## LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE
## For the week of July 14, 2014

### Northern California

**Gonzales Carryout Bags**

The City of Gonzales has passed on first reading a carryout bag ordinance which bans single-use plastic bags and requires a retailer retained mandate on paper bags.

**Santa Cruz Carryout Bags**

The City of Santa Cruz has passed on first reading amendments to their ordinance requiring reusable bags to be a minimum of 4 mils thick.

**Grass Valley Carryout Bags**

Grass Valley has passed on first reading an ordinance banning single-use plastic bags for all retailers, but does not mandate a charge on paper bags.

### Southern California

**Palm Desert carryout bags**

The City Council amended the carryout bag ordinance by removing the 10 cent pass through cost to non-grocery retail stores. The 10 cent charge will apply to all full-line grocery stores, superstores, liquor stores, convenience stores, and gas stations that sell any kind of grocery/food product. Large stores have until April 2015 to implement the ordinance and smaller stores have until October 1, 2015.