# SIERRA CLUB

TOBACCO PRODUCT WASTE

# Policy Database

## ABOUT THE DATABASE

The Sierra Club's Tobacco Control and Environmental Justice Team performed a thorough analysis of hundreds of municipal codes throughout the state of California to find policies that recognize and attempt to mitigate the environmental harms of tobacco product waste. Policies are hosted on a password-protected database on the project website.
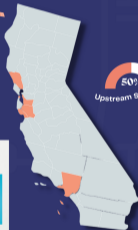
## POLICY TYPES

- ✅ Electronic cigarette sales ban
- ✅ Comprehensive Smoking ban
- ✅ Public Nuisance
- ✅ Fire Safety
- ✅ Tobacco Retail License Update
- ✅ Mitigation Fee

# CURRENT POLICY LANDSCAPE

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## POLICIES PASSED

- 3 Santa Cruz
- 1 San Francisco
- 1 Los Angeles
- 1 Dublin
- 1 Petaluma
- 1 Los Gatos

**50% Upstream Solutions**

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**Most Common Policy**

Ban on the sale of electronic cigarettes

# THE IMPORTANCE OF UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS...

Fifty percent of policies in the database are upstream solutions. Upstream policy solutions are those that reduce **demand** for tobacco products, mitigating upstream environmental impacts from growing, curing, manufacturing, and transporting tobacco products in addition to addressing post-consumer waste (litter). The Statewide Microplastics strategy states upstream source reduction is the most effective response to microplastic pollution. Examples of upstream TPW policies include

- Banning the sale of single-use cigarette filters
- Banning the sale of single-use electronic cigarettes
- Comprehensive Tobacco Retail License Losses
- Tobacco Retailer Density Restrictions