economic feasibility and protection of health, safety, and the environment.
- B. **Objective:** Proactively participate in regulatory developments involving solid waste issues; review and provide comments to appropriate regulatory agencies; leverage with partner associations, local agencies, and industry in support of the LTF position.
- C. **Action items.** Monitor / take appropriate action:
  1. To promote meaningful stakeholder input in the development of plans, policies, and regulations.
  2. To ensure that regulations stemming from CalRecycle's "75% Recycling" plan are consistent with the SWANA LTF White Paper.

3. To protect local government authority and prevent undue financial impacts on local governments, including impacts to local government resulting from the Disposal Reporting System, Mandatory Commercial Recycling, or from other reporting or enforcement requirements.
4. To promote and support lifecycle analysis for existing, new, and expanded regulations by:
  - Opposing proposals that fail to provide a thorough lifecycle and economic analysis.
  - Encouraging a consideration of global economic and environmental impacts.
  - Realistically assessing the availability of current and future markets for beneficial use of solid waste materials.
  - Request that CalRecycle finalize the 2009 Draft Report titled, “Life Cycle Assessment and Economic Analysis of Organic Waste Management and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Options”.
5. To promote the hierarchy, including source reduction, with a goal NOT to recycle more, but to landfill less and to consider all impacts associated with consumption.
6. To update and modify CalRecycle Strategic Directive (SD) SD 6 to encourage an increased focus on California market development.
7. To support the development of conversion technology by:
  - Opposing regulations that treat these facilities as disposal facilities.
  - Promoting realistic requirements for front end recovery of recyclable materials.
  - Supporting economic and environmental comparisons that are fair and objective.
8. To support the requirement for a basic level of training of landfill managers and inspectors. To promote joint training opportunities, and maintain a certification program.
9. To promote streamlining by eliminating non-essential programs and minimizing redundant regulations.
10. To promote limits on agency review periods and the ability to appeal an agency’s decisions.
11. To ensure that State Water Board requirements, including requirements associated with storm water and ground water, and Waste Discharge Requirements, are necessary, feasible and cost-effective.
12. To ensure that CARB and other GHG regulations including those stipulated by AB 32 consider lifecycle factors.
13. To eliminate barriers for energy recovery from MSW including Renewable Portfolio Standards, interconnection fees, and local air district requirements.
14. To encourage effective management approaches, such as extended producer responsibility, for e-waste / universal / medical / pharmaceutical / household hazardous waste / carpet / paint / mattresses / sharps / and other items.
15. To encourage effective management of organic material, for example by:
  - Promoting consistent definitions and a distinction regarding “compostable” versus “non-compostable” organic materials,
  - Basing regulations on threats identified by credible studies,
  - Promoting enforcement of existing Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) regulations instead of regulations that restricts the use of ADC.
16. To identify appropriate uses for Materials Recovery Facility fines and residuals.
17. To promote the positions papers developed by SWANA National.
18. To promote an effective Bottle Bill.
19. To promote CEQA reform.
20. To promote sustainable development through the Green Building Code and other State

- regulations.
21. To promote Green Chemistry initiatives.

## II. LEGISLATIVE

- A. **Goal:** Review, comment on, and influence proposed legislation addressing solid waste issues and pursue/support legislation supportive of the LTF Mission Statement. Work with various organizations to reverse the “End of the Pipe” paradigm, i.e., work towards solutions that focus much more on solid waste prevention and beneficial reuse.
- B. **Objectives:** Identify legislation of interest; provide comments to key legislators and staff on high priority bills; leverage with partner associations, local agencies and industry support of LTF positions on priority bills; develop alerts to all SWANA members and local agencies as appropriate; develop and submit LTF letters to Governor as appropriate.
- C. **Action Items:** Monitor / take appropriate action:
1. To provide meaningful technical input in the development of bills.
  2. To protect local government authority and prevent undue loss of authority or financial impacts on local government, especially with respect to the existing LEA system, Disposal Reporting System, Mandatory Commercial Recycling, or from other reporting or enforcement requirements.
  3. To oppose banning materials from landfill disposal or transformation/conversion technology facilities without first:
    - a. Conducting scientific studies that show a danger to public health or environment, and
    - b. Developing a plan for realistic and cost-effective ways to remove the material from the waste stream. “Don’t Ban Without a Plan.”
  4. On changes to what is required for Siting Element conformance.
  5. To promote and support lifecycle analysis for existing, new, and expanded laws by:
    - Opposing proposals that fail to provide a thorough lifecycle and economic analysis.
    - Encouraging a consideration of global economic and environmental impacts.
    - Realistically assessing the availability of current and future markets for beneficial use of solid waste materials.
  6. To promote the hierarchy, including source reduction, with a goal NOT to recycle more, but to landfill less and to consider all impacts associated with consumption.
  7. To support increases in waste reduction mandates only when based on lifecycle environmental benefits, identified cost, infrastructure capabilities using strategies that place the responsibility less on local governments and more on the manufacturing and retail sectors.
  8. To make the Bottle Bill more effective and ensure the effectiveness of any new Advanced Disposal Fees.
  9. To support product stewardship and increased manufacturer and retail responsibility especially with respect to materials that are difficult to recycle and/or hazardous waste and/or banned from landfills. “You Make It, You Take It.”
  10. To support market development, including
    - increased recycled content, considering quality and cost criteria,
    - extending sunset date of RMDZ program and the use of RMDZ funds to promote new and expanded markets, including conversion technologies, and

- market-based incentives to increase the use of rubberized asphalt.
11. To support legislation that would promote through economic, regulatory and/or other incentive processes the development of in-California manufacturing facilities using materials recovered through recycling activities.
  12. To oppose State fee surcharges unless they are based on reasonable costs, do not promote illegal dumping or cause undue financial burden to local government.
  13. To support diversion credit for conversion technologies and the removal of obstacles for conversion technology development, and to support incentives for bioreactors and conversion technologies.
  14. To encourage the use of energy resources in the waste stream, for example, by
    - supporting diversion credit for conversion technologies,
    - removing obstacles to conversion technology development,
    - providing incentives including tax credits for bioreactors and conversion technologies.
  15. To support legislation that would make state agencies and schools subject to the provisions and mandates of AB 939, including removal of “subject to funding limitations,” purchase of recycled content products, and the imposition of fines for noncompliance.
  16. To support definitions that clearly describe what is meant by “organics,” makes a distinction between compostable and non-compostable organics, and that promote integration of conversion technologies into the solid waste hierarchy.
  17. To support continued ability to use materials beneficially within facilities.
  18. To discourage illegal dumping and also discourage the theft of materials for recycling.
  19. To oppose legislation mandating that all waste must pass through MRFs.
  20. On opportunities to improve the planning and operational constraints of hauler five year continuation rights. To support legislation to include local government in the definition of solid waste enterprise.
  21. To support legislation, as appropriate, to encourage the construction of “green buildings.” To encourage the development of uniform statewide standards.
  22. On legislation to clarify the application of Proposition 218 and 26 (2010) to solid waste service fees.

### **III. OUTREACH AND AWARENESS**

A. **Goal:** Increase awareness of legislative and regulatory issues within SWANA’s membership, and enhance the ability and effectiveness of the LTF to influence the legislature, regulatory agencies, and other associations in support of the LTF Mission Statement and adopted positions.

B. **Objectives/Actions Items:**

1. Enhance influence of SWANA with Legislature and regulatory agencies, and encourage them to consider the global impacts of their actions.
  - a. Establish and maintain contacts with key legislators, their staff, CalEPA, Natural Resources Agency, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, SWRCB Board members and staff, CARB Board members and staff, DTSC staff, DOC, Department of Health, and other relevant state agencies and departments and other officials. Furnish information as appropriate.
  - b. Encourage local members’ involvement with regional agencies.
  - c. Prepare and disseminate profile of SWANA and LTF white papers.

2. Maintain and strengthen coalition building with associations with compatible goals and objectives such as:
  - a. California State Association of Counties
  - b. League of California Cities
  - c. Regional Council of Rural Counties / Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority
  - d. California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health
  - e. Local Enforcement Agencies
  - f. County Engineers Association of California
  - g. Private Haulers / Solid Waste Industry Group
  - h. Councils of Government
  - i. American Public Works Association
  - j. Environmental Organizations
  - k. Product Stewardship Organizations
  - l. Bio Energy Organizations
  - m. Build Infrastructure Now (BIN)
3. Inform SWANA membership of legislative, regulatory, planning, and judicial issues.
  - a. Send four newsletters to LTF members and interested parties.
  - b. Send e-mail bulletins to all interested California SWANA members to inform them of important developments and seek support of SWANA membership on critical issues.
  - c. Provide updates at chapter meetings, and to the general membership.
  - d. Encourage SWANA membership to keep local government and special district officials aware of issues of greatest importance to SWANA.
4. Maintain LTF website.
5. Promote awareness of Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO program) and of other training opportunities provided by SWANA, including the Western Regional Symposium and SWANA National trainings such as WASTECON and others. To support the requirement for a basic level of training of landfill managers and inspectors. To promote joint training opportunities, and maintain a certification program.
6. Enhance education and awareness of SWANA membership through presentation of a legislative and regulatory session at the Western Regional Symposium
7. Support and promote policies developed by SWANA International, such as
  - T-31 Product Stewardship Policy,
  - T-32 Policy on Solid Waste Disposal Ban,
  - the “Pushing the Envelope” document,
  - Applied Research Documents / Conversion & Emerging Technologies.
 Monitor issues that emerge out of locality-specific situations. Identify potential statewide impacts and broadly disseminate information, and assist as necessary. Also, solicit input from all California members.
8. Post on LTF website industry comment letters and coalition letters on which SWANA California Chapters are signatories.

#### **IV. LOCAL CONTROL AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION**

##### **A. Goal:**

Promote control (and reorganization as necessary) of solid waste policy and operations, at the lowest governmental level possible. Emphasize:

- Effective, certified staffing for all aspects of solid waste management
- Cost-effectiveness
- Environmental soundness

- Maximum flexibility for optimized solutions

**B. Objectives/Action Items:**

1. Support legislation that would provide for local government stakeholder participation with State and regional agencies.
2. Monitor / take action on development of appeals processes.
3. Support efforts to eliminate overlap between the agencies and departments and oppose contradictory goals at State agencies.
4. Support legislation and/or regulations that provide local government with the authority and means to achieve and fund mandated activities.
5. Support efforts to provide local government with greater due process in any enforcement or other directed activity of any State agency.
6. Retain local authority to provide enforcement and designate LEAs.
7. Support equitable solutions to waste export issues and address the applicability of State tonnage fees on exported waste.
8. Monitor/take action to ensure that the OEHHA California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool does not undermine local authority.