

**Local Government**  
**For the week of January 7, 2013**

**Northern California**

**Chico Carryout Bags**

The City of Chico has reaffirmed its intent to regulate carryout bags and has provided initial direction to staff to develop an ordinance which bans single-use plastic bags and require a 10-cent charge on consumers for a single-use paper bags. Staff was also asked to consider applying the ordinance to all businesses over 10,000 sq. ft. CGA is working with the Council and staff to develop language amenable for the grocery industry.

**Foster City Carryout Bags**

Foster City has joined other San Mateo County jurisdictions by passing a carryout bag ordinance developed regionally. The ordinance bans single-use plastic bags and requires a 10-cent charge on single-use paper bags.

**Southern California**

**City of Los Angeles**

The City of Los Angeles has directed the Bureau of Sanitation to report back on a plan to establish a food services, restaurant, and supermarket organic waste composting program. CGA will actively follow this motion and work with the City as this policy goes through the system.

**Los Angeles County**

Los Angeles County will hold a hearing on January 15 to discuss a Clean Water Fee. The Clean Water Fee would be charged to all properties in the County and all industrial, commercial, and residential parcels would be charged at different rates, depending on size and amount of urban runoff. A 10,000 sq. foot parcel would pay approximately \$250, annually, while a typical big box or home improvement store could pay up to \$11,000, annually. Smaller residences could pay as little as \$20, annually. Revenue from the Clean Water Fee could only be used for projects to clean up waterways. On January 15, the Board of Supervisors will decide whether to move forward with the Clean Water Fee and implement a vote. This could be a vote by mail (each property owner gets one vote) or a general election vote. CGA will continue to monitor this situation.