

TAKING HISTORIC ACTION TO FIGHT TRASH POLLUTION AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS - GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM SIGNED SEVEN NEW LAWS TO BUILD A MORE RENEWABLE, CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN CALIFORNIA.

[SB 343](#) BANS THE USE OF THE “CHASING ARROWS” RECYCLING SYMBOL ON PRODUCTS - UNLESS 60% OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES RECYCLE THE MATERIALS. THE LAW IS A CRITICAL FIRST STEP IN INCREASING RECYCLING AND TRANSPARENCY IN RECYCLING LABELING - BY CLEARLY IDENTIFYING WHAT IS AND ISN'T RECYCLABLE TO HELP CALIFORNIANS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS WHEN PURCHASING PRODUCTS, AND TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO DESIGN PRODUCTS WITH MATERIALS THAT CAN BE USED AGAIN

ANOTHER LABELING LAW [AB 1201](#) CREATES STRICTER STANDARDS TO LABEL PRODUCTS AS COMPOSTABLE. THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW IS TO REDUCE CONTAMINATION IN COMPOST AND HELP CALIFORNIANS KNOW WHAT IS AND ISN'T COMPOSTABLE.

[SB 619](#) – CREATES A PROCESS FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES TO WORK WITH CALRECYCLE TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO MEET THE GOALS OF CALIFORNIA'S GROUNDBREAKING ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION LAW WHICH TAKES EFFECT ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.

[AB 881](#) SETS TOUGHER STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITIES EXPORTING MIXED PLASTIC WASTE TO MEET THE STATE'S WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS. THE INTENT OF THIS LAW IS TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY ABOUT WHICH MATERIALS ACTUALLY GET RECYCLED WHEN SHIPPED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

[AB 1276](#) REDUCES TRASH POLLUTION BY REQUIRING BUSINESSES TO ONLY PROVIDE SINGLE-USE FOOD UTENSILS AND CONDIMENT PACKETS WHEN CUSTOMERS SPECIFICALLY ASK FOR THEM. THE LAW IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE USE OF DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS, WHICH HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

[AB 1311](#) ALLOWS CERTIFIED BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING CENTERS TO ADD A NEW CONTACTLESS RECYCLING METHOD AND TO OPERATE WITH MORE FLEXIBLE HOURS. THE IDEA IS TO CREATE MORE VERSATILITY IN OPERATING RECYCLING CENTERS AND TO INCREASE ACCESS TO C-R-V REDEMPTION ACROSS THE STATE.

[AB 962](#) - ENCOURAGES REUSE IN THE BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING C-R-V BEVERAGE CONTAINERS TO BE WASHED AND REFILLED.

THESE NEW LAWS USE INNOVATION TO HELP REDUCE TRASH FILLING OUR LANDFILLS AND OCEAN, AND TO CUT CLIMATE POLLUTANTS.

WITH THESE ACTIONS - CALIFORNIA IS TRANSFORMING OUR RECYCLING SYSTEMS AND IS LEADING THE WAY TO A MORE CIRCULAR ECONOMY THAT PROMOTES REUSE AND REMANUFACTURING.