

California Venue and Event Recycling Legislation



**Review of AB
2176 Model
Ordinance
For Waste
Reduction at
Venues and
Events**



AB 2176 (2004) - Purpose

- Make recycling available/convenient to venue and event attendees
- Encourage local adoption of venue/event ordinances
- Promote waste reduction planning in venue/event design & operation
- Develop partnerships with community groups

Definitions

■ Large Event

- Charges admission or local agency operated
- Serves average of at least 2,000 attendees & workers per day of event

■ Large Venue

- Annual average of at least 2,000 attendees and workers on-site per day of operation



Requirements for:

- Large Venues and Large Events
- Local Government
- CIWMB

Large Venues and Large Events

- Develop waste reduction plan, goal, and timeline
- Implement planned programs
- Report progress annually to local government
- Update solid waste plan every 2 years



Local Agencies

- Identify large venues & large events
- Provide waste diversion information with permits
- Report progress of largest 10% via existing annual report process
- May charge fee



CIWMB



- Provide model local venue/event ordinance
- Training materials for venue/event managers and local officials on Web site
- Enable reporting via AB 939 Annual Report
- 2008: Recommend further actions to Legislature if less than 75% of reporting 10% of venues/events have prepared / implemented plans

Model Ordinance

- CIWMB developed model ordinance
- Sought comments from:
 - League of California Cities
 - Ca State Association of Counties
 - Recyclers
 - Public & private solid waste services
 - Venues and events operations and management

Background

- Cities, counties, and State operated facilities already mandated to divert
- Many large venues and events not diverting waste
- AB 2176 (2004) mandates waste diversion and reporting for venues and events meeting specified criteria

Background

- Board to provide tools and assistance to local agencies, venues, and events
- One tool specified is model ordinance
- Local governments modify model to meet their specific needs
- Adoption at local level is voluntary

Features of the Model

- Municipal Ordinance
- County General Plan Element

Municipal Ordinance

- Special Event Operations
- Venue Facility Operations
- Facility Design, Construction, and Deconstruction

Special Events

- Applies to events of specified size
- Submit waste reduction plan with permit application
- Deposit – refunded when diversion verified

Special Events

- Waste Reduction Plan
 - Estimate waste generated
 - Proposed waste reduction actions
 - Arrangements for separation, collection, and diversion

Venue Facility Operations

- Applies to specified venues (by size, generation, or attendance)
- Recycle materials specified
- Adopt waste prevention strategy

Venue Facility Operations

- Report annually to local agency
- If not using contract hauler local agency may audit
- Owners ultimately responsible
- Exemptions possible

Venue Design, Construction, and Demolition

- Projects of specified waste generation, cost, square footage, or attendance mandated - others are encouraged
- Waste management strategy a condition of building or demo permit

Venue Design, Construction, and Demolition

- Compliance with requirements provides partial satisfaction for solid waste portion of environmental mitigation requirements
- Emergency demolition to protect health and safety is exempt

Waste Management Strategy

- Estimate (by weight or volume)
 - Waste generation by material type
 - Maximum feasible diversion
 - Recycled content or reused materials or design strategies to reduce new material use and extend design life
 - Materials to be sent to landfill
 - Post construction disposal and waste reduction strategies

Waste Management Strategy

- Local agency determines material types, conversions rates, and diversion rates
- Exemptions or alternatives to some provisions may be considered

Waste Management Strategy

- Receipts document actual diversion and disposal
- Strategy Performance Security
 - Forfeited \$\$ used to promote waste reduction and sustainable construction

County General Plan & Environmental Policy Guidelines

- Characteristics of venue and special event solid waste
 - Presents unique waste management challenges
 - Beverage containers, organics, cardboard & paper, periodic C&D debris
 - Temporary storage during emergencies and disasters

County General Plan & Environmental Policy Guidelines

- Goal: Reduce solid waste landfill impacts
 - Essential part of statewide program
 - Significant contribution to meeting State diversion mandate

County General Plan & Environmental Policy Guidelines

- Objectives:
 - Venues/events disposal reduction
 - Educate public
 - Conserve resources
 - Stimulate markets
 - Protect public health and safety

Policy Guidelines

- Develop waste analysis and reduction plans
- Provide education to staff and attendees
- Municipalities serve as models
- Foster waste diversion infrastructure

Policy Guidelines

- Control construction waste and design for diversion
- Control illegal dumping at venue sites
- Design sites for emergency response