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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: January 1, 2022 Recycling Program Rates

Public Workshop: Rate Determination Survey Methodology

The Department of Resources Recycling & Recovery (CalRecycle) will present a virtual Rate Hearing and Methodology Workshop, on Thursday, October 28, 2021. CalRecycle will review, discuss, and explain proposed January 1, 2022 recycling rates for all recycling programs. CalRecycle will also share, discuss, and explain the research and survey methods used to gather data and perform the 2023 statewide segregated and commingled rate studies.

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, 2022. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the calculation of statewide commingled rates.

The Rate Hearing will be:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Streaming only at: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/#/

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.

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. We recommend that selected or alternate participants in the 2023 survey year attend live stream.

The Rate Determination Survey Methodology Workshop will be:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Streaming only at: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/#/

If you want to submit comments or questions, or want copies of Workshop materials, please contact Cameron Swinko at (916) 322-4867 or Cameron.Swinko@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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