



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: Rate Determination Survey Methodology
Public Rate Hearing: January 1, 2017 Recycling Program Rates

The Department of Resources Recycling & Recovery (CalRecycle) will present a Methodology Workshop and Rate Hearing in **Riverside***, on Thursday, October 27, 2016, 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 conduct a Hearing to review and discuss proposed January 1, 2017 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 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 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 held:

Thursday, October 27, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

CalRecycle Riverside Office *
1955 Chicago Avenue, Suite 100
Conference Room
Riverside, CA 92507-2383

* **Please note this is a Southern California 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 changes to statewide segregated and commingled rates, which are proposed to become effective January 1, 2017. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the calculation of statewide commingled rates.

The Rate Hearing will be held:

Thursday, October 27, 2016
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

CalRecycle Riverside Office *
1955 Chicago Avenue, Suite 100
Conference Room
Riverside, CA 92507-2383

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

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