



STAFF RECOMMENDATION

DATE	November 17, 2025
TO	Members and Executive Officer, California Board of Environmental Safety
FROM	BES Technical Team
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 4 – DTSC 2025 Hazardous Waste Management Plan

BES Board Members and Executive Officer,

Pursuant to HSC 25135, starting in 2025, and every three years thereafter, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) prepares a Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan) and presents it to the Board for approval. DTSC released the first draft Plan in March 2025 and presented it to the Board. DTSC presented their draft Plan at four BES public hearings. The BES Hazardous Waste Management Plan Subcommittee met regularly with DTSC staff responsible for preparing the Plan. DTSC and BES collaborated and considered public comments and revised the draft Plan as they deemed appropriate.

The Technical Team has conducted a comprehensive review of the 2025 Plan (released in October), including an evaluation of alignment with statutory requirements under [Health and Safety Code section 25135](#), and an assessment of how Board direction and public feedback was incorporated. The 2025 Plan, as revised, incorporates extensive feedback from the Board and the public, and aligns with statutory requirements. Draft Plan Recommendation 7.2, which proposed to identify and evaluate alternative management standards for non-RCRA soil was removed from the Plan at the direction of the Board at Hearing #3 and is no longer included in the 2025 Plan. Per Board direction, DTSC restructured the 2025 Plan for clarity, to emphasize source reduction, and to reflect three updated goals, each with specific recommendations that advance each goal.

Overall, Board members expressed a desire for the Plan to be simpler with goals that are more closely aligned with what DTSC has the capacity to accomplish over the three-year Plan horizon. The Technical Team believes the 2025 Plan satisfies the Board's direction.

Based on our review, the Technical Team recommends that the Board approve the 2025 Plan, recognizing the 2025 Plans' updates and its alignment with statutory requirements.

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