

Environmental Fee

By: California State Board of Equalization

What is the environmental fee?

Businesses in industry groups that use, generate, or store hazardous materials or that conduct activities related to those materials must pay California's environmental fee. The fee provides revenue for the California Hazardous Waste Management Program, which is administered by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

The DTSC is responsible for

- Tracking hazardous waste from the point of generation to its final destination.
- Inspecting hazardous waste cleanup sites.
- Providing regulatory control over generators of hazardous waste and facilities that treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste.

Businesses pay the fee to the State Board of Equalization. It is then deposited into the state's Toxic Substances Control Account.

How does the state determine which industry groups are subject to the environmental fee?

The DTSC uses the broad legal definition of hazardous materials in determining which industry groups use, generate, store, or conduct activities related to those materials.

Each year, the DTSC sends the federal Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes or North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes for the industry groups that the DTSC has determined are engaged in activities subject to the environmental fee (SIC codes and NAICS codes classify industries by business activity). At this time, all industry groups and SIC codes or NAICS codes that are not specifically exempt are included in the list (see exemptions in next column)

Which businesses must register and file returns?

In the past, only certain corporations were required to register and file returns. With the passage of Assembly Bill 1803 (Stats. 2006, ch. 77), the fee was expanded to include other types of business organizations. Most businesses operating in California must register with us and file environmental fee returns if

- They have 50 or more employees,
- Each of whom was employed more than 500 hours in California during the prior calendar year.

Businesses with fewer than 50 qualifying employees are not required to register or pay the fee. However, any business that receives an environmental fee return must file it by the due date

Parent vs. subsidiary corporations

Parent corporations should contact their wholly-owned subsidiary corporations to find out if they are registered with
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2007 'Job Killer' Bills



2007 'Job Killer' Bills Will Damage Competitiveness of California Businesses

Following is the 2007 list of the "job killer" proposals under consideration in the California Legislature. The bills will hurt California's ability to compete in a global economy.

A number of bills failed to meet June deadlines and are unlikely to be acted upon this year. Those bills are identified by notes in italics below.

For ongoing updates on the status of these bills, visit www.calchamber.com/jobkillers.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

- **AB 5 (Wolk; D-Davis) Housing Development Restrictions.** Stops new housing development in the Central Valley by punishing new development for the failure of local agencies to develop flood control plans that are based on information not available until 2011.
- **AB 35 (Ruskin; D-Redwood City)/ AB 888 (Lieu; D-Torrance)/ AB 1058 (Laird; D-Santa Cruz) Increased Construction Costs.** Increases cost to businesses by shifting the development of "green state building" standards for residential, commercial and government buildings from the Building Standards Commission, which considers cost impact in its development of standards, to other state entities, which do not consider cost impact and have no experience in the development or adoption of building standards.
- **AB 70 (Jones; D-Sacramento) Housing Development Restrictions.** Halts development of housing by imposing joint liability on cities and counties for any flood damage, if they permit housing in undeveloped areas.
- **AB 1065 (Lieber; D-Mountain View) Construction Costs Increase.** Substantially increases the cost of housing and development in California by implementing tight energy efficiency measures for all new residential and commercial buildings without taking into account the additional costs that will be passed on to consumers. *Further action this year unlikely.*
- **SB 464 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) Rental Property: Owner Restrictions.** Discourages construction and investment in rental housing by forcing rental property owners to stay in business, regardless of economic circumstances. *Further action this year unlikely.*

Costly Workplace Mandates

- **AB 8 (Núñez; D-Los Angeles) Health Care Tax on Employers.** Imposes a tax on small employers who

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Calendar of Events

July 2007

Where liberty dwells, there is my country.

-Benjamin Franklin-



4	Independence Day	CHAMBER CLOSED	
10	Irwindale Education Foundation	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
10	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Vineyard Bank
11	Business Development Committee	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
11	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
12	Let's Do Lunch	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Community Center
	Presenting Sponsor: Diversified Transportation Topic: Business Card Bingo		
12	Young Citizen of the Year	6:00 p.m.	Irwindale Senior Center
	Presenting Sponsor: Vineyard Bank		
20	Educational Foundation BBQ	6:00 p.m.	Miller Brewing
23	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
26	GMI/Mini Expo	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
	Presenting Sponsor: Foothill Transit		

August 2007

The summer night is like a perfection of thought.

-Wallace Stevens-



1	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
2	Business Development Committee	9:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
7	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Vineyard Bank
9	Let's Do Lunch	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Irwindale Community Center
	Topic: Workplace Violence Prevention		
	Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe Bakery & Catering		
14	Irwindale Education Foundation	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
15	HR Roundtable	11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Irwindale Community Center
	Topic: Preventing Sexual Harassment		
	Presenting Sponsors: A.J. Longo & Associates & Foothill Transit		
23	GMI Breakfast	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
	Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe, Bakery & Catering		
27	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office

September 2007

Man is so made that he can only find relaxation

from one kind of labor by taking up another. -Anatole France-



3	Labor Day	CHAMBER CLOSED	
4	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Vineyard Bank
5	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
6	Business Development Committee	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
11	Irwindale Education Foundation	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
18	Fall Forum	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	City of Hope
	Presenting Sponsor: Veolia ES Technical Solutions		
24	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
27	GMI/Mini Expo	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
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Irwindale Educational Foundation BBQ
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Member News

Miller Luncheon

The May Monthly Networking Luncheon co-sponsored by Miller Brewing and Picasso's Café, Bakery & Catering was held at Miller Brewing on May 10th. Attendees were treated to an assortment of delicious summertime favorites grilled then baked off in a Miller Genuine Draft (MGD) beer bath. Picasso's Café Vice President, Marissa Buckisch, explained the cooking process using MGD not only as a marinade, but also in baking to ensure juiciness and tenderness.

Gilbert Ruiz, Purchasing Manager at Miller Brewing, gave an enlightening presentation on the history of beer making as well as the process for making the beer here in Irwindale. Gilbert also had some interesting and humorous trivia to share with the group. I think it's safe to say (based on the laughter) that a good time was had by all!

During the luncheon new members David & Adriana Toyama of Coldwell Banker were introduced to the group and presented with their membership plaque, as was Roman Rodriguez of Canon Business Solutions.

The May Business of the Month Award was presented to Kim Travanty who accepted on behalf of Vineyard Bank, and the Spotlight Interview featured Diane Fonseca of Artemis Concepts in Glendora. The May Ambassador of the Month award went to Dr. Maggie Pezeshkian. Congratulations to all our award recipients for May!

Special thanks to the following who donated door prizes for this event: 1st Centennial Bank, Allstate Insurance – R. Leyba, Artemis Concepts, Boy Scouts of America, Duarte Family Chiropractic, Irwindale Speedway, Jan's Towing, Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Miller Brewing, Picasso's Café, Bakery & Catering, Renaissance Pleasure Faire, SCE Federal Credit Union, Vineyard Bank, and Vulcan Materials.

2007 Young Citizen of the Year Competition showcases the youth of Irwindale

Residents between the ages of 15-18 are encouraged to participate in the Irwindale 2007 Young Citizen of the Year Competition. Participants are required to write an essay and demonstrate their public speaking skills by presenting their essay at the Young Citizen of the Year Annual Dinner **and** answer impromptu questions from the judging panel.

This year's event sponsored by Vineyard Bank will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Irwindale Senior Center. First place winner will receive \$1000.00 cash plus a \$1000.00 savings bond.

For information, or to make a reservation, please call the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce at (626) 960-6606.

Member News

May GMI & Mini Expo

The Good Morning Irwindale Breakfast and Mini Expo sponsored by **Foothill Transit** was held May 24th at **Picasso's Café, Bakery & Catering** in Irwindale. The meeting room was buzzing with energy as it reached capacity.

Foothill Transit Community Outreach & Special Events Coordinator, Linda Apodaca spoke to the group about the special service they provide for special events at the Hollywood Bowl.

New members Phil Alvarez & Staff of **AT & T Mobility/Cingular Wireless** were presented with their membership plaque, while **Vineyard Bank** was recognized as May's Business of the Month. Mini Expo participants received three minutes to speak about their products and/or services. The Mini Expo participants were Steve Castro, **Eagle Photography**; Richard Aguirre, **Allstate Insurance**; Laura Santos, **Royal Coaches Auto Body & Towing**; and Celia Smith, **Sanctuary Shack**. To participate in the next Mini Expo email Dominique@irwindalechamber.org

Thank you also to the following businesses for donating door prizes at the breakfast: Allstate Insurance- R.Leyba, Citrus College, Diversified Transportation Services, Foothill Transit Irwindale Speedway, Rancho Duarte Florist, Royal Coaches Auto Body & Towing, and Sanctuary Shack.

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making a tax deductible contribution to a worthy cause. The value of the billboard ranges from \$6,500 to \$15,000 for a 30 day period depending on the exact location.

Bid sheets are available at the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce. The successful bidder will need to provide the design of the board four weeks in advance to the IEF, as the content of the advertisement is subject to approval by the IEF Board and the City of Irwindale. Once the content has been approved, the information will be sent to Clear Channel. It will also be the successful bidders responsibility to provide Clear Channel with the message, any logos, and the general lay out of what the billboard is to look like. Clear Channel will then create the artwork and provide the successful bidder with a proof for sign-off. The IEF will provide the successful bidder with an Art Check List which has been prepared by Clear Channel.

The purpose of the IEF is to grant scholarships to qualified Irwindale residents to improve their opportunity for career development. Grants are also available to employees and family members of a company that is a member in good standing of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce and whose company is located within the City of Irwindale. The program offers limited financial assistance for first time college and vocational students and for continuing students making good academic progress.

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(Legislative Summit-continued from coverage)

the promotion of California products through several trade missions — including one to Canada next week — and the need to reform the state's costly health care system* and secure an adequate water supply for California's future.

Emphasizing his work with the business community, Governor Schwarzenegger said, "And since day one, I think it was very clear that we have become really good partners, and we have worked together on so many things. And look at the kind of things that we have accomplished, if it is reforming workers' compensation, or if it is reducing frivolous lawsuits, or creating more than 860,000 new jobs, or reducing our state's budget deficit, not raising taxes, or our infrastructure package that we passed last year."

As a result of the "job killer" bill vetoes, the Governor said, "our business climate has dramatically improved, and our economy is strong. Unemployment is at its lowest in three decades, and personal income is growing, and California revenue projections are right on target, with \$101.3 billion."

He praised the passage of the infrastructure bonds and touted the benefits their implementation will bring: "So now it's about time that we are building our roads, our freeways, our highways, onramps, offramps, tunnels, bridges, our schools, fix our levees, build affordable housing and so on. I always said I want to see cranes everywhere, and now we are building once again," he said.

Schwarzenegger told attendees that he wants to be as successful with reforming the health care system as he was with workers' compensation. "The only way we can fix the system is if everyone works together, and through shared responsibility." The Governor reiterated his opposition to a single-payer, government-run health care program, noting that government-run health care in the state's prisons has performed so poorly it has been taken over by a federal receiver.

He emphasized the need to take action to ensure the state has reliable, clean drinking water in the future. Water storage was not included in the infrastructure bonds negotiated last year.

"Now we are going to negotiate water, because we've got to fix the Delta, we've got to create more conveyance, and we've got to have more above-the-ground water storage," the Governor said. In closing, the Governor urged everyone to work together because, "if we all work together we can create a great, great future for our golden state."

California Chamber of Commerce Chair Russell Gould highlighted the role on the front lines to ensure that the state sustains a vibrant economy. He commented that the CalChamber's presence is "built on principles, not on politics". Similar to the Governor's call to an era of post-partisanship, the CalChamber is focused on sound fundamentals, not on political affiliation," Gould said.

"Whether you are from business, a community leader or a public servant, we must all take up the challenge to be engaged at the state and local levels to bring about solutions and make California an exceptional place to live and do business for generations to come," Gould concluded.

*Information can be obtained at www.calhealthreform.org

Business of the Month



June Business of the Month: Renaissance Pleasure Faire

Business Accomplishments: The Renaissance Pleasure Faire is the Original Renaissance Faire that started the craze that has led to over 50 Renaissance Faires across the United States.

In conjunction with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the Faire has helped to reduce the Cowbird population. Cowbirds are considered a pest and they lay their own eggs in the nest of other birds. Inside the Santa Fe Dam, there are several endangered bird species and this program helps keep the Cowbirds from reducing their number anymore.

This year, the Faire will be working with the Army Corp by helping to fund a graffiti abatement project in the LA River. It will also be donating its time and money to construct a new Group Picnic Area at the Santa Fe Recreation Area outside of the land that the Faire uses, so that it can be used by the public while the Faire is in operation.

Community Service: The Faire supports several charitable organizations. Recent charities include: Heffer International that helps poverty stricken Third World villages by purchasing livestock or self-sustaining resources. RESCU Foundation that raises money to help employees of Renaissance Faires across the country who do not have any medical insurance. Cure Autism Now that raises money to help research to eventually find a cure for Autism. Lastly, the Faire makes itself available to the Make-A-Wish Foundation should it wish to make a dream come true at the Faire.

Every Year the Faire opens one full day to schools from around Southern California to come into the faire and learn about the history of the Elizabethan era. See what crafts were like back in that age and witness performances on stage and real-life jousts. As an added gift, they are each given a free ticket to visit the faire when it is actually open on the weekend. The Faire also sponsors a library outreach program bringing Shakespeare and the Elizabethan era to libraries in the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles County.

Chamber of Commerce Activity: The Renaissance Pleasure Faire is into their second year in the Cornerstone Club. They have provided tickets to the Chamber which have been used to promote the Chamber to prospective businesses. This year, the Faire held a multi-chamber-mixer allowing members to come experience the Faire and learn how they can prosper by forming partnerships.

The Gomez Family would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during Elizabeth Gomez's surgery and recovery. She is doing wonderful. Thank you so much.



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TAN IS NO LONGER THE BEAUTY IDEAL

Information from Skincancer.org

iVillage and The Skin Cancer Foundation Survey Reveals Majority of People Say They Don't Need a Tan to Look Good

Just in time for summer, new survey results show that the appeal of tanned skin may finally be waning -- 53 percent of people surveyed believe they don't look better with a tan and 63 percent say they are not more attracted to someone who is tan. Sixty-nine percent do not think a tan makes them look slimmer. The survey was conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Media for iVillage in partnership with The Skin Cancer Foundation.

"These findings are encouraging," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Once people stop linking their self esteem to tanned skin, we will really begin making headway in the fight against skin cancer. For now, there is still a lot of work to be done since an alarming number of people never use sunscreen."

Forty percent of people revealed that they never use sunscreen and only 11 percent use an SPF 15 or higher daily. Forty-two percent of people are still getting sunburned at least once a year. A person's risk for melanoma (the most serious form of skin cancer) doubles if he or she has had five or more sunburns.

The small percentage of people applying sunscreen daily is surprising given that 58 percent of people say they are concerned about skin cancer. These findings demonstrate a lack of understanding that everyday incidental sun exposure, like intermittent, intense exposure (such as on beach vacations), seriously damages the skin over time. But, people are getting better about using sunscreen when outdoors- 59 percent of people use sunscreen at least occasionally - a 20 percent increase from a survey done in 2003.

Women still do a much better job than men when it comes to using sunscreen. Forty-seven percent of men say they never wear sunscreen, compared to 34 percent of women.

"We have always made a point to communicate the dangers of overexposure to the sun, especially within our health and beauty channels," said Deborah Fine, President of iVillage. "While these new results show that women are typically more responsible about using sunscreen, there are still 34 percent not wearing any at all. We feel a sense of obligation to push the sun safety message to our millions of users and Memorial Day – the official start of beach-going season – is the perfect time to do that."

For more sun safety information, visit www.health.ivillage.com or www.skincancer.org.

The survey also revealed that 74 percent of those who wear sunscreen reapply at least every 4-6 hours or after swimming or sweating. While only 28 percent of people comply with the Foundation's recommendation to reapply sunscreen every two hours, at least people are reapplying once during the day.

A surprising 57 percent of women and 53 percent of men think they can spend more time in the sun if they use sunscreen, but The Skin Cancer Foundation advises against this. Sunscreen does not allow you to spend hours in the sun without risking damage since no sunscreen blocks 100 percent of UV rays and most people do not apply it adequately or frequently enough.

There seems to be similar confusion about the protective ability of clothing. Thirty-six percent of people think that clothing provides the same level of protection as sunscreen. A new academic review from Switzerland shows that clothing (hats, sunglasses and clothing made from certain fabrics) may be the more effective method of protection. However, it depends on the type of clothing. An untreated white cotton T-shirt only provides the equivalent of an SPF 5 to 7. Darker more densely woven fabrics provide a much higher SPF.

FUN IN THE SUN

The sun gives us all warmth and a sense of wellbeing. In fact, the majority of people surveyed, 76 percent, say that being out in the sun makes them feel happy. As the leaders in sun safety education, The Skin Cancer Foundation encourages people to enjoy the outdoors, as long as they do so safely. Follow the Foundation's tips to reduce the risk of sunburn, skin damage and skin cancer:

- Seek the shade, especially between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.
- Do not burn.
- Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day.
- Apply 1 ounce (2 tbsp) total of sunscreen to all exposed areas, 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every 2 hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of 6 months.
- Examine your skin from head-to-toe every month.
- See your physician yearly for a professional skin exam.

Drought Tolerant Landscaping

Excerpts and summaries submitted by April Kelcy, Earthquake Solutions, from a brochure by LA County's Department of Forestry and Fire Warden

With increasing population pressures, limited water resources and the uncertain weather patterns in Southern California, the need to conserve water is now greater than ever. The area's history of low rainfall virtually guarantees a limited water supply in the future. We must plan for tomorrow now! A good place to begin is in your yard, garden or other landscaped area.

Nearly half the home water used in Southern California is applied outdoors for watering thirsty lawns, flowers, shrubs and shade trees. Much of this water is wasted, because most plants will survive on considerably less water than they are receiving. In most cases they will look their best with less. Many plant problems are directly or indirectly linked to over-watering.

Amending watering habits along with the use of xerophytic (drought tolerant) plants is an excellent way to reduce unnecessary water consumption --- and save money at the same time. All that is required to create a water-saving landscape is some xerophytic knowledge and careful planning.

Xerophyte plants are structurally adapted to growing under very dry or desert conditions. These plants often have greatly reduced leaf surfaces for avoiding water loss; they have thick, fleshy parts for water storage, and hairs, spines or thorns to discouraging browsing by animals.

Here are some recommendations:

1. Don't over-water! Irrigate only when the soil is dry (probe into the soil, not just look at the surface).
2. Repair leaks in irrigation systems.
3. Reduce run-off: Shallow trenches or basins around plants will hold water until it seeps into the ground. A deep water reserves helps extend watering cycles for longer periods.
4. Use mulch. It helps maintain soil moisture and also helps to control weeds.

Be aware that watering requirements for plants will differ. Most drought tolerant plants can exist on little or no additional summer water *once established*. However, according to Sunset Magazine, "No plant can make it through a rainless summer if it was just removed from its container and planted. To become drought tolerant a plant must grow its root down deep into the soil where some moisture from winter rain remains far into the dry season. You must help them grow to that level."

Some Selected Drought Tolerant Plants

Baccharis Pilularis (Dwarf Coyote Bush): High growing ground cover or low growing foliage mass. This California native grows to a height of 24 inches and spreads to six

feet. A very dependable bank cover. Needs no water at all wherever trees grow. Readily available.

Rosemarinus Officinalis (Rosemary): This rugged ground cover will grow to four feet high and as wide. It is well known for its aromatic leaves and the profusion of lavender-blue flowers it produces in the spring. An outstanding performer in most drought situations. Readily available.

Santolina Chamaecyparissus (Lavender Cotton): Small evergreen sub-shrub or ground cover with attractive yellow flowers. This Mediterranean area native will grow to two feet in height. Generally does better under drought conditions than when watered. Commonly available.

Casia Artemisioides (Feathery Casia): An Australian native with attractive foliage and large showy yellow flowers. Can grow to five feet in height. Will hold up through the worst California summers without supplemental water. Not commonly available, but worth looking for.

Plumbago Auriculata (Cape Plumbago): This native from South Africa is an outstanding cover for bank, fence, or hot wall. Spreads to ten feet and grows six feet tall. Withstands the hottest weather and requires no water during the dry season. Commonly available.

Arbutus Unedo (Strawberry Tree): Good screen plant, this European native is noted for its showy yellowish-red strawberry-like fruit. Will grow as a large shrub or a small tree, eight to 35 feet tall. Can exist on normal rainfall alone. Readily available.

Ceanothus SPP. (Ceanothus): This group of shrub is made up of primarily California natives ranging in size from a few inches (prostrate form) to 14 feet high. These plants feature dark green leaves and attractive dark blue or lavender flowers. Most are unthirsty, but many can tolerate some irrigation. Generally available.

Heteromeles Arbutifolia (Toyon): Southern California native shrub or small tree, 10 to 35 feet tall. Good screen and bank plant with abundant colorful red berries in winter. Normally lives on just the rain, but needs supplemental water in desert climates. Generally available.

Schinus Molle (California Pepper): Billowy, weeping tree which is a tough, dependable performer. This pepper easily reaches 40 feet high and has an equal spread. Tolerates long periods of hot dry weather. Ideally suited to Southern California and its Mediterranean climate. Readily available.

Bee Alert-African Honey Bee Facts

By: Los Angeles County Fire Department

Things to remember about Africanized and European Honeybees:

- They look the same
- They tend to protect their nests and sting in defense
- Bees can only sting once
- They all have venom
- Bees pollinate flowers
- Bees Produce honey and wax

Africanized Honeybees are less predictable and more defensive than European honey bees. They are more likely to defend a greater area around their nest.

Africanized Honey Bees Facts:

- Respond quickly and sting in large numbers
- Can sense a threat from people or animals 50 feet or more from nest
- Sense vibrations from power equipment 100 feet or more from the nest
- Will pursue an enemy 1/4 mile or more
- Swarm frequently to establish new nests
- Nest in small cavities and sheltered areas

Bee-Proofing Your House

- Remove possible nesting sites around home and yard
- Inspect outside walls and eaves of home and outbuildings
- Seal openings larger than 1/8” in walls, around chimneys and plumbing
- Install fine screens (1/8” hardware cloth) over tops of rain spouts, vents and water meter/utility box openings.
- From Spring to Fall check once or twice a week for bees entering or leaving the same area of your home or yard

What to do if you are stung:

- Go quickly to a safe area
- Remove stinger as soon as possible
- Don’t squeeze stinger; pressure will release more venom
- Scrape stinger out with a fingernail, knife blade or credit card
- Wash sting area with soap and water like any other wound
- Apply an ice pack for a few minutes to relieve the pain and swelling
- Seek medical attention if breathing is troubled, if stung numerous times or if allergic to bee stings

Where Bees May Hide

Watch out Africanized Honey bees nest in many locations where people come in contact

Nesting Sites include:

- Empty boxes
- Cans
- Buckets
- Old tires
- Infrequently-used vehicles
- Lumber piles
- Holes and cavities in fences
- Trees or the ground
- Sheds, garages and other outbuildings
- Low decks
- Spaces under buildings

Remember to remove all potential nest sites around buildings and be careful wherever bees may be found.

The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee

E-mail your environmental questions to our committee and one of our committee members will respond to you.

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Mission Statement

To prepare, inform and advocate, on behalf of the business and residential community, environmental concerns and emergency preparation and response planning.

Join the Committee

If you care about health and safety issues that affect community business, or the environment, you should consider this committee.

Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Irwindale Chamber of Commerce, 16102 Arrow Highway, Irwindale (one block east of Irwindale avenue)

E-mail: EnviroCommittee@irwindalechamber.org

Website: www.EnviroCommittee.com

Hiking and Camping Safety Tips

By: American Red Cross

Hiking and camping provide exercise and interest for people of any age. Just getting out and walking around is a wonderful way to see nature. Since unexpected things happen, however, the best way to help guarantee a good time for all is to plan ahead carefully and follow commonsense safety precautions.

- If you have any medical conditions, discuss your plans with your health care provider and get approval before departing.
- Review the equipment, supplies and skills that you'll need. Consider what emergencies could arise and how you would deal with those situations. What if you got lost, or were unexpectedly confronted by an animal? What if someone became ill or injured? What kind of weather might you encounter? Add to your list the supplies you would need to deal with these situations.
- Make sure you have the skills you need for your camping or hiking adventure. You may need to know how to read a compass, erect a temporary shelter or give first aid. Practice your skills in advance.
- If your trip will be strenuous, get into good physical condition before setting out. If you plan to climb or travel to high altitudes, make plans for proper acclimatization to the altitude.
- It's safest to hike or camp with at least one companion. If you'll be entering a remote area, your group should have a minimum of four people; this way, if one is hurt, another can stay with the victim while two go for help. If you'll be going into an area that is unfamiliar to you, take along someone who knows the area or at least speak with those who do before you set out.
- Some areas require you to have reservations or certain permits. If an area is closed, do not go there. Find out in advance about any regulations--there may be rules about campfires or guidelines about wildlife.
- Pack emergency signaling devices, and know ahead of time the location of the nearest telephone or ranger station in case an emergency does occur on your trip.
- Leave a copy of your itinerary with a responsible person. Include such details as the make, year, and license plate of your car, the equipment you're bringing, the weather you've anticipated and when you plan to return.

What you take will depend on where you are going and how long you plan to be away, but any backpack should include the following

- Candle and matches

- Cell phone
- Clothing (always bring something warm, extra socks and rain gear)
- Compass
- First aid kit
- Food (bring extra)
- Flashlight
- Foil (to use as a cup or signaling device)
- Hat
- Insect repellent
- Map
- Nylon filament
- Pocket knife
- Pocket mirror (to use as a signaling device)
- Prescription glasses (an extra pair)
- Prescription medications for ongoing medical conditions
- Radio with batteries
- Space blanket or a piece of plastic (to use for warmth or shelter)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Trash bag (makes an adequate poncho)
- Water
- Waterproof matches or matches in a waterproof tin
- Water purification tablets
- Whistle (to scare off animals or to use as a signaling device)

Always allow for bad weather and for the possibility that you may be forced to spend a night outdoors unexpectedly.

It's a good idea to assemble a separate "survival pack" for each hiker to have at all times. In a small waterproof container, place a pocketknife, compass, whistle, space blanket, nylon filament, water purification tablets, matches and candle. With these items, the chances of being able to survive in the wild are greatly improved.



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can't afford to provide health care coverage, to fund health care coverage for those who don't currently purchase it.

AB 338 (Coto; D-San Jose) Rollback of Cost-Saving Workers' Compensation Reforms.

Undermines workers' compensation reforms and increases temporary disability costs in workers' compensation claims by increasing the number of weeks benefits can be paid, and by creating a disincentive to use utilization review to enforce medical treatment guidelines.

- **AB 504 (Swanson; D-Oakland) Mandatory Payments for Striking Employees.** Forces employers to pay striking employees by creating a new definition of lockout that requires an employer to pay restitution to employees.
- **AB 1201 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Increased Health Care Costs.** Reduces access to health care due to increased labor costs resulting from unlawful altering of federal labor law governing union eligibility requirements and secret ballot union elections. *Further action this year unlikely.*
- **SB 48 (Perata; D-Oakland) Health Care Tax on Employers.** Imposes a tax on small employers who can't afford to provide health care coverage, to fund health care coverage for those who don't currently purchase it.
- **SB 180 (Migden; D-San Francisco) Increased Agricultural Costs.** Hurts competitiveness of California agriculture producers, driving businesses out of state, killing jobs and increasing loss of farmland, by artificially increasing labor costs for California producers who must compete in a global market with lower-than-average operating costs; removes secret ballot election requirement for union representation and prohibits employer communication with employees.
- **SB 936 (Perata; D-Oakland) Rollback of Cost-Saving Workers' Compensation Reforms.** Increases the cost of hiring and keeping employees by rolling back historic reforms and doubling permanent disability costs in California's workers' compensation system.
- **SB 942 (Migden; D-San Francisco) Increased Workers' Compensation Costs.** Increases lawsuits against employers by expanding anti-discrimination laws related to workers' compensation claims and creating a legal presumption that an employer has discriminated.

Economic Development Barriers

- **AB 493 (Ruskin; D-Redwood City) New Vehicle Surcharge.** Assesses an unfair surcharge on new vehicles, which will increase costs for small businesses to transport their goods and services. *Further action this year unlikely.*
- **SB 375 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento) Growth Restrictions.** Limits increased transportation capacity and affordable housing, and thwarts intent of voters who

approved broad-based transportation bonds, by blocking use of these funds except for narrowly defined "infill" development projects.

- **SB 466 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento) Increased Costs for Timber and Wood Products.** Reduces the amount of timber available for harvest, resulting in lost job opportunities, and increased costs for timber and wood products, by requiring landowners to give up 2 acres of forestland for every acre converted away from timber production. *Further action this year unlikely.*
- **SB 974 (Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) Tax on Freight Movement.** Increases the cost of shipping goods and makes California less competitive by imposing an illegal per-container tax in the ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles and Oakland.

Expensive, Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens

- **AB 904 (Feuer; D-Los Angeles) Food Packaging Cost Increase/Collection Mandate.** Increases costs on all businesses that sell food by imposing new mandates on food service packaging and creating a new requirement that food providers collect and recycle 25 percent of the food service packaging they sell. *Further action this year unlikely.*
- **AB 1554 (Jones; D-Sacramento) New Government Bureaucracy for Rate Regulation.** Reduces health care choice, access and quality by creating additional bureaucracy to impose price controls on health care policies, while failing to address the major cost drivers of rising medical care costs.
- **SB 201 (Florez; D-Shafter) Leafy Green Vegetable Cost Increases.** Threatens agricultural productivity, and increases the costs of leafy green vegetables, by mandating day-to-day growing practices in statute and requiring a state waiver for any deviations.
- **SB 899 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto) Plastic Packaging Ban.** Pushes jobs out of California and increases costs for industries that use plastic packaging by banning the manufacturing and distribution of specified plastic packaging in California.

Fuel Price Increases

- **SB 140 (Kehoe; D-San Diego) New Fuel Mandate.** Disadvantages California businesses and increases fuel prices by creating a fuel mandate that picks a winner in the alternative fuels market, preventing the research and development of additional viable options that may be cheaper and more efficient.
- **SB 210 (Kehoe; D-San Diego) Restrictive Fuel Standard.** Interferes with the development of a competitive alternative fuels market and threatens job creation in California by creating a costly Low Carbon Fuel Standard that conflicts with the existing standard created by Governor's Executive Order S-7-04

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Council Round-Up – May 23, 2007

- Council approved a donation of funds to the Irwindale Educational Foundation and the use of a billboard display in the City.
- Council extended the Urgency Ordinance relating to medical marijuana dispensaries for one year to complete studies and prepare an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- Council approved a request by the Irwindale Lions Club and the Irwindale Sister City Association to use Redevelopment Agency-owned property for the sale of Fireworks.
- Council approved to have the City Engineer prepare construction drawings to convert the Redevelopment Agency-owned property located at 5150 and 5152 Irwindale Avenue into a parking area to supplement the overflow parking in the Irwindale Plaza.

Youth Basket League

On May 23, 2007, our Youth Basketball League banquet was held. There were a total of 83 children who participated in this year's league which consisted of two Lil Dunker divisions, four B Division teams, four A Division teams and a total of eight volunteer coaches.



Volunteer Coaches

Our Volunteer Coaches (front to back/left to right), Frank Zepeda, Christopher Diaz, Dan Diaz, Johnny Avila, Sandro Olivares, Mike Diaz and Rudy Marquez (not present – James Ysais)



2007 A and B Division MVP's

On the left from the Vikings is Andre Brieno. Next to him from the Wolverines is Angel Gonzalez.



2007 A and B Division Champions–Wolverines coached by Dan and Mike Diaz



Lil Dunkers

Lil Dunkers coached by Frank Zepeda and Sandro Olivares, all received medals since they are all winners.

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Allstate Insurance

At the City Council meeting of April 25, Council recognized Allstate Insurance as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for March. Rachel Leyba, the franchise owner of the Allstate Insurance Agency located in Irwindale, has volunteered several hours of service to our community and is currently a Chamber Board Member. Pictured from left (back): Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes, Councilwoman Gomez, and Councilman Miranda. In front from left are Kevin McDonald, Deputy Executive Director of Foothill Transit and Chair of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Rachel Leyba of Allstate Insurance Agency, and Mayor Ortiz.



Jan's Towing

At the City Council meeting of April 25, the Council recognized Jan's Towing as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for April. Jan's Towing has been servicing our community for several years and is well known in our City. Congratulations and well deserved. Pictured holding the City plaque presented by the Council is Rona Lunde, Marketing Director for Jan's Towing. Surrounding her are several employees and Mayor Ortiz on her right. Behind the Mayor, are Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes, Councilwoman Gomez and Councilman Miranda. On the far left is Kevin Mc Donald, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce.



Vineyard Bank

At the City Council meeting of May 23, 2007, Vineyard Bank was recognized as the Chamber of Commerce – Business of the Month for May. Accepting the City plaque is Kimberly Travanty, Vineyard Bank Assistant Vice President and Customer Service Manager. Pictured from left (back): Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes, Councilwoman Gomez and Councilman Miranda. In front from left: Michael Straley and Paul Corona both in Customer Service, Kim Travanty, and Mayor Ortiz. We congratulate Vineyard Bank and are delighted to have them in our City.



City Clerks' Week

At the City Council meeting of April 25, Councilmembers issued a proclamation declaring April 29 through May 5, 2007, as Municipal Clerks Week. Pictured from left (back) are Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes, Councilwoman Gomez and Councilman Miranda. In front are Irwindale City Clerk Linda Kimbro and Mayor Ortiz.

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Tiny Tots Graduation

On Tuesday, June 5, 2007, nine students graduated from our Tiny Tots Program. They are now ready for Kindergarten. Congratulations to them all! Pictured from left (back): Jeremy Woodard, Matthew Ramirez, Carlos Rodriguez, Joshua Logan, and Quintin Olivares. Pictured from left (front): Jenna Ferguson, Krista Garcia, Kylee Fraijo, John Fraijo

There were also three Progressive Certificate Recipients. Those are students who successfully completed the program but are not going to Kindergarten until next year. Usually students stay in the Tiny Tots Program for 2 years, the first year they receive Progressive Certificates and the 2nd year they graduate. Staff feels it is important to recognize their accomplishments so they are honored with a certificate during the graduation ceremony.

The three Progressive Certificate recipients were Jesse Herrera, Andrew Ramirez and Elijah Zepeda.



Council Walks for Mother Earth

Members of our City Council took part in the 1st Annual Earth Day celebration by joining the crowd and walking for Mother Earth. Pictured from left are Councilman Miranda, Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes and Mayor Ortiz. Also pictured are Ruby Fregoso and Marianna Alvarez, two of our Irwindale Police Explorers.



Baker to Vegas

At the City Council meeting of May 23, 2007, Officer Fraijo made a presentation to our City Council in recognition of their support of the participants of the 2007 Baker to Vegas relay race. This year our Irwindale Police came in 6th place in their division. We congratulate them for a job well done and for doing us proud! Pictured in back from left is Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes, Councilwoman Gomez, and Councilman Miranda. In front from left are Officer John Fraijo, Officer Jesse Bravo, Officer David Fraijo, Mayor Ortiz, Councilman Breceda and Officer Dennis Alva.



Walk for ME

Walk for "ME" (Mother Earth) was a leisure walk around town held during the 1st Annual Earth Day celebration. Participants received a t-shirt, goody bag and raffle ticket for the chance to win various environmentally friendly products. It was held on Saturday, April 21, 2007 in the plaza area at Irwindale Park. Participants as young as three years old took to the streets in honor of Mother Earth.

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us. If not, the parent company must include information for the subsidiary corporation on the parent company's return. A subsidiary corporation that is registered under its own account number should file separately.

Which businesses are not subject to the fee?

As noted above, businesses with fewer than 50 qualifying employees are not subject to the environmental fee. The following are also exempt:

- Insurance companies that pay tax on gross premiums in lieu of all other California taxes and licenses.
- Banks that pay a tax on net income in lieu of all other California taxes and licenses.
- Nonprofit credit unions, as defined in Financial Code section 14002.

When is the fee due?

The annual fee is due to us on or before the last day of February. It covers the previous calendar year. All registered businesses should receive a return to complete and mail in. If your business does not receive a return in early February, please contact us.

To avoid receiving a delinquency notice, your business must file a return, even if you employ fewer than 50 qualifying employees or wish to claim one of the exemptions listed in this pamphlet. Late payments are subject to a penalty of 10percent, plus interest at an adjusted annual rate, as specified in the Revenue and Taxation Code.



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Labor Law

By: Cal Chamber



Employers Should Be Cautious When Regulating Employee Gossip

I would like to add a “gossip clause” to our employee handbook — do you have any suggestions?

Employees retain their right to freedom of speech even when they are at work. If you want to restrict an employee’s speech entirely, a “gossip clause” could be construed as a violation of that right.

However, employers have the right to demand professionalism in the workplace and require that employees treat their co-workers with respect. If an employee is constantly gossiping and causing strife in an office so as to upset the flow of work, the employee can be disciplined for such conduct, up to and including termination.

Workplace Conflict

The Labor Law Helpline is frequently asked about “harassment.” Employers often describe situations in which employees are yelling at one another and using language that makes it clear that individuals do not get along.

An employer cannot mandate that people like each other, but can require that they get along in the workplace and maintain professionalism.

In addition, employees cannot engage in verbiage that is discriminatory or harassing to a protected class. In that respect, employees do check their right to freedom of speech when they come to work.

If employees are “gossiping” and discussing their co-workers’ age, race, sex, national origin, religion or sexual orientation in a derogatory manner, such conversations might be construed as discriminatory, and subject to disciplinary action.

Exercise Caution

As noted above, however, employers must be cautious when monitoring employees’ conversations. Employers cannot prohibit certain discussion, even though the employer may not prefer it to be a topic among employees.

For example, employees are statutorily protected to discuss and disclose the amount of their wages. They also are protected in discussing their working conditions.

Therefore, a “gossip clause” can be a two-edged sword, and it would be advisable to seek counsel in drafting any such addition to an employee handbook.

Ensuring Employees Take Meal Breaks

We have employees who simply don’t want to take a meal period. We had them sign an on-duty meal agreement, but now we question whether that agreement is OK.

Your concerns are well-founded. On-duty meal periods are allowed only in certain circumstances that are outlined in the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) orders. Unless other factors are present, simply the fact that employees do not want to take a meal period does not meet the criteria.

On/Off-Duty Breaks

As a general rule, the IWC orders provide that, if working a shift longer than six hours, employees must receive an unpaid, 30-minute meal period by their fifth hour of work, which they are relieved of all duties and are free to leave the premises.

The orders further provide that employees may take an on-duty meal period if:

- the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved of all duty;
- break agreed to in writing by employee and employer;
- the break is paid; and
- written agreement states employee may revoke the agreement at any time. (Revocation statement not required for agricultural occupations covered by IWC Order 14).

Employer Responsibility

The burden rests with the employer to establish by the facts that the on-duty exception is being used properly. Pay close attention to the phrase “nature of the work.” A Division of Labor Standards Enforcement opinion letter stated that the following factors should be considered:

- the type of work;
- whether other employees are able to relieve the employee;
- consequences to the employer if the employee is relieved of all duty;
- the ability of the employer to anticipate and mitigate consequences, such as rescheduling; and
- whether the work process will be destroyed or damaged.

All these factors as a whole should point to the impossibility of providing an off-duty meal period. Be prepared to justify your decision, as most situations do not warrant the use of an on-duty meal period.

Any agreement based on factors that do not meet the criteria described would be invalid.

An employer is obligated to ensure that employees are relieved of all duty, not performing any work, and are free to leave the worksite (specific and limited exceptions exist in Orders 4 and 5 for the health care industry as defined). Failure to meet this obligation would subject employers to additional wages of one hour for each day the employee does not receive the required meal period, as well as other possible penalties.

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3:00 p.m. at the Chamber
Environmental Committee 1st Wednesday
12:00 noon at the Chamber
Luncheons 2nd Thursday
Location Varies
Business Development 1st Thursday at the Chamber
7:30 a.m.
Networking Breakfast 4th Thursday at Picasso's Cafe
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
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