



## Multi-State Meeting – Summer 2017

### West Coast Protective League Activity

#### California:

**Cap and Trade Program:** In coordination with the league and customer bases, GPI worked with legislators to successfully extend the state's cap and trade program to 2030. Alternatives that had been considered would have likely required drastic emissions reductions at the plant level, impacting container production. The Cap and Trade Program will assist the glass container industry in the following ways:

- Preserves a 100% industry assistance factor for purposes of allocating allowances, a top priority.
- Requires the Air Resources Board to set a cap on the price of allowances purchased by glass companies.
- Inclusion of various cost containment mechanisms for glass and other covered industries.

**Bottle Bill Program Reform:** The glass container industry worked together with stakeholders to successfully oppose Senate Bill 168, which would have repealed the state's bottle bill, replacing it with an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) recovery program. As outlined in SB 168, the quality of the glass recovered would have been of much poorer quality, collection of recyclables unclear, and minimum content requirements on glass, but not similar beverage containers.

**CalRecycle's 75% Recycling Goal:** Last month, GPI provided comments to CalRecycle, as the agency continues stakeholder engagement to determine the best path towards an overall 75% recycling goal. Emphasized in our comments was the limited presence of glass containers in state landfills, the strong bottle bill recycling program, adequate in-state recycling and processing plants, and robust end markets for collected glass.

#### Oregon:

**Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) and Recycling Measurement:** GPI and member companies continue dialogue with representatives from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), as they look at different ways to measure recycling of glass and other materials.

Indications are that the current weight-based measurement for recycling will be shifted to emphasize greenhouse gas emissions and energy use for recyclables recovered. In addition to highlighting an in-state glass container plant, we are also working to have the energy and environmental benefits of using recycled glass recognized and incorporated into any new measurement systems, along with the importance of not picking winners and losers among packaging types in local recycling programs.