



Plastic Bag Ban March 2014

Does the MBTC approve the issuance of a letter in support of State Assembly Bill SB-270, which, essentially, bans the use of the plastic “grocery” bag? Jason Ruben Co-Chair of the Rise Above Plastic Committee with the Surfrider Foundation – San Diego Chapter discussed the negative environmental and financial impacts of using single-use plastic bags. Following questions from the membership, Mr. Ruben asked the MBTC to issue a letter to the City Council supporting SB-270, but to include 1) a provision for a two-year phase-out of plastic bags from all stores (the proposed legislation basically includes only food and drug stores) and 2) mandatory annual reporting requirements. It was moved and seconded to vote on this measure. The measure passed, with 12 voting in favor and 3 voting against.