



July 29, 2020

To: Bob Peoples, Executive Director CARE; Ken DaRosa, Acting Director CalRecycle
From: California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee (members listed below)

**Re: Advisory Committee Recommendations related to the Draft CARE
California Carpet Stewardship Program 2019 Annual Report**

As required by the Product Stewardship for Carpets Law (Public Resources Code Section 42970 - 42983), the California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee") has received a copy of the "Advisory Committee Review Draft dated July 9, 2020 titled *CARE California Carpet Stewardship Program 2019 Annual Report* ("Draft CARE California Carpet Stewardship Program 2019 Annual Report") required pursuant to Section 42979 from Carpet America Recovery Effort ("CARE"), the carpet stewardship organization. The Advisory Committee received the Draft Annual Report 30 days before submittal to CalRecycle as required in Section 42972.1 (b).

Included in this letter are recommendations to CARE by the Advisory Committee based on the review of the *Draft CARE California Carpet Stewardship Program 2019 Annual Report* during a Zoom Video Conference on July 21, 2020. As required in Section 42971.1 (c), to the extent feasible the Advisory Committee's recommendations are to be incorporated into the Annual Report by CARE before being submitted to CalRecycle.

If CARE is unable to incorporate these recommendations, a written explanation must be provided to the California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee and CalRecycle. The explanation should detail whether CARE plans to incorporate recommendations into a subsequent Annual Report.

California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee Members

The Product Stewardship for Carpets Law (Public Resources Code Section 42970 - 42983), requires CalRecycle to appoint an Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to a carpet manufacturer or stewardship organization and to the department on carpet stewardship plans, plan amendments, and annual reports. An additional appointee to the Advisory Committee is also made by both the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly.

The Director of CalRecycle appointed the members to the California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee according to the general stakeholder categories recommended in the statute. The committee member from the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly have also been appointed.

California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee Members

Committee Member	Organization	Representing
DOUGLAS WILLIAMS	Los Angeles Fiber Co./ Reliance Carpet Cushion	Collection and sorting, processing and manufacturing
ERIC NELSON	Circonomey Innovations	Independent Industry Expert
FRANCO ROSSI	Aquafil USA	Processing & recycling of carpet, Manufacturing
GAIL BRICE	XT Green, Inc.	Processing & recycling of carpet
HOWARD SAPPER	Carpet Manufacturers Warehouse	Carpet Retailers
JOANNE BRASCH, Ph.D	CA Product Stewardship Council	Environmental Community
JOE YARBROUGH	The Carpet & Rug Institute	Carpet Mills
JORGE OROZCO	SCOR Industries	Speaker of Assembly
NAT ISAAC	City of Los Angeles Environment and Sanitation	Local Government
RACHEL PALOPOLI	Planet Recycling	Carpet Collections/Sorting
STEVE BELONG	Carpet, Linoleum, & Soft Tile Workers Local Union No. 12, District Council 16	Northern CA Floor Covering Finishing Trades Institute Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee
STEVE LANDRETH	ProSpectra Flooring	Senate Committee on Rules
WES NELSON	GreenWaste Carpet Recycling	Carpet Collections/Sorting
Vacant		Local Government
Vacant		Environmental Community

Advisory Committee Plan Review Meeting and Recommendations

The California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee met through a Zoom Video Conference on July 21, 2020 to discuss the *Draft CARE California Carpet Stewardship 2019 Annual Report*. All the current members of the committee attended. A quorum was met. Members of the public also attended the meeting through the Zoom Video Conference. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act with COVID-19 modifications per Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 signed by Governor Newsom on March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively.

The Committee recommendations from the July 21, 2020 meeting regarding the *Draft California Carpet Stewardship 2019 Annual Report* are provided as Attachment 1. The committee looks forward to continuing to work with CARE and CalRecycle regarding the California Carpet Stewardship Program.

Respectfully,

Rachel Palopoli

Rachel Palopoli, Advisory Committee Chair

July 27, 2020

Date

Attachment 1

California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee Recommendations for the Draft CARE 2019 Annual Report

Motion 1.0

The Advisory Committee recommends that CARE makes the following changes to the Draft CARE 2019 Annual Report:

- a) Include all Advisory Committee Members and Officers in Acknowledgements. (Page 3)
- b) Use definitions from the statute and include language to cover all stakeholders. (Page 7)
- c) Check consistency in terminology and company names (throughout document).
- d) Provide the total number of recycled output (RO) pounds that would have been needed to reach 24% requirement. (Page 11, other places where appropriate).
- e) Add an annual recycling rate graph below the quarterly recycling graph in the executive summary (Page 13).
- f) Add Tier 2 nylon-66 pounds to Table ES-1 (page 15).
- g) Work with CalRecycle to ensure Diversion calculation presented on Table ES-1 meets the legal definition of Diversion (Page 15).
- h) Remove bullet point that claims CARE solicited input from the Advisory Committee on grant and incentive guidelines as this did not occur (Page 31).
- i) Complete the 4.9 Capacity Section. Include an estimation whether there was adequate processing capacity to reach the 24% recycling rate (Pages 62-65).
- j) Add more hyperlinks where appropriate to link to work products and other important documents referenced in the Annual Report (throughout document).
- k) Explain decision not to collect assessments on reused carpet and carpet tiles.
- l) Discuss implementation of new 3X grant cycle and increased maximum award (Pages 149-150, 194).
- m) Consider making the following changes to Pages 8 & 23: Item #4 - Add percentage to weight data. Item #5- Reduce disposal by landfill, WTE, and Kiln.
- n) Capitalize "Convenience Study" (Page 9, Item II. a.)
- o) Explain the reason for double asterisks on Table 8 in Total Diversion (Page 68).
- p) Include missing information in referenced studies funded and conducted during 2019, including appendices from the linked study reports, e.g. the Microfiber and PFAS information from the linked GHD Engineering report (Page 100).

Motion to Approve: Eric Nelson Second: Joanne Brasch

Ayes (12): Doug Williams, Eric Nelson, Franco Rossi, Gail Brice,
Howard Sapper, Joanne Brasch, Joe Yarbrough, Jorge Orozco, Nat Isaac,
Rachel Palopoli, Steve Belong, Steve Landreth

Nays (0):

Abstain (1): Wes Nelson attended meeting but due to technical problems
he abstained from this vote

Absent (0):

The motion passes

Motion 2.0

The Advisory Committee acknowledges that CARE did a good job increasing the recycling rate during 2019, and recommends CARE expand on the reasons for the quarterly recycling rate increases compared to the quarters the previous year.

Motion to Approve: Gail Brice Second: Nat Isaac

Ayes (13): Doug Williams, Eric Nelson, Franco Rossi, Gail Brice,
Howard Sapper, Joanne Brasch, Joe Yarbrough, Jorge Orozco, Nat Isaac,
Rachel Palopoli, Steve Belong, Steve Landreth, Wes Nelson

Nays (0):

Abstain (0):

The motion passes