



DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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NOTICE

To: Private and Public Operators of Curbside, Drop-off / Collection, Community Service, and Recycling Center Programs

Subject: Public Workshop: State Rate Determination Survey Methodology
Public Rate Hearing: January 1, 2016 Recycling Program Rates

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) will conduct a Workshop and Hearing in West Sacramento on Friday, October 30, 2015, to share and discuss the research and survey methods used to perform the statewide segregated and commingled rate studies. On the same day, CalRecycle will also hold a Hearing to review and discuss proposed January 1, 2016 recycling rates for all recycling programs.

Survey Methodology Workshop

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 14549.5, CalRecycle will, through the Workshop, consult with private and public operators of curbside, drop-off / collection, community service, recycling center, and reverse vending machine programs regarding the size of the statewide sample, appropriate sampling methodologies, and alternatives to exclusive reliance on a statewide commingled rate. The survey and research methods used by CalRecycle will be presented in detail, and questions, comments, and input will be addressed. Participants are also encouraged to present any ideas for alternative rate determination methodologies at the Workshop. CalRecycle will also share some preliminary findings from the recent "Bale Rate Study" conducted at some Curbside, Drop-off / Collection, and Community Service program sites.

Anyone interested in learning more about the research and survey methods used by CalRecycle to gather data and calculate the statewide average segregated and commingled rates, refund values, the number of containers per pound, etc., is encouraged to attend the Workshop.

The public Rate Determination Survey Methodology Workshop will be held:

Friday, October 30, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

CalRecycle Facility *

1590 Raley Court, Suite 40

West Sacramento, CA 95691-3488

*** Please note this is a new location for the Workshop**



Rate Hearing

Division 12.1, Chapter 4, Section 14549.5 (b) and (c) of the California Public Resources Code requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to conduct a public Hearing at least 60 days prior to establishing any new statewide commingled rates. CalRecycle is required to make available to the public, and any affected parties, our review of the statewide commingled rates and any proposed changes or recalculations.

The Rate Hearing will identify adjustments to the statewide segregated and commingled rates, which are proposed to become effective January 1, 2016. Summarized documentation of study data supporting our review of the new statewide commingled rates will be available. There will also be an opportunity for interested parties to ask questions regarding the calculation of the statewide commingled rates.

The public Rate Hearing will be held:

Friday, October 30, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
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West Sacramento, CA 95691-3488

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If you are unable to attend, and would like to submit comments, questions, or suggestions, or would like to receive copies of Workshop or Hearing materials, please contact Michael Vanderburg at: Michael.Vanderburg@calrecycle.ca.gov or at: (916) 327-2769.

If you have questions about the Workshop or Hearing, please contact Michael Vanderburg at the e-mail and phone number provided above.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller
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