

Public Notice
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Electronic Waste Forum



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the environment,
to ensure
public health,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) are conducting a public workshop to solicit input from stakeholders in response to Governor Davis' challenge to devise an innovative solution for source reduction, recycling, and safe disposal of electronic wastes.

In 2002, the Legislature passed electronics waste legislation, SB 1523 (Sher) and SB 1619 (Romero), which were vetoed by Governor Davis. The Governor expressed concern that the program outlined in the bills was not the most efficient or cost effective approach for California. Instead, Governor Davis urged industry to lead the way and devise innovative solutions that incorporate partnerships between the consumer and manufacturers. In so doing, an environmentally sustainable electronic and technology industry would be fostered and there would be incentives to design products that are less toxic and more recyclable. Governor Davis has directed Winston Hickox, Agency Secretary of Cal/EPA, to take a leadership role in working with the Legislature, government, industry and stakeholders to create a successful California electronics waste program.

Governor Davis' veto messages focus on the concept of product stewardship, including the model proposed by the European Union, tailored to fit California's recycling and disposal infrastructure. Governor Davis' veto messages and the Directive of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment are available on Web sites at www.calepa.ca.gov, www.dtsc.ca.gov and www.ciwmb.ca.gov.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web site at www.calepa.ca.gov.

Winston Hickox, Agency Secretary, Cal/EPA, Michael Paparian, Board Member, CIWMB, and Edwin Lowry, Director, DTSC, will facilitate the workshop as the panel members discuss their responses to the challenges posed by Governor Davis, including:

- product stewardship;
- partnerships with consumers and manufacturers;
- the concept of an environmentally sustainable electronic and technology industry; and
- incentives to design products that are less toxic and more recyclable.

The four panels, representing various stakeholders, will consist of persons from (1) the electronics manufacturing industry; (2) the waste/recycling industry; (3) environmental/public/consumer groups; and (4) government.

The workshop is scheduled for:

DATE: November 25, 2002
TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

This workshop will be broadcast on the Internet at www.ciwmb.ca.gov. Time will be made available for interested parties to speak in this public workshop. To place your name on the public speakers list, please fill out the request form below or contact Natalie Shamp, Department of Toxic Substances Control, at (916) 322-7527 or e-mail Nshamp@dtsc.ca.gov. Written comments are appreciated.

Speakers Request Form

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