



DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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NOTICE

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

Subject: Public Rate Hearing: July 1, 2017 Recycling Program Rates
Public Workshop: Rate Determination Survey Methodology

The Department of Resources Recycling & Recovery (CalRecycle) will present a Rate Hearing and Methodology Workshop in **Sacramento***, on Thursday, April 27, 2017. CalRecycle will share, discuss, and explain the research and survey methods used to gather data and perform the statewide segregated and commingled rate studies. CalRecycle will also review, discuss, and explain proposed July 1, 2017 recycling rates for all recycling programs.

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 changes to statewide segregated and commingled rates, which are proposed to become effective July 1, 2017. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the calculation of statewide commingled rates.

The Rate Hearing will be:

Thursday, April 27, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Cal EPA Headquarters *
1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor Training Room 1 West
Sacramento, CA 95814

* Please note this is a **Northern California** location for the Hearing



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 research and survey methods used by CalRecycle will be presented, and questions, comments, and input will be addressed. Participants are also encouraged to present ideas for alternative rate determination methodologies at the Workshop.

CalRecycle will also share findings from the recent “Bale Study” performed at Curbside, Drop-off / Collection, and Community Service programs. Findings from the Bale Study may result in future changes to research, survey, and rate-calculation methods for these programs.

Those who want to learn about the research and survey methods used by CalRecycle to gather the data used to calculate statewide commingled rates, refund values, the number of containers per pound, etc., are encouraged to attend the Workshop.

The Rate Determination Survey Methodology Workshop will be:

Thursday, April 27, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cal EPA Headquarters *
1001 “I” Street, 1st Floor Training Room 1 West
Sacramento, CA 95814

*** Please note this is a Northern California location for the Workshop**

If you can't attend, and want to submit comments or questions, or want copies of Workshop and Hearing materials, please contact:

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Also, if you have questions, comments, or inquiries about the Workshop or Hearing, or would like to join the Workshop and Hearing via webinar, please contact Cameron Swinko at the e-mail and phone number provided above.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller
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Recycling Program Operations