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CalRecycle
1001 I Street
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VIA email: mattresses@clarecycle.ca.gov

RE: Comments on the Mattress Recycling Council Draft 2016 California Annual Report and Proposed 2018 Program Budget

Dear CalRecycle:

The City of Pleasanton would like to provide the following comments regarding the MRC Draft 2016 California Annual Report and proposed 2018 Program Budget. Pleasanton is located in Eastern Alameda County with a population of 71,000 people. Currently, there are no mattress collection sites located in the eastern portion of the county to serve Pleasanton Residents.

The Plan Objective (page 28) "Establish a collection site or event in each county" has not been adequately met in Eastern Alameda County. One site or event is inadequate for a county our size. Alameda County is geographically large and diverse with a mixture of urban, suburban and rural areas. We would recommend that there should be 1-2 collections sites and events for each geographical area of Alameda County (East, South, North, and Central).

As it relates to establishing collection sites/events, the terms offered by MRC to current solid waste facilities have not been effective in establishing a collection location anywhere in Eastern Alameda County. There are two transfer stations (if you include LSI, which is not open to the public), two landfills, and a permanent HHW facility in Eastern Alameda County. We would encourage CalRecycle to require the MRC to work collaboratively with StopWaste to establish terms that will incentivize solid waste facilities to locate and operate an adequate number of collection sites in eastern Alameda County.

The MRC needs to use the funds received by the fee imposed on the sale of new mattresses to fund an effective Mattress Recycling Program. It is evident by the lack of convenient, accessible, and free mattress recycling sites and events in Alameda County, specifically Eastern Alameda County that they have not yet reached that mark.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,



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