

What is disposal reporting?

The Board's disposal reporting system tracks landfill disposal amounts by jurisdiction of origin. With the passage of AB 2494 (Sher, Chapter 1292, Statutes of 1992), measurement of 25 percent and 50 percent diversion was changed to a disposal-based measurement system and the Board was required to establish a mechanism to track disposal tonnages. Under the disposal-based measurement system, jurisdictions are required to use the reported disposal information to calculate their diversion rates.

The Board's disposal reporting system, which took effect in 1995, requires each operator of permitted solid waste disposal facilities (landfills, transfer stations, materials recovery facilities, and transformation facilities) to report disposal data. Waste origin information is key in determining jurisdictions' disposal amounts.

Waste origin refers to the city, county, or regional agency in which the waste was produced. Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 18805–18810, require that waste origin information be gathered, at a minimum, for one week in each quarter of the year for all solid waste disposed at a solid waste facility.

At a minimum, solid waste facility operators are required to obtain information from all loads from residential and commercial haulers on where the waste originated (city, county, or regional agency) during the following required survey week periods:

- March 8–14
- June 8–14
- September 8–14
- December 8–14.

The operator determines the percent disposed by each jurisdiction during the survey week and applies that percent to total tons disposed during the quarter to estimate tons disposed by a jurisdiction during the quarter.

The amount and origin of all material segregated for use as alternative daily cover (i.e., Board-approved materials other than soil used as a temporary overlay on an exposed landfill face) is also tracked and reported each quarter. Alternative daily cover is tracked separately, not as disposal. If the Board investigates and finds material is applied in excess of alternative daily cover requirements, the excess is deemed to be disposal and allocated to jurisdictions.

Counties may request that operators conduct more frequent surveys or may impose more restrictive requirements on facility operators, such as determining waste origin and weighing every load every day.