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WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject: California Beverage Container Recycling Program Reform

Where: CalEPA Building
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

When: Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), Division of Recycling, will host the second in a series of workshops focused on potential solutions to the structural deficit in the Beverage Container Recycling Fund (Recycling Fund). The workshops will develop options to ensure the long-term viability of the Beverage Container Recycling Program (Program). Please be advised that CalRecycle expects to conduct at least one workshop on this topic each month through December 2012. To facilitate scheduling and participation, each subsequent workshop will be conducted in the afternoon following the CalRecycle Monthly Public Meetings. CalRecycle will continue to send workshop announcements and will post updated information on the CalRecycle events webpage for each monthly meeting.

On May 18, 2012, CalRecycle released the Quarterly Report on the Status of the Beverage Container Recycling Fund. The quarterly report is accessible via the following link:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/RecycleFund/2012/AprStatus.pdf>

As outlined in the Recycling Fund Condition Summary portion of the report, although the Recycling Fund balance is not projected to reach a level that would require proportionate reduction in FY 2012-2013, it clearly indicates the Recycling Fund has a structural deficit. A structural deficit basically means program expenditures exceed program revenues under the current mandated expenditure and revenue structure. Program operations are traditionally funded by unclaimed California Redemption Value (CRV) paid into the Recycling Fund. Between FY 2006-2007 and FY 2009-2010, the recycling rate increased from 63 percent to 82 percent, thereby increasing demands on the Recycling Fund and causing the program to operate under a structural deficit. Analysis of the FY 2010-2011 figures indicates that under the current revenue/expenditure structure, the Recycling Fund can support a maximum recycling rate of 70 percent to maintain solvency.

CalRecycle believes it is critically important to begin discussions now with all interested parties on potential Program reforms to address the structural deficit of the Fund, evaluate options to further reduce litter and increase recycling, and ensure the integrity and long-term viability of the Program.



For those unable to attend in person, the workshop will be broadcast via webinar. The webinar registration form can be accessed via the CalRecycle Event Detail webpage link listed below. Select the link titled 'Webinar' to access the form, and then provide the required information. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the webinar. Also, please be advised that the workshop agenda and other workshop related documents will be posted in advance of the workshop at the link referenced below:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Calendar/EventDetail.aspx?ID=2921&DS=ACES>

If you are unable to attend the workshop, but would still like to submit your ideas, suggestions, and proposals, you can do by sending an email to BeverageContainerReform@calrecycle.ca.gov. Please use 'CBCRP Reform' in the subject line of the email. You can also submit via regular mail at:

Division of Recycling
801 K Street, MS 15-52
Attn: CBCRP Reform
Sacramento, CA 95240

If you have any questions regarding the workshop, you can submit them via the email address referenced above or by calling (916) 445-8292.