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## *Reduce Reuse Refuse Repurpose Recycle*

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## Recent CA State Recycling Legislation Affecting TOML

➤ **SB 54** California Governor Gavin Newsom signed the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54) on Jun 30, 2022, requiring all packaging in the state to be recyclable or compostable by 2032. California's SB 54 is one of the most comprehensive plastic legislations to be passed, based on input received from businesses, environmental organizations, and waste management groups. The law will impact manufacturers and sellers of all goods offered for sale in California.

Law will require all plastic-covered materials offered in California to be recycled at the following levels:

- At least 30 percent on and after Jan 1, 2028.
  - At least 40 percent on and after Jan 1, 2030.
  - At least 65 percent on and after Jan 1, 2032.
  - Currently CalRecycle is forming an advisory board for SB 54 comprised of business owners, environmental specialists, government, rural representation, etc. Kendra Knight will apply on behalf of TOML for rural representation.
- **AB 1276** Prohibits full-service restaurants from providing single-use plastic straws or foodservice ware unless the customer requests it. Took effect JUNE 1, 2022. Reducing single-use food serviceware. The bill expands California's existing plastic straw-on-request law to include other single-use serviceware, such as utensils. The bill applies to most restaurants, take-away counters and third-party delivery platforms. Restaurants must supply single-use serviceware if requested by customer. However, restaurant must not provide single-use serviceware if not requested by customer. Enforced by local enforcement agency. Fines enforced for non-compliance. Effective June 1, 2022. TOML has an exemption status for SB 1383, however all restaurants must comply with AB 1276. Fines up to \$25/day.



## Ongoing CA State Recycling Legislation Affecting TOML

- **AB 341 Purpose** To reduce GHG emissions by diverting commercial solid waste to recycling efforts and to expand the opportunity for additional recycling services and recycling manufacturing facilities in California.

**Business Commercial Recycling Requirements.** A business (includes public entities) that generates four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or is a multifamily residential dwelling of five units or more shall arrange for recycling services. Businesses can take one or any combination of the following in order to reuse, recycle, compost or otherwise divert solid waste from disposal:

- Self-haul.
  - Subscribe to a hauler(s).
  - Arrange for the pickup of recyclable materials.
  - Subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation.
- **SB 1383** In September 2016, Governor Brown set methane emissions reduction targets for California in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). The targets must:
    - Reduce organic waste disposal 75% by 2025.
    - Rescue for people to eat at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food by 2025.

**Landfills Are Third Largest Source of Methane in California** Organic waste in landfills emits:

- 20% of the state's methane, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.
- Air pollutants like PM 2.5, which contributes to health conditions like asthma.
- Organics like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills.
- Reducing Short-Lived Climate Super Pollutants like organic waste will have the fastest impact on the climate crisis.



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# What does this mean for TOML?

- ✓ January 2022: Approval given for TOML's Elevation (never expires) and Rural (expires in 2026 and we will re-apply) Waivers of Exemption from CalRecycle.
- ✓ TOML will be required to adhere to certain guidelines within SB 1383: education, outreach, procurement of recycled content products, record keeping, separation of green waste and monitoring businesses subject to Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) under AB 341 and AB 1826. However, we will be exempt from separation of organics (other than paper, cardboard and green waste), due to our rural location.
- ✓ Applying for grants for **new school gardens** at MUSD schools and pilot **composting programs** in our local Mammoth schools and restaurants. Applying for grants for **recycling, green waste** and **cardboard containers**.
- ✓ SB 1383: Locally, Vons and Grocery Outlet would be subject to the requirements and the local food recovery organization is primarily the Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) food bank.
- ✓ Currently working on our TOML Edible Food Recovery Capacity Plan, with collaboration from IMACA for record keeping and compliance with SB 1383.
- ✓ SB 1383 & AB 341: Collaboration with CalFresh and High Sierra Energy Foundation for education and outreach.
- ✓ Providing trash assessments for businesses going through the Green Certification process with High Sierra Energy Foundation (HSEF).
- ✓ **April Earth Month** Luncheon with ML Chamber of Commerce, SCE and HSEF. Presentations to **6** organizations, **assemblies** in all MUSD schools and Mono & Inyo Counties. Bishop and Lone Pine **Earth Day events**.
- ✓ SB 54: Working with the Mammoth Lakes Restaurant Association to find a viable reusable to-go container solution for TOML. Buoy is a great option.

# TOML Recycling Grants Management

## Funding Received:

- 2021-23 CalRecycle Container and Recycling Grant **\$250,000**: new sort-line at our Materials Recovery Center (MRF), new recycling containers, new bear resistant bins. With snow challenges the transition of our shop to buy back center has been delayed, which has delayed the opening of our new MRF.
- 2022-23 CalRecycle SB 1383 School Garden Grant **\$20,000**: tower gardens in all MUSD schools, mobile greenhouses, education and outreach. Once MHS construction is complete a greenhouse will be potentially placed there.
- 2022-23 CalRecycle Bottle Beverage Program **\$5,000**: repair and enhance Vons recycling structure with new roof, new 3-bin recycling container system and new cardboard bin. Will be complete this summer.

## Funding Requested:

- 2023 Environmental Protection Agency Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant **\$1.8 million**: Restaurant reusables program with Buoy, school greenhouses, mobile community greenhouses, new green waste and cardboard containers, new recycling bins, personnel. Collaboration with Parks & Rec for kid's summer programs.
- 2023 CalFire Green Schoolyards Grant **\$500,000**: green spaces, composting demonstration and garden education for local parks, schools and community centers.
- 2023 CalRecycle SB 1383 School Garden Grant **\$20,000**: additional mobile greenhouses, school gardens and education and outreach.
- 2023 CalRecycle Bottle Beverage Program **\$5,000**: incentivization for Green Business Program; water filling stations for local businesses in collaboration with HSEF.

## Snow doesn't stop us. Our new transfer station is open!

We are permitted for 3 days of waste left on the floor at our new transfer station and were able to haul the waste out on time.



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