Fiscal Year 2014–15 Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program (FPG1) Awards

Los Angeles County

Grantee: Command Packaging **Amount Awarded:** \$3,000,000.00

CalRecycle Grant Manager: Rhoderick Estrada

Project Summary: Command Packaging is a manufacturer of reusable plastic carry-out bags made for the retail, restaurant and grocery industries. Encore Recycling collects, cleans, and converts agricultural film plastic into feedstock that Command Packaging will use to produce reusable bags. The yearly capacity of Command Packaging is equivalent to approximately 550 million reusable bags. The grant funds will allow Command to upgrade its facility from one-layer to three-layer extrusion equipment in order to increase the recycled content of reusable bags and manufacture a higher quality product capable of 125 reuses over its lifetime.

Grantee: Reliance Carpet Cushion **Amount Awarded:** \$1,000,000.00

CalRecycle Grant Manager: Alex Byrne

Project Summary: Reliance Carpet Cushion, in collaboration with Los Angeles Fiber, ReThink Green, Inc., and EcoStrate SFS, Inc. plans to increase the recovery, recycling, and re-manufacturing of hard-to-recycle post-consumer carpet fiber in California. The project will result in permanent, annual, and measureable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions while creating products such as fiber cushion, traffic signs, building signs, and flooring substrate.

Stanislaus County

Grantee: Peninsula Plastics Recycling, Inc.

Amount Awarded: \$1,000,000.00

CalRecycle Grant Manager: Stanley Uyeda

Project Summary: Peninsula Plastics Recycling, Inc. will use grant funds to assist in the purchase of on-the-shelf equipment to divert approximately 45% of its current PET recycling process by-product from landfills and convert it into a final product. The proposed extrusion equipment will allow Peninsula Plastics to utilize a combination of bottle labels, fines, and paper sludge as feedstock to produce a range of landscaping material.