

## INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

The County supports:

- 1) Improved Integrated Waste Management Programs including efforts to promote “**Zero-Waste California;**” *a reduction in greenhouse gases generated from the use of material resources and the collection and disposal of wastes;* the standardization of the use of terms; local government authority to direct waste to permitted facilities; local jurisdiction compliance with AB 939 goals; and improved accuracy of the State-mandated reporting.
- 2) Securing local Integrated Waste Management program **funding and financing;** local solid waste franchising and fee-setting authority; compensation for the collection, recycling, and disposal of Universal Waste; and alternative funding sources.
- 3) Expanded **Product Stewardship and Producer Responsibility** that reduces the amount and toxicity of solid waste generated and shifts *physical and financial responsibility* for the recovery and disposal of problem wastes to the producers of the products.
- 4) Legislation and programs that **allow pharmacies to implement or operate drug take-back programs.**
- 5) Expansion of **Recycling and Composting Programs** by improving markets for recyclable materials, encouraging the purchase of products containing recycled materials, implementing a statewide recycling information network, and clarifying ownership of recyclable materials.
- 6) **Energy recovery from landfill gas,** wood wastes, and other *source-separated* biomass.
- 7) Performance standards and use of **alternative cover for landfills,** limited to the quantities required, to protect public health and safety and minimize nuisances.
- 8) Legislation to further address **litter control** and abatement problems in California including enforcement, outreach campaigns, and the cleanup of littered areas.
- 9) Establishment of a voluntary **California Green Business Program** that ensures consistency throughout the state while allowing reasonable flexibility within a jurisdiction and flexible funding opportunities to assist businesses in protecting the environment through good business practices.
- 10) A **Green Building Program** that encourages building practices that reduce material, water, and energy consumption, use recycled content materials, and reduce the overall impact to the environment.

- 11) Regulations that prohibit the release of **radioactive or radiation-contaminated materials** into the recycling stream.
- 12) Requirements that products containing hazardous waste be designed, manufactured, and used in ways that avoid harm to workers and the environment and shall be managed and recycled using proper processes and procedures according to environmental regulations and Department of Toxic Substances Control guidelines.
- 13) Elimination of local government **liability under Superfund for the disposal of ordinary municipal waste**, expedited de minimis settlements for hazardous material generated by local government operations, and allocation of costs on the basis of toxicity rather than the volume of municipal waste. Superfund reform should also provide a level of protection to third party investors, lenders, and developers of Brownfield sites.