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Reusable Food Ware Ordinance: Options and Impacts

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Policy Objectives



Waste Reduction



Develop Reuse Infrastructure



Toxics Reduction

- ✓ Shift towards reusables, making the greatest impact we can
- ✓ Eliminate PFAS compounds
- ✓ Avoid landfill and contamination of compost and recycling streams
- ✓ Address litter/pollution

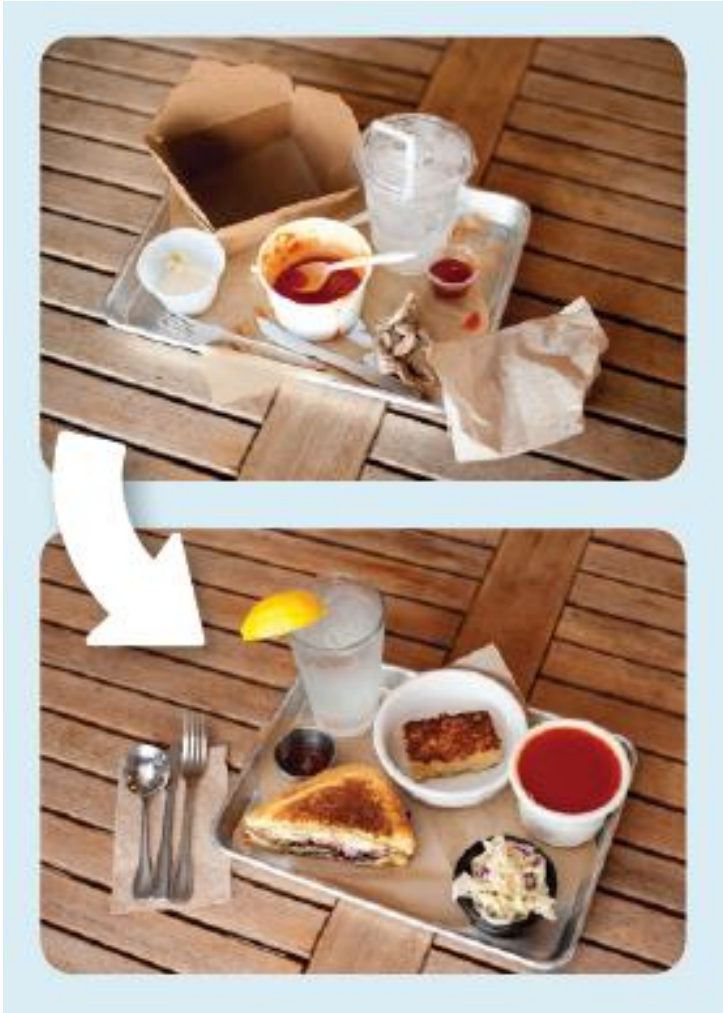
Single-Use / Disposable Product Types

- Unlined/uncoated paper/fiber products
- Non-compostable poly-coated paper
- PLA-coated paper
- Compostable plastics
- Wood products



Policy Focus:
Reusable Alternatives

Basic Ordinance Elements



- ✓ Reusable food service ware required for all dine-in establishments
- ✓ Single-use food ware must be BPI-certified compostable fiber (non-plastic)
- ✓ Single-use accessories available only on demand/self-service

Key Terms	What's Included
Food Service Ware	Plates, cups, bowls
Accessories	Straws, utensils, condiment cups

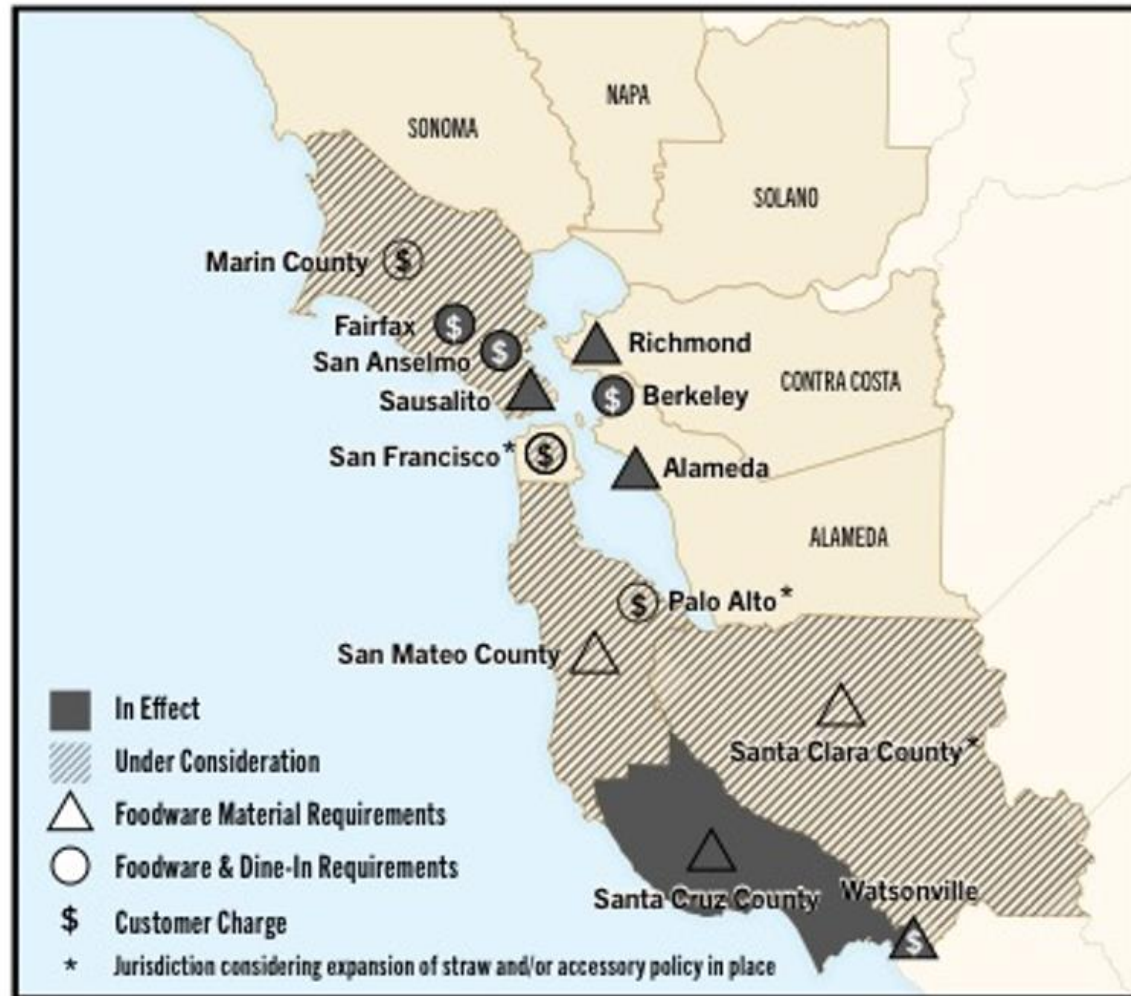
Comprehensive Ordinance Elements

Basic ordinance elements, plus:

- ✓ **\$0.25 charge on single-use cups**
- ✓ **\$0.25-0.50 charge per meal for to-go food service ware if requested**
 - Food service ware: plates, cups, bowls, accessories



Other Bay Area Food Ware Ordinances



Map does not include straw-only ordinances

16 ordinances in place or in development in CA

9 Bay Area ordinances adopted

1 proposed state bill

1 proposed ballot measure

Implementation Approach

Countywide Ordinance

- Greatest waste reduction impact
- StopWaste coordinates TA and outreach/promotion.
- Requires consistency across county
- Complaint-based enforcement

Model Ordinance

- Greatest flexibility to member agencies
- StopWaste provides ordinance language, menu of elements, and messaging templates
- Best option if one size doesn't fit all

For both ordinance options:
StopWaste conducts environmental review

Challenges



- Avoiding disposable alternatives
- Reusables Infrastructure Needed
- Inconsistency across County
- Resources to implement SB 1383
- Burden on businesses and consumers
 - Health code concerns
 - Accessibility



Cost Estimate

Fiscal Year	Scope	Estimated Cost
2019-20	Ordinance Development	\$430,000
2020-21	Option 1: Countywide Ordinance Adoption, rollout, TA, enforcement	~\$768,000
	Option 2: Model Ordinance TA and outreach assistance	~\$450,000
Total Development Cost:		\$880,000 - \$1.2M
2021-22	Ongoing Annual Cost for Countywide Ordinance (Only)	\$300K - \$400K

OR

Board Members Next Steps

✓ Discuss with your Councils

Q: Are all three basic ordinance elements something your jurisdiction would adopt?

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✓ Discussion/Decision: January WMA



StopWaste Role

Model & Countywide Ordinances:

- Environmental review
- Promotional messaging templates
- Infrastructure support and development

Countywide Ordinance Only (all of the above, plus):

- Outreach and marketing
- Manage master contracts for TA
- Enforcement/assistance
- Stakeholder Outreach



Enforcement / TA: Implementation & Funding Options

Ordinance Option	Enforcement & TA Lead	Implementation & Funding
<u>Option 1:</u> Countywide Ordinance	StopWaste	• Complaint-based vs. Inspections • Member Agency funding support • SW manages master contracts
<u>Option 2:</u> Model Ordinance	Member Agencies	• Utilize Stormwater or Environmental Services depts. • SW provides general countywide promotional messaging