



NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP ACTION COUNCIL

ADVOCATING FOR A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Partnership to Protect Water Quality and Reduce Costs

Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside
December 9, 2019

NSAC'S VISION: The United States attains a circular economy.

Who is NSAC?



The National Stewardship Action Council (NSAC) is a 501©4, affiliated with the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC). NSAC is a network of committed proponents comprised of governments, non-government organizations, businesses, and consumers who advocate that producers fairly share responsibility in a circular economy.

Vision: The United States attains a circular economy.

Mission: Collaborate with public and private stakeholders to advance product stewardship and extended producer responsibility.



2017 NSAC Strategic Planning Meeting

NSAC Board/Organization

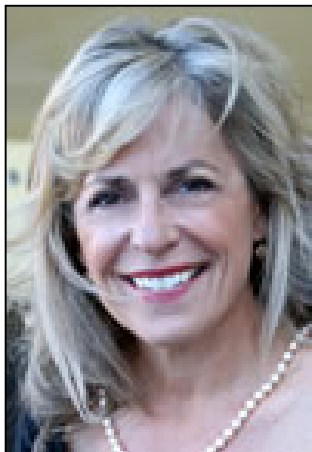
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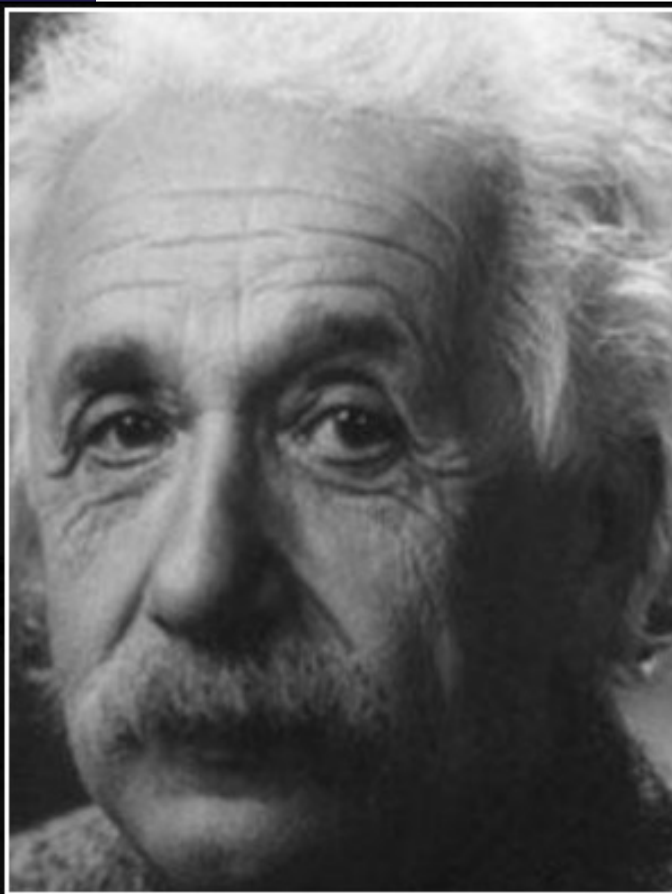


Beverly Hanstrom
Colorado Medical Waste



Chris Ripley
Smarter Sorting

We Have to Think Differently...



The true definition of madness is repeating the same action, over and over, hoping for a different result.

— *Albert Einstein* —

AZ QUOTES

What is a Circular Economy?

Multi-faceted with a focus on producers embracing sustainable design, using regenerative materials and collecting end of life products and materials for continuous use in the economy.

It is based on three principles:

1. Design out waste and pollution
2. Keep products and materials in use
3. Regenerate natural systems



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ReFuel Your Fun & \$ave Campaign



Promotes the use of reusable 1 lb. propane cylinders

1. **Recruitment** of locations to sell/refill/exchange reusables such as hardware stores, sports/camping supply stores, universities & outdoor education programs, & more!
2. **Public education** – billboards, newspaper inserts, PSAs & whiteboard videos, social media, & more!
3. **Exchange events** – bring a single-use & take home a reusable
4. **Safe collection** of cylinders at high-use areas

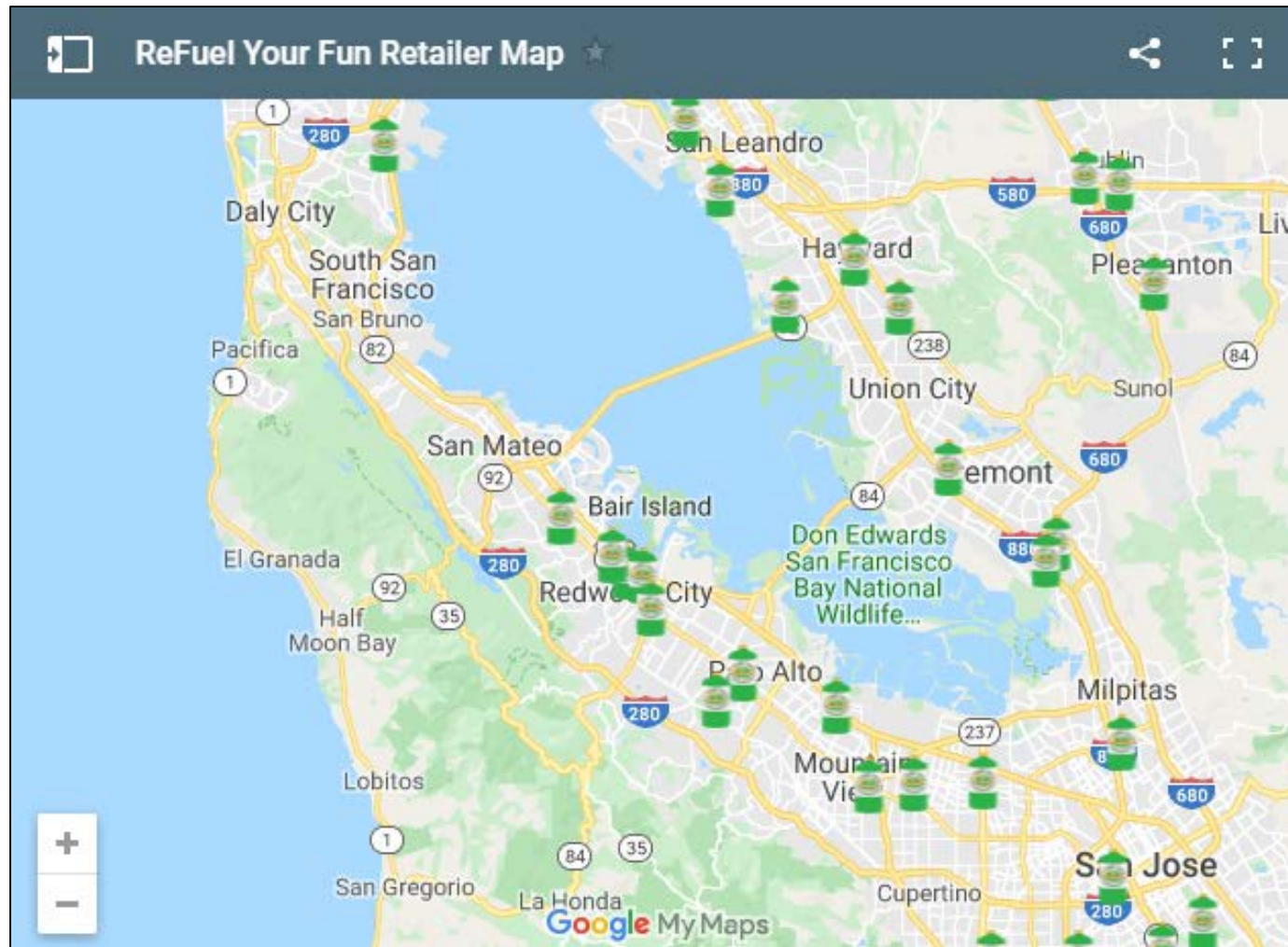


www.ReFuelYourFun.org



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ReFuel Your Fun & \$ave (cont.)



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Don't Rush to Flush, Meds in the Bin We ALL Win!

Promotes the safe disposal & storage of unwanted medications

1. **Recruitment** of
authorized locations to
take-back controlled &
non-controlled
medications

2. **Public education**

3. **Press events**

www.DontRushToFlush.org



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County of San Mateo

Medicine EPR Ordinance 4/28/2015



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq7-zloOYzk>

Ordinance introduced and heard at April 14th Board of Supervisors Meeting and **passed with a 5-0 vote**. Waymond Wong, Program Manager, Environmental Health and Heather Forshey, Director of Environmental Health



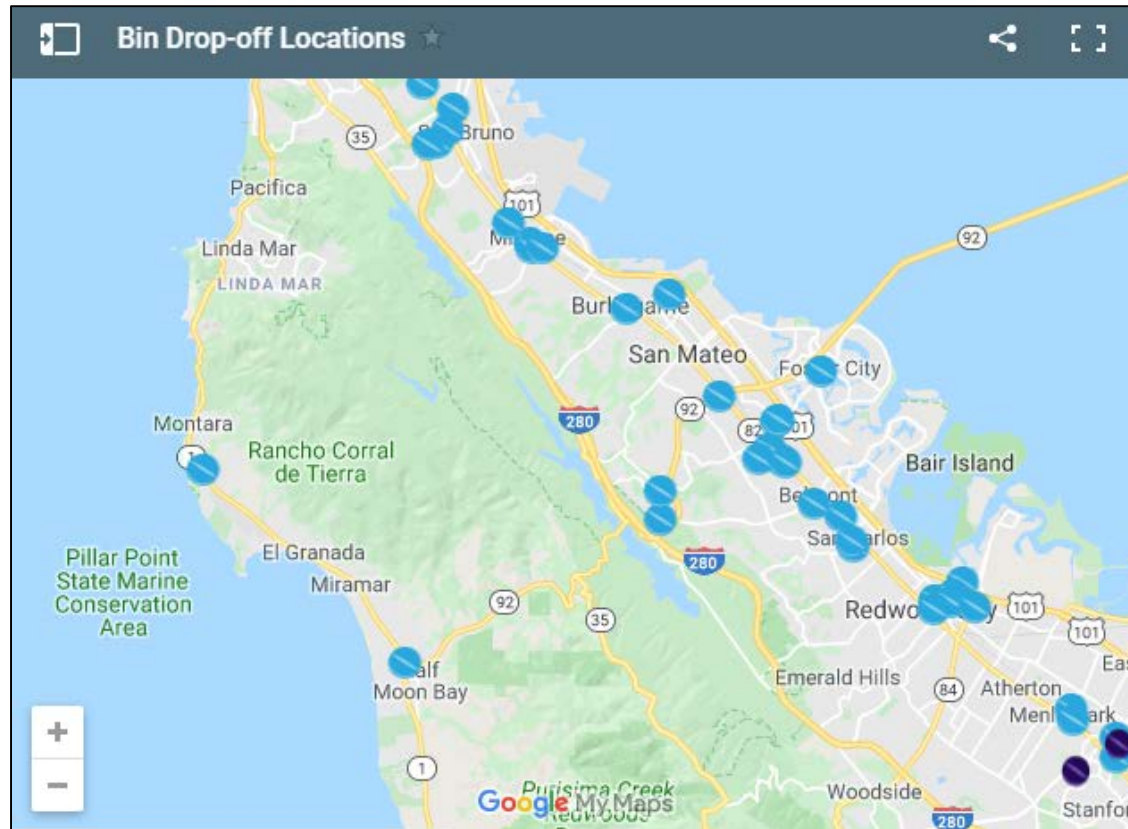
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Don't Rush to Flush (cont.)

Participating locations:

1. San Mateo County Sheriff's North Coast Sub-Station – Moss Beach
2. CVS Pharmacy (60 Cabrillo Hwy North) - Half Moon Bay

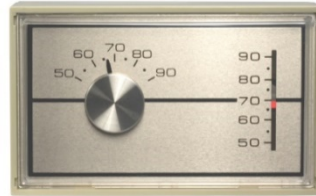
Both locations accept controlled & non-controlled medications



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Legislated EPR/Stewardship in CA

1. Bottles & Cans
2. Ag Pesticide Containers
3. Recalled Products
4. Mercury Thermostats
5. Paint
6. Carpet
7. Mattresses
8. Medications & Sharps



CA Statewide Meds & Needle Disposal

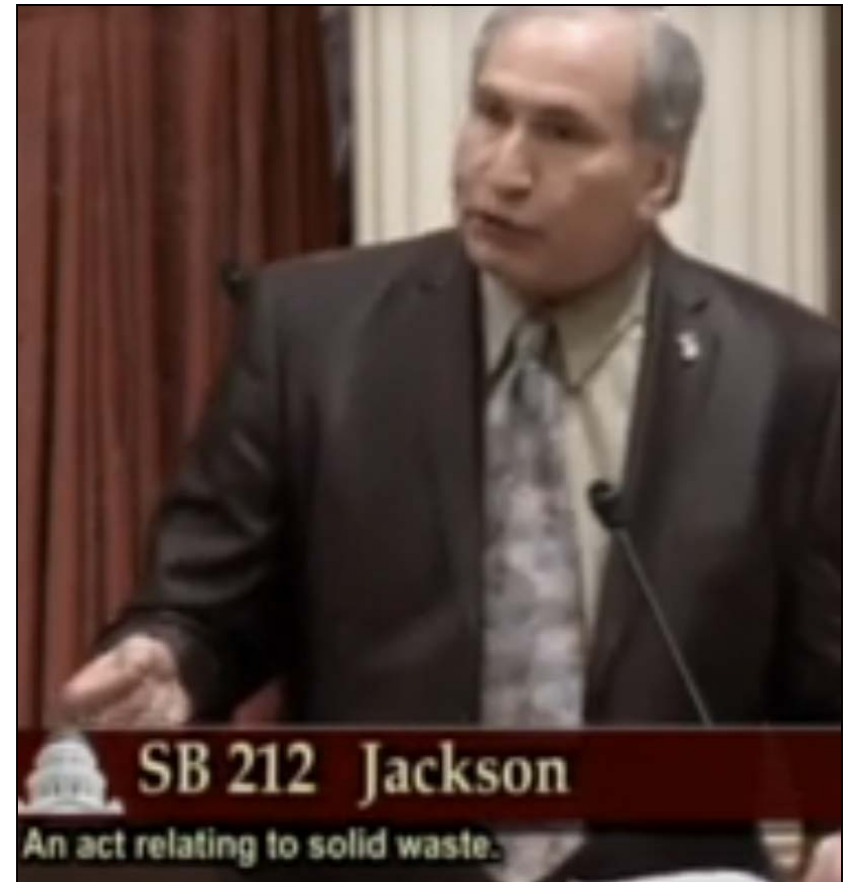
Signed into Law 9/2018!

39-0 Vote off Senate Floor!

Pharma/Sharps producers support!

Key provisions:

- Meds: 1 med bin for every 50k residents or minimum 5/county – any eligible site can opt in – ALL LOCATIONS CAN GET A BIN!;
- Needles/Sharps: Requires free safe disposal sharps containers with **every needle sold** and any sharps collected in public programs will have **disposal paid for by producers!**



Senator Jeff Stone (R -Temecula) a pharmacist, speaking on the senate floor supporting SB 212!

Legislative Track Record: 4/4 Success

NSAC has sponsored the following bills, which have all been signed into law:

1. [SB 212 \(Jackson, Gray, Ting\)](#) 2018 - meds & sharps EPR: **First in the nation to cover both meds & needles!**
2. [AB 1158 \(Chu\)](#) 2017 – carpet: **First in the world!**
 - Stewardship organization cannot use fee money to sue the state, pay fines, or incinerate carpet & set recycling rates & dates
3. [AB 729 \(Chu\)](#) 2019- carpet: **first eco-modulated fees in the U.S.**
 - Plan to return visible fee money back to the state to continue the program if the stewardship organization is failing
 - Creation of a trust for stewardship fee money
4. [SB 726 \(Caballero & Berman\)](#) 2019: **First in US supports & expands HHW reuse**



2020 Legislation:

AB 1672 (Bloom): Wet Wipe Labeling

“Flushable” wipes

– Labeling



casaweb.org/wipes/



2020 Legislation (cont.): AB 1672 (Bloom)

NSAC has been requested by CASA to co-sponsor AB 1672 and **“elevate and effectuate legislative action”** due to NSAC’s **“unique and credible voice on consumer protection issues,** and in recognition of your shared interest in protecting the environment from harmful products”



2020 Legislation (cont.)

SB 424 (Jackson): Tobacco Waste

- Prohibit sale of single-use:
 1. Integrated filters
 2. eCigarettes or vaporizer devices
 3. Attachable plastic devices (plastic tips)
- Require take-back for reusable components:
 1. Take-back bins
 2. Mail-back
 3. eCigarette collection & recycling



2020 Legislation (cont.)

SB 54 (Allen) & AB 1080 (Gonzalez)

- Companion bills
- **Encourages producer responsibility**
- **Working with the Governor's Office and authors on the bill language**



2020 Legislation (cont.)

Senator Udall and Rep. Lowenthal's National Packaging Waste Bill



Campaign to End the FDA Medication “Flush List”



Left:
Coalition letter(s) with 100+ signatories (primarily sanitation agencies & local governments)

Originally submitted January 26, 2016
Updated sign ons delivered February 2, 2016
Updated sign ons delivered February 12, 2016
Updated sign ons delivered February 16, 2016
Updated sign ons delivered April 19, 2016

Dr. Robert M. Califf, M.D.
Commissioner
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
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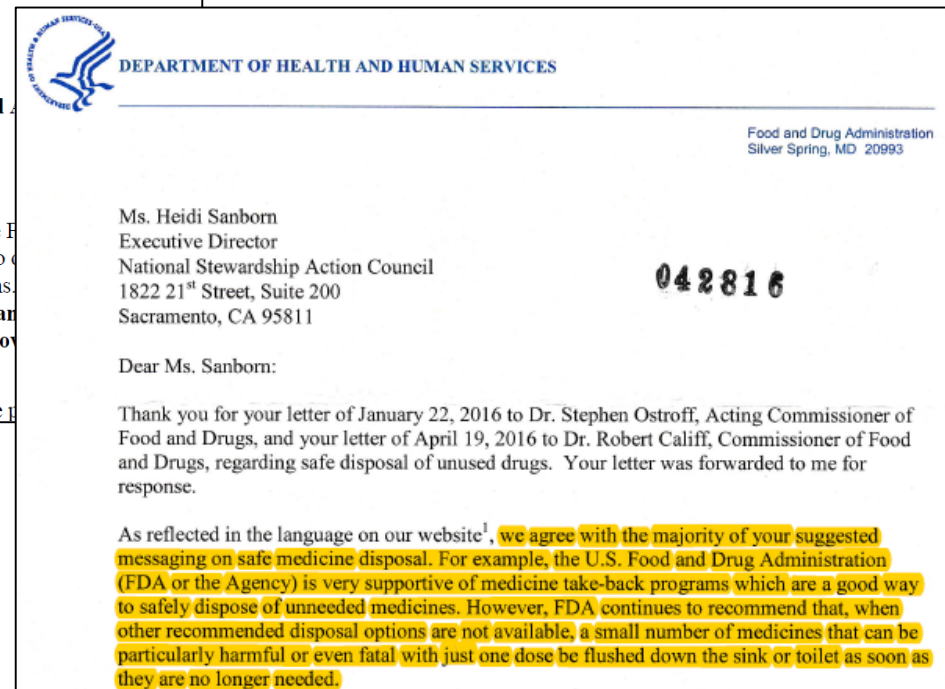
RE: FDA Recommendations to Flush Certain Medications and Harmonize Federal Messaging on Safe Medicine Disposal

Dear Commissioner Califf:

To protect public health and environmental quality, the signatories to this letter urge the FDA, with the EPA, the DEA, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy to provide clear and consistent guidance to consumers on safe disposal of leftover household medications. **FDA to end its recommendation that certain medications be disposed by flushing, and that secure medicine take-back programs provide the best disposal method for leftover medications.**

We appreciate the FDA's efforts to protect people from leftover medications that can be p

Right:
Response from the Food & Drug Administration (FDA)



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Right to Left:

Melissa Immel, (Deputy
Legislative Secretary at Office
of Governor Gavin Newsom);

Heidi Sanborn, Executive
Director of NSAC;

Jason Schmelzer (Lobbyist);

Anthony Williams (Legislative
Secretary at Office of
Governor Gavin Newsom)



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<https://syaslparkers.com/>



How to Partner:

1. Fund NSAC at \$1,000/year

Benefits:

- We support, author, provide technical assistance and testimony, support letters, etc. on bills of interest
- Regular product specific email updates and conference calls
- Product-specific listserv access (meds/sharps, packaging, flushable wipes, carpet)
- Free webinar registrations (5-6/year – this Thursday meds/sharps)
- Quarterly newsletters
- Logo on website (optional)
- Free national calls (twice per year and as needed)
- Qualify to have a representative apply to sit on the Board or be an Advisor
- Free technical assistance as needed!

Working together we will make a big difference!



The Devil is in the Details!



QUESTIONS?





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