

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE**

### **For the week of October 28, 2013**

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#### **Northern California**

##### **South Lake Tahoe Carryout Bags**

South Lake Tahoe passed a plastic-only carryout bag ordinance on its final vote despite industry opposition. CGA has already begun working with supportive councilmember's to overturn the mandate.

##### **Pittsburg Carryout Bags**

Pittsburg gave final approval to a ban/charge model carryout bag ordinance. They are the first jurisdiction to regulate in East Contra Costa County.

##### **Oakley Carryout bags**

Oakley city council has decided to wait on regulating carryout bags until hearing from their neighboring jurisdiction of Brentwood and Antioch.

##### **Walnut Creek Carryout Bags**

Walnut Creek is contemplating directing staff to draft and bring back for approval a carryout bag ordinance by the end of this year.

##### **Richmond GMO Labeling**

Richmond Councilmembers have introduced a proposal to direct staff to develop an ordinance requiring labeling GMO food products. The full Council will need to vote for staff to move forward.

##### **Truckee Carryout Bags**

Truckee City Council has unanimously directed staff to draft a Ban/charge carryout bag ordinance for their approval.

#### **Southern California**

##### **County of Santa Barbara**

The Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors voted to pursue the BEACON EIR and do its own environmental assessment to pass carryout bag regulation that would ban plastic and mandate a charge on paper. This will go back to the Board in Spring of 2014.

##### **City of San Diego**

CGA has participated in two stakeholder meetings with the City of San Diego to discuss carryout bags. A draft ordinance will go before the Rules Committee on October 23, and we will give an update.

##### **City of Los Angeles**

The Bureau of Sanitation is hosting stakeholder meetings next week prior to drafting the RFP that will become assessment tool used to select exclusive waste haulers for the eleven franchise districts. Please email Sarah Sheehy at [ssheehy@cagrocers.com](mailto:ssheehy@cagrocers.com) if you'd like to attend any one of the meetings.

**City of Huntington Beach**

Once again, a Councilmember from the City of Huntington Beach tried a different amendment to the carryout bag policy, which would decrease the charge from ten cents to five cents after six months of implementation. The council voted against this motion on a 4-3 vote.