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Good morning, everyone. Thank you for joining us for the September Public Meeting. I'm Linda ..., a Public Information Officer with Cal Recycle. If you haven't tuned in for awhile you, we've made some changes to the format to serve the public better with communication. That is as accessible, inclusive, and plain language as possible.

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Today's meeting will include a structured format with the goal of setting a context for the critical work that Cal recycled Does, that many of you do, and to make some important announcements. So we welcome your feedback as we continue to improve our public meetings. Before we get started this morning, a quick mention to those who wish to submit questions and comments on an agenda item, to please send them to the public comments portal. You can find the Portal on the Cal Recycle homepage from the top menu bar, select Get Involved, and then public Meeting.

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The texts near the bottom of the page, click Public Comment portal, and then from the drop-down menu, select the first option, which is monthly Public Meeting to type your name, your e-mail address, and subject or agenda item, and submit your question or comment. Please keep them agenda specific and brief, and will address your comments during the public comment period a little later this morning. Our first agenda item today is the Director's Report, cow recycled Director.

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Rachel Wagner is here with a few big announcements and look at some of the local progress that California communities are making and the statewide fight against climate change.

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Good morning, Rachel.

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Good morning, Linda. Thank you so much for that introduction, and thank you all for joining us today.

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As we head into the final months of 2021, we are beginning our 2021, 2022 budget year.

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And with that, there is so much to look forward to we to help facilitate the important work that California is doing and that Calvert Cycle is doing to help fight climate change and now to build the Circular economy.

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Governor Newsome and the Legislature are investing in the circular economy here in California and we will be building the foundation for a global circular economy through investments in innovation and, infrastructure. That will bring new, green companies and new green jobs to California communities while helping to fight climate change and preventing trash from polluting the state's environment and harming public health.

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Moving towards a circular economy is absolutely imperative for California to meet California's waste diversion and climate goals.

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By recognizing waste as a resource and bolstering misstates focus on reducing re-using and recycling materials that otherwise would have been thrown away or exported to other states and nations, California can build a more resilient and renewable economy right here in our state for our state.

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The budget includes \$130 million over the next two years.

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That will spur the growth of a new circular economy.

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Here, we are making it investments in our R&D Z Loan Programs for organics to infrastructure.

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We are investing in community composting, infrastructure, in organics waste and making further investments and food waste prevention and recovery as we all know. One in four Californians today goes hungry every day.

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We need to make further investments to help support our community members.

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Additionally, we will be making another \$70 million in organics, infrastructure, investments, and \$60 million grants to local jurisdictions to help with their 1983 compliance.

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We are very, very excited at Cal Recycle to be building out the infrastructure for organics recycling as well as plastics, glass and other materials as we move forward. We are hoping to engage with you, our stakeholders, and our communities in building that infrastructure.

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Recently, I had the opportunity to travel to Los Angeles to see some of the organics infrastructure that has been built there and right now I think we have a video to show you what and what we were able to see while we were there.

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Wholesale produce our gets to surplus food giveaways. Curbside recycling programs to neighborhood gardens. Californians are uniting to fight climate change by cutting methane emissions from organic waste, rotting in landfills. We are dealing with the largest disaster in the history of humanity, and offering new hope for the future of our planet. In Los Angeles and communities across the state, public private partnerships are driving climate progress. The wholesale market down in Los Angeles, getting to do that with forward and get to see their relationships with Peace Corps and these distributors, and see what those relationships translate to. And food recovery and rescue. One in four Californians today is going Hungry.

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Day. And at the same time, California is throwing away one point eight billion still edible meals every year to cut waste that causes landfill methane emissions. California's climate law going into effect on January first requires wholesalers, grocery stores, and other food businesses to donate their surplus. Still fresh food to Californians and need do is kinda connect. California. We

aggregate. It makes me successful. Implementation, SB 383, is the biggest change to our trash. Since we started recycling in the 19 eighties, this is such an exciting opportunity for California. The law also requires cities, and counties to provide organic waste, recycling services to every resident and business in the state.

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So communities can turn trashed food yard and other organic waste into valuable new products like renewable energy or compost for healthier soils that retain more water nourished, more crops, and pull planet warming carbon from the air to have healthy air. We need healthy plants and healthy trees. They will not be healthy and soils that have been dry. And have had an organic matter returned to them after years. Soil health should be a priority just as much as the health of our communities. And the two go hand in this is, you know, looking like soil Californians coming together to fight climate change, 1 decision 1 relationship and one community at a time.

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As you can see, we had a fantastic time while we were down there, really engaged with people who care so immensely about what we are and what is our imperative Under SB 13, 83, but truly, what is our imperative to help save our planet, our communities, and really make true investments in organic waste, recycling, and recovery to the benefit of each and every one of us and our neighbors. So, I really encourage all of you to engage with us as we start to build out some of these grant programs and move forward on this facilitating and solicitation of these grant programs. Really hoping that all of our stakeholders are engaged in that so we can maximize those dollars to the benefit of the entire state.

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Thanks so much, Linda.

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Thank you, Rachel. We have so much to celebrate right now. So make sure to stay tuned for an inside. Look at a cutting-edge, compost facility in the San Joaquin Valley that's helping Northern California cut its greenhouse gas emissions. And moving on, now the impact of climate change has been on everyone's mind as we watch another devastating season of wildfires. Deputy Director Tina Walker is here now with how California is transitioning from the 2020 wildfire cleanup to recovery from this series of wildfires.

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Good morning Tiina.

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Good morning Lindo departments Emergency Debris Recovery office was established in anticipation of the continued need for wildland fire recovery efforts.

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What was once a program staffed by internal and external volunteers, is now a designated program staff full-time by dedicated and trained personnel, working year round to remove disaster debris and help individuals and communities recover from catastrophic disasters.

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Our current statewide debris removal operation following the 2020 wildland fire siege is approaching completion with over 99% of the properties cleared of structural debris, and nearly two thirds returned to homeowners for rebuilding.

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This year as wildland fire season began early and has already significantly impacted 10 Northern California counties and approximately 1400 properties.

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As the Dixie Fire continues to burn and proves to be the largest single source fire in the state's history, Kalra Cycle has already accepted the mission to assist with the resulting recovery needs.

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We've solicited consultants and contractors to conduct debris removal work, and we'll award a contract for our assessment and monitoring consultant this week.

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The Assessment and Monitoring Consultant will deploy within days and begin to assess and prepare parcels for debris removal crews who will join the mission by mid October.

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Operational Oversight is conducted by both Cal Recycle and Cal OES. And our consultants independently monitor all work conducted by contractors and higher independent arborists to determine which trees are a threat to the public at large. This multi-level checks and balances protects the integrity of the publicly funded program and ensures that work is done safely and efficiently.

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These operations are complex, and Kaw Recycle appreciates public and private sector partners who contribute to the success of these niche.

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Fantastic. Thank you so much for that, Tina. Now to our next agenda item regarding the Recycling Commission Recommendations. California's taking bold steps to address the extreme impacts of climate change and trash pollution in our communities. CalRecycle's like Go policy directors, though, he Heller joins us now to break down the proposed policy solutions from California's statewide commission on recycling markets and curbside recycling.

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Good morning Zowie.

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Good morning, Linda.

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The California Recycling Market Development Act established a statewide commission to develop policy recommendations to achieve the state's market development and policy goals and identify products that are recyclable and compostable and regularly collected in curbside recycling programs.

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Her statute, ..., convene the statewide commission on recycling markets and curbside recycling.

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We appointed 17 representatives of public agencies, private solid waste Enterprises, and environmental organizations that have expertise in recycling.

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The Commission held its first meeting on June 24th, 2020.

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Since then, the Commission, and its four committees, which included recycling, organics, market development, and labeling and media, have conducted over 79 meetings, have spent over 200 hours and publicly broadcasted meetings working on recommendations to improve California's recycling system, and submitted or a Recommendation report to Cal Recycle.

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The committee submitted its final recommendation report this summer on July first, which included 30 policy proposals addressing a wide range of issues impacting California's recycling and solid waste system.

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Here's Commissioner co-chair, Richard ..., with a breakdown of the Recommendations.

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Hi. I'm Richard via the Vice Chair of the statewide commission on recycling and President of Tri said, Community recycling. I'm also a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. In these few minutes, I'm going to give you a very high level overview of the work that the recycled commission has been engaged in since our inception, as well as the obstacles and legislation. We're publicly vetted since coming together in June 2020, during covert. Governor Newsome signed Assembly Bill 1983, sponsored by Susan .... This bill establish the California Statewide Commission on recycling markets and curbside recycling. The Commission consists of 17 Commissioners that represent public agencies, private solid waste industries, and environmental organizations that have expertise in recycling.

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Our chair is Heidi Sandberg, who heads the National Stewardship Action Council. The Commission is an advisory body. We do our best to carefully review any recommendations, and publicly that, our conversations, allowing ample time for public input on any of the policy recommendations that we want to move forward to the state legislature. The meetings are facilitated by Cal Recycle Staff who help us navigate Bagley keene, the public meeting law, and when they can, they help us research information a history of the issues that are presented.

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Our main charge is to recommend policies to help cow recycle meet the state policy goals on achieving 75% reduction of solid waste through source reduction, recycling, or composting activity here in California. We recommend policies to meet market development goals. We recommend policies to help cal recycled, meet the methane emission reduction goals by reducing organic materials has posed in landfills. We identify products are recyclable or compostable, or regularly collected n-corp site collection programs.

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And we provide feedback to cal recycle on public messaging, designed to encourage proper recycling and minimize contamination. In curbside recycling program. The obstacles that we have encountered at the outset and Seemingly Commission included the Outbreak of coven, which has restricted our meetings to online gatherings. And the closure of 53% of the buyback recycling centers in the state of California.

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That's a huge obstacle that was due to many companies going bankrupt or losing their leases, and their inability to keep up with rising overhead cost of operations. This means that the Californian bottle bill is in dire need of help, and stability.

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The losers in the closure of buybacks are you, the people of the State of California who cannot redeem their plastic bottles, cans, and plastic containers, and get back your nicholls.

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The general public is also talking about and hearing about the waste created by the plastics that we use and discard every day.

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Third world countries are receiving and having to deal with exported plastics by the United States and the State of California, which causes hazardous waste and contamination in waterways and living conditions in those countries.

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The Commission went to supportive assembly member, Cristina Garcia, press the state to pass assembly joint resolution, number four.

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In essence, it is a resolution in support of the Bazel convention that opposes the dumping of hazardous waste, including plastics on third world countries.

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The basil convention is a collection of countries united in the war against global plastic pollution, and the shipment of waste a third world country.

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Another important policy recommendation that the commission supports is SB 244 to stop the illegal dumping of lithium ion batteries.

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Several recycling operations have suffered fires due to the mission and illegal disposal of lithium batteries and recycling and solid waste containers.

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At Tri said, Where I work, we have had several fires due to lithium batteries and this year we lost a \$300,000 truck due to a battery caused fire.

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These are some of the circular economy bills that our commission is watching.

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SB 343 By Senator Ben Allen, the Truth and labeling Bill.

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the word recycle on many consumer products, which is a false message that gives the impression, the general public, that everything that has a JC narrows and his label recital is actually recycling.

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This is just not the case. This bill will help us better understand the reality of what is really recyclable, and what isn't.

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Another bill, AB 881, which is in principle in concert, with the Bazel convention will in essence prohibit the export of mixed plastic waste to other countries. It will be landfill burn dumb, or be poorly managed mixed plastics will no longer be eligible to count towards diversion goals by jurisdictions or companies that export these materials. That's the high level look at what the Commission does and the issues and challenges that we're facing. Thank you so much for allowing me to bore you with these details and take good care of yourself. Take care. Bye.

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Thank you to Richard and to all the other Commissioners.

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You can find the full commission recommendations at [calrecycle dot FDA dot gov](http://calrecycle dot FDA dot gov) backlash market backlash commission.

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Turning now to local implementation of Senate Bill 1383.

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... publishes new tools and resources to assist local governments and businesses in meeting their organic waste recycling and surplus food recovery requirements.

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Our new page details eligibility for department issued waivers and exemptions.

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Terracycle also posted a breakdown of recordkeeping requirements and new tools to make that easier.

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We are seeing more and more communities take the necessary steps to comply with SB 1983 and reduce their landfill methane emissions.

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Today, we want to thank, we want to take you inside a new upgraded composter facility in the San Joaquin Valley.

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It is now able to take in more organic waste from more communities and still demand for their compost is outpacing supply.

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This is what comes off your, your garden, your street, trees outfront, any any type of pruning to do. This is where it ends up near the small San Joaquin Valley community for analysis. This business is going big to take on the climate crisis or one of the largest compost facilities in the country. And new upgrades that were colleges blossom, Valley organic site, Well, now help even more California communities, cut climate pollution by recycling their food yard, and other organic waste. It's coming from all over the Valley, and in the Bay Area, Landfilled, organic waste of its 20% of California's methane, a climate super pollutants with 84 times more heat



trapping power than carbon dioxide starting. January first, California will require cities and counties to stop landfilling and start recycling this material and a beneficial new products like green energy and compost.

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It's a lot of fun to be able to say that we've taken two million tons out of the landfill, that that's, that's pretty awesome. And thanks to \$10 million in new investments, you can see these high pressure. water guns are colleges compost facility is now leaner. We're going from 124 acres down to 51 acres more efficient. We went from a 90 day process of composting to a 60 day compost and more effective we're getting a better quality material out of the air. It is static file that we were just normal when row operation, it's going to help keep this organic waste out of landfills to help reduce methane generation to help our climate problem. Also it controls odors better because now they have bio filtration. The cutting edge compost facility added more capacity to help more cities and counties comply with organics recycling requirements.

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We process up to 1100 tons a day. Eventually we'll have enough air at a static file to process 2000 tons a day. Reducing landfill methane emissions.

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By transforming waste into a valuable resource, you hear a lot about drought in California and what compost does for, for soils, is it retains water. And so a lot of farmers who purchased this compost, right, right, directly apply it right onto their field. Turning Dan dirt into live, healthy soil. It's definitely the future of composting, pulling carbon from the air. We team up with the farming community and to give more nutrients to California's food crops that feed more than half of the United States. We have orchards, High crop. We have vineyards that buy from us. We have cities that use it for their park at 100,000 tons a year we sell out every year. We can't make enough composter to serve the valley right now. That could soon change is more community has turned to compost, to fight climate change while creating healthier soil, air, water, and food.

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We're constantly adding more tools and guidance, so make sure you're signed up for our short-lived climate pollutant listserv.

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You can find all of these pages, tools and resources by going to our short-lived Climate Pollutant page.

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Please continue to reach out to cal recycle for any technical assistance regarding SB 383 implementation.

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We're made available for meetings and presentations.

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Fantastic. Thank you so much, Zoe. As a reminder for those who may have just logged on and would like to submit a question or a comment on an agenda item to do so through the public comments portal, you can see the three steps here on your screen. Please keep your submission brief and make sure to indicate which agenda item you are addressing so that we can direct your



message to the appropriate person. Kennan's, Zoe will be taking your questions and comments during the public comment period coming up a little bit later.

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Moving on now to the State Beverage Container Recycling program through this program. Californians Recycle more than 18 billion bottles and cans last year. How recycle is working to push that number even higher? Chief Deputy Director. Kendra Rosa, is here with some of the actions. like how recycle is taking to make sure that more beverage containers are recycled into valuable new products in California the morning. Ken?

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Good morning, Linda. Thanks very much for the introduction.

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I would first like to begin by inviting Assistant Director, Amy Cameron, to join us very happy and excited to announce.

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Amy Camerons appointment to the Division of Recycling that occurred on august 24th. Amy started work with us last week, just a little bit about Amy's background.

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Prior to her appointment to cover cycle, Amy served as the Chief Deputy Director for the California Conservation Corps, and then she was there from 20 15, until her appointment here.

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Part of that, Amy was an Education Administrator for the California Department of Education for, from 20 13 to 20 15, and senior administrative Analyst for the City of West Sacramento, part of Sacramento from 2007 to 20 12.

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She was an Education Programs Assistant and Special Programs co-ordinator at CDE from 3 to 7 and the ..., California Department of Education from 2001 to 2003. In addition, Amy was an aid to Yolo County supervisor, Mike McGowan from 19 99 to 2001, and an Office Manager at Sacramento Loaves and fishes from 19 94 to 19 96. And it comes to us with a master's in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.

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And as you can tell from that background, a rich and deep background in state administration and program administration, as well as work with local governments. And so, Amy really comes to us with the broad skill set and experience, and we're very excited to have Amy here leading a terrific team.

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And, in the couple of weeks that, we've been working together, Amy, you've demonstrated a, a readiness. You know, you're a quick read on some of the complexities of this program, and that's greatly appreciate it. We're very excited to welcome you here, and I'll turn it to you for a few minutes.

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Thank you, Ken, for that introduction. And I was very lovely. As Ken mentioned, I have, I was with the California Conservation Corps for six years, and had a terrific experience. They are

promoting workforce development through conservation work and has he also mentioned, I have about 20 years experience in state and local government. So I'm really excited to bring all the tools that I've learned throughout my career and join the Cal recycled Team. Everybody I've met here has been so welcoming and and really helping me gained my knowledge about Cal Recycle and the important work that we do for the State of California. I look forward to working with all of our stakeholders to improve recycling in California and I hope to meet all the important stakeholders soon. And with that, I will close up, so that we can get back to the important agenda. Thank you.

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Very good, thank you very much. So among the many exciting programs and projects, Amy will now be leading, includes October cycles.

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A pilot project program can recycle approved five local pilot projects to help communities test innovative new methods of CRP redemption, encouraged by their success, The legislature, and the governor authorized cal recycled to approve five additional pilot projects. We're accepting those applications now. Director Wagner was in Southern California earlier this month with that announcement. And we have a video here about that visit.

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We are here to share the Success of Culver City's pilot project. And to encourage other jurisdictions in California to apply to the five additional pilot projects that were authorized by the legislature and the governor. We came up with the idea to have a mobile recycling center to alleviate the stress on any particular neighborhood. And to also afford recycling opportunities to people who can't necessarily, you know, get in a car. This was a no-brainer for the Council. We'd love to be first and things that makes sense. By providing mobile recycling, they are providing an opportunity in different neighborhoods of Culver City to redeem and recycle their beverage containers. So, it's very efficient. And it's been very successful. These pilot projects allow all sorts of different, creative solutions to be tested in different communities. So, I'm a big believer in regionalism. So, when we have the opportunity to solve our own problems with having a efficient and convenient way to recycle.

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And also so on neighbors problems by reducing the amount of driving around defined recycling centers and that sort of thing. And to help the state and reaching our overall goal. I think you take about eight months. We recycled close to one point three million beverage containers, so it's been a great success. And we're hoping to expand as I get out into various communities in California, that is what I'm seeing. Is this community partnership from local government, state government, and private and non-profit industry, participating together to build something that's truly successful. My recommendation would absolutely be to reach out to recycle and try to set up a pilot program in your own city. It's been a great benefit.

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Very good. So in the spirit of a comment that was made in the video, I do want to inform everyone that California's cities, counties, or regional partners who want to learn more about these new pilot project opportunities, Conjoined Cal Recycle, for an informational webinar on September 29th from 10 AM to noon. It will be about two hours will divide into eligible, will

dive into, excuse me, eligibility requirements, funding assistance, the application, and the certification processes.

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We'll also answer any questions you have about the program. So please keep an eye out for an upcoming announcement about that.

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You can also join our Listserv, Beverage Container Recycling program colon general information to receive more details about that.

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Turning now to, notice that was released on September 15th, we want to talk briefly about processing payments.

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Statute requires the Department to establish a processing payment and a processing fee, for any beverage container type that has a scrap value less than the cost of recycling.

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Cal Recycle makes processing payments to processors who then pay recyclers, the entire processing payments.

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The legislature authorized that the Department can adjust the processing payment quarterly, if certain conditions are observed, including it's the average scrap value for a specific beverage container material type.

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For the most recent, available 12 month period is 5% more or less, than the statewide average scrap value used as the basis for the processing payment in effect.

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Other factors that inform the decision or if funds are available in the processing fee account for that material type and if adjusting the processing payment is necessary to further the objectives of the program.

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In considering a quarterly payment rate adjustment for October first, 2021, when it will take effect, the department found the following.

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That's the glass scrap value, was declined by nearly 2%.

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Pet scrap value increased nearly 40%.

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An HDPE scrap value, increased by 25%.

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This significant pet and HDPE scrap price increases and consideration of the other provisions guiding the rate adjustment determination, demonstrate it to the department that adhering to our policy and practice of adjusting the rates in response to the scrap price increase or other changes.

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It's appropriate.

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As a result, the payment rate for glass will remain unchanged, while the payment rate for pet will reduce by approximately 10%.

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An HDPE will see an approximately 9% decline.

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Additional details on this can be found on the department's website and our Beth Container Home page of the website.

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And there is a processing payment adjustment. notice that you can find there that provides additional information.

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We welcome your comments, your feedback, and your questions on this rate adjustment.

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If you have any of those, please contact kuli at the e-mail address that has noticed in the processing payments announcement.

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Beverage container, participants, and operators recycle is tasked with administering the Beverage Container Recycling program and one component of that, is support and oversight, as these strategies go hand in hand to enable compliance for all program participants and to ensure consumers, Our objective is multi-faceted.

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We want to ensure operators and participants are fully aware of program requirements so that they have the ability to operate successfully.

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Additionally, we want to ensure a level playing field for operators and ensure consumers have provided fair and appropriate redemption.

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Finally, we have a responsibility to ensure the integrity of the Beverage Container Recycling program and the Beverage Container Recycling Fund by mitigating and addressing fraud risks.

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The Department provides various avenues of support and oversight the beverage manufacturers, distributors, dealers and recyclers.

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We both monitored the money in and the money out.

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Not only to make sure that the Program is solvent to provide refund payments to consumers for all the CRV containers returned Recyclers as well as, make the Payment specified and statute to entities like local Government, the local Conservation Corps and non-profit organizations through grants but to also mitigate fraud.

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Today I'd like to explain to you our support and our oversight efforts in these areas.

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Beginning first with beverage manufacturers and beverage distributors. They're required to register with cal recycle.

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Must report how many containers they sell and pay either processing fees through either processing fees or CRP to cow recycle for each covered item sold.

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Our staff actively conduct research to determine determine who should be registered.

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For example, during the pandemic, many small breweries closed their top rooms.

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They began filling containers for customers to enjoy the product at home.

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Many of those sealed, ready to drink beverage was fell under the program.

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The tap rooms needed to register as beverage manufacturers and distributors and fulfill the labeling requirements to make CRV payments and processing things.

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For entities that either do not report accurately or fail to pay, our Office of Audits conducts an audit to determine the scope of non compliance.

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Just to give you some context for calendar year 20 19 and 20 20, the Office of Audits conducted 125 audits with over \$10 million in findings.

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The department also provides oversight of all dealers that sell CRV beverages to ensure that the retailers are identifying CRB correctly and charging appropriately.

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Dealers in convenience zones that do not have a certified recycling center must choose to either redeem in-store, or pay a cow recycle a 100 per dollar per \$100 day fee.

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Our staff notify dealers of these obligations based on the timeline set forth in the Beverage Container program and provide an affidavit for dealers to submit their choice to the department.

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We provide an enforcement and oversight of these dealers and dealers that choose to redeem and store are inspected by counter-cyclical inspectors to ensure they're meeting the requirements set forth in statute.

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Violations are noted for the dealer, And civil penalties may be assessed dealers that choose to pay our invoice monthly, and set statements to notify them of the outstanding balance.

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The Department may file accusations against retailers for failing to pay timely.

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Much of the participation of our operators begins at the certification level, this is an opportunity, too, Help facilitate success.

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These operators, due to the variety of the recycling operators Program can recycle provides a multi-pronged approach to support.

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For recycling centers and processes, the operators are required to attend a pre certification class.

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These are offered in both Southern California and Northern California. During covert we have pivoted to providing them both, to providing them online, but we're also exploring the opportunities to return to in person training for this.

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They're also offered in English and in Spanish.

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These are an opportunity to learn about the program, taking pass an examination with a score of 80% prior to applying or re-applying for certification. These operators must also prepare a financial readiness plan to submit with your application for certification.

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All recycling operators are required to apply for certification or registration, and these applications are evaluated.

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And only those where the operator can demonstrate that they will operate in compliance with the act and associated regulations, are, they approved.

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Once a new operator begins operating, the technical assistance and review unit, perform site visits to provide hands-on training, including reviewing operations and records to determine compliance.

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Recycling center center facilities are visited by our inspections team to verify that they are inspecting and purchasing material correctly.

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Once the Recycling Center operator has been in the program for two years, the initial probationary period for all new certifications.

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The probationary review team evaluates the compliance history and determines if the certification should be passed from probation or extended.

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We then turn our attention to more direct oversight responsibilities during cover cycle provides oversight for operators in various forms, including handling for your reviews, evaluation, the Recycling Center operators handling fees, to determine if the handling fee subsidies eligible for subsidies for eligible material. Claim volume reviews were really volume reports of recycling graders, fraud, detection reviews, to determine the existence or extent of any fraudulent activity, or things that may be fraudulent investigations. Initiated from work performed by the Division of Recycling Staff, referrals, from the Department of Justice, or tips from the public.

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And then we also conduct processor oversight to determine if a processor is fully operating within compliance of the Act and regulations.

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We review documents, inspect materials, and claims, all information that is articulated in both statute and regulation.

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Occasionally, there are times when operators may be non compliant. In those cases, we take an enforcement role.

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Our approach to these issues depends on the significance of the infractions.

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We may issue a notice of non compliance to us essentially a warning notice of violation.

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We may exercise civil penalties or take other disciplinary action.

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We will work closely to address the matter, work with the operator, and make improvements, and address those who failed to make improvements.

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We also partner with sister agencies to assist us in program further deter fraud and preserve the public trust and oversight of public resources.

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We work with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, who manages border stations, and works with us and imported materials reporting for anyone who's bringing £25 of empty beverage containers into the state of California.

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The staff at cal recycle, conduct follow-up and review on these on these important materials reports. We also partner very closely and effectively with the Department of Justice.



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We worked to eliminate fraud by identifying risks, performing complex investigations, and providing prosecution when warranted, CDFI, DOJ, and even the California Highway Patrol work together with Cal Recycle to address and stop out of state import imported materials coming into California.

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As you can see, our approach to support and oversight, it's a vast array of program participants.

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And the program Oversight is complex.

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Our ultimate goal is to enable the compliance of the Beverage Container Recycling program, and protect californias environment. We're pleased to share that the majority of our program partners also represent these goals.

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one last item to share, which isn't on the agenda, but wanted to inform everyone of the release of the semi-annual report on the beverage Container Recycling fund. This too can be found on our website under the container page. For those unfamiliar, this report is prepared every six months and requires the department to provide a fund condition statement on the beverage container recycling fund, which includes revenues, transfers, and expenditures.

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Additionally, we provide an assessment of the funds, structural deficit, or surplus, and its ability to make SERP payments.

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It also includes information, recycling rates, inferred from revenue's, significant changes between current and previous projections and projected sales returns, handling fees and processing payments, and grants awarded.

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And so in brief, the 2021, the report release, which covers up to the the end of December of 2020.

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Projected a structural support surplus rather of one hundred and forty three point seven million dollars. For the 2021 Fiscal year.

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This swing is primarily due to a projected increase in CRV end and a decrease in six CRV out.

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It's important to note that in fiscal year 2122 and for fiscal year 2223, CRV N is protected to decrease, resulting in a surplus to the fund.

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Projected structural surplus is seventy two point three million dollars, and a seventy four point one million dollars structural surplus respectively for those fiscal years.

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Also, important to note that under these circumstances, any 1% increase or decrease in CRB N results in a corresponding change to the fund of approximately fourteen point nine million dollars.

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And a 1% increase or decrease in CRV out results in a corresponding change of ten point four million dollars.

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We highlight that to reflect that this is potentially a volatile, up and down within the program.

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The cover 19 pandemic impacted sales and returns and beverage containers consumers on average purchased about 8% more beverages and redeemed 5% less, between March and December, compared to the same period in 20 19.

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Beverage container redemption decreased by about 15% in March and June 2020.

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It increased 1.5% between July and December 2020, when compared to the same period in 20 19.

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Based on this and as articulated in the report, cut recycled projects, the overall recycling rate inferred from CRB in and out to be about 67% for 2021.

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This projection is about a 9.1% decrease from the previous report.

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Important to emphasize that this is a point in time, and early data for the forthcoming reports suggest the returns may be trending upward.

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Overall, the sales and the container types, for the 2020 year, reported in the report, we're twenty six point five billion containers.

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Returns were 18 point, or are projected to be 18.1. And for fiscal year 20 21 were eighteen point two billion containers.

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So withstanding that the department is still seen a great deal of returns and containers coming into the system.

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Linda, that includes a concludes, my portion of the program. Thank you very much, and I will now turn it back to you.

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OK, thank you so much for that 10, and a big welcome to Amy. Now, to an update on some of California's extended producer responsibility programs, we have them for paint, carpet, mattresses, and now sharps and pharmaceuticals. Let's start by taking a closer look at the state's

Mattress Stewardship Program. This quick video breaks down the benefits of making industry responsible for managing their products.

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They're big. They're bulky and Californians buy about four million new mattresses and foundations every year. Too often many of the old mattresses used to wind up here. Illegally dumped in our communities, cost in California taxpayers. Millions a year for cleanup mattresses aren't easy to handle. And historically, the lack of affordable and convenient recycling options led to a lot of illegal dumping and a lot of trash. Since mattresses don't condense well, they take up a lot of landfill space, a big waste of resources, because mattresses are made of materials that are highly recyclable materials like steel. In 2014, California passed an extended producer responsibility law that took the burden of collecting and landfilling, use mattresses off of local governments, instead requiring the mattress industry to collect and recycle them.

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They use mattress recovery and Recycling Act, requires mattress manufacturers ... renovators and retailers to form a stewardship organization to develop and run a statewide recycling program. The program contains elements to reduce illegal dumping. Increase recycling and to reduce the public cost of managing old mattresses through a 10 dollar and 50% consumer recycling fee on each new mattress, and then they pass that money on to a non-profit organization called the Mattress Recycling Council. The Stewardship organization operates the Recycling Program educating. Consumers, take a look at ... dot com to learn about how and where to recycle your mattress expanding, convenient collection options. Retailers, are required to pick up your mattress When you have a new mattress deliver The program also has dropped off options. And 98% of Californians Now have a free mattress collection option within 50 miles of combating illegal dumping. That has helped.

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Close to 200,000 improperly disposed mattresses and transforming an old problem into new products, like carpet padding, oil filters, appliances, building materials, and mulch for landscaping. seven million mattresses have been recycled since 2016, and in 2020, MRC achieved a 77.1% recycling rate supporting California's move, to a more circular, remanufacturing economy, with less trash pollution, and more green jobs.

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The Mattress Recycling Council, I apologize Madonna Sparking in the background, is required to submit annual reports and then also proposed Program Budgets for calories cycle Approval. Deputy Director about head again joins us now with more on these items.

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Thank you so much, Linda, and thank you to the PR team for, for that great video. I loved seeing the mattress recycling in action.

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Um, all right. So Up for consideration is the mattress recycling councils annual report for 2020.

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The law requires Mattress stewards, the Mattress Stewardship Organization, to demonstrate compliance with statutory rate requirements, all the regulations, and the various recycling Intense and Consumer Convenience Objectives, and it's Approved Stewardship Plan.

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And marcy's, 20, 20 Annual Report details, significant pandemic related challenges, including the temporary closure of 64 mattress collection sites and 11 large volume commercial collection sites.

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And, as you can imagine, the cancellation of almost all of the community mattress collection events scheduled for 2020.

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But despite those challenges, the mantra, Recycling Council met all of its program requirements, MRC achieved a program high 77.1% recycling rate. They collected the collection increase to over one point five million units in that year, and it also increased convenience for consumers and retailers.

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They also invested over a million dollars subsidizing local governments to provide data on illegal dumping of mattresses and that data will drive future programmatic improvements.

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So, we are after a staff analyze the report we are recommending approval of, MRC is 22,000 annual report for the director's consideration. And you can read the report entirely. It's posted a link. That's on today's agenda.

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Now, the Mattress Recycling Council also also submitted its calendar Year 20 22 Program Budget for cow recycles Approval.

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The stewardship organization proposes no change in the current mattress recycling charge of 10 to 50 per unit, \$10, and 50% per mattress and foundation.

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And it allocates \$50 million to increase collection and recycling across the state.

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Staff's staff determined that the budget dedicate adequate funding to achieve program requirements, and we are recommending approval of the 2022 Budget, which will be considered by the Director.

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So, congratulations to the MRC for their achievements in 20 20.

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Our next item for consideration is the Paint stewardship programs administrative fee.

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All of these stewardship organizations are required or required to reimburse the state for the state's costs to oversee and enforce them.

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As part of California's Paint Stewardship program, the stewardship organization known as paint Care, must pay cow recycling, the administrative fee to cover the costs for program oversight and enforcement.

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Cow Recycle staff diligently track their hours every month that they spend working on the Paint Stewardship Program. And based on that tracking, the administrative fee for July 1, 2020 through June 30th, 2021 was \$322,000. That sounds like a lot of money, but it represents less than 1% of paint carriers estimated annual program expenses. and this item will also be sent to the director for consideration.

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And thanks to pink care.

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If you have any paint line around it, your garage pitcairn makes it easy to recycle.

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The next item is a series of documents submitted by our carpet stewardship organization.

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Carpet Amerika, Recovery Effort, known as Care, is the stewardship organization for the carpet industry.

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Care submitted several documents on June 30th, 2021, including a proposed system of differential assessments and a convenient collection for Flooring Professionals' final report, as well as implementation plan.

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Uh, all these documents were either required by Statute or by Care's Stewardship Plan.

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Um, so statute required care to establish a system of differential assessments that take into account the financial burden that a particular carpet material has on the stewardship program, as well as the amount of post consumer recycled content contained in that new carpet. So, you can think of these as different recycling fees, different consumer fees for different carpet types based on what it cost the program to recycle.

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If a certain carpet material requires a higher subsidy to incentivize recycling, then that material needs to have a proportionately higher consumer fee assigned to it.

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Um, based on staff's analysis of the differential assessment, plan, submitted by care, yes, the director has conditionally approved this new system of differential assessments.

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Um, care proposed a system of differential assessments based on whether the carpet is broad loom, which is the large bowls of carpet, or tile tile, traditionally being harder to recycle. So, it's their system is based on whether it's broad Loomer tile and it's within the recycled content of that new car.

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So, what they've proposed is that for carpet that has no recycled content, or less than 10% post consumer content, their proposed assessment would be \$35 per square yard for broad loom and 50% per square yard, for carpet tile reflecting, the fact that carpet tile is more costly to recycle.

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The assessment for carpet, with more than 10%, close get post consumer content would be discounted 2% per square yard.

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The director is conditionally Approve Cares Proposed System of Differential Assistant Assessments. And that approval is contingent upon care making the following revisions within 60 days.

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First of all, they accelerate the implementation date of their proposed system of differential assessments to, on or before April first, 2022. That is, eight months sooner than care proposed, establishing their system. The second condition is that they establish a process to review and update the differential assessment amounts as market conditions and subsidies change.

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And the third is, we've asked them to develop a timeline to develop a revised system of differential assessments that is inclusive of additional factors, such as the face fiber type in order to more accurately align the assessment levels with the financial burden that the various carpet materials have on there, on the program for inclusion in its next program plan.

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So you can read Care's proposed system of differential assessments and cow recycles direction for required revisions linked on today's agenda.

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So that's it for differential assessments.

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Uh, moving on to the convenient collection for flooring professionals, final report an implementation plan.

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The director found that cares report and plan did not meet the requirements of its approved stewardship plan.

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Pursuant to statute, staff is going to review and adjust the program goals, including convenience goals for flooring, installers, and retailers.

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And there will be opportunities for the public to comment on those proposed goals via this carpet stewardship, listserv, and tau recycles carpet stewardship webpages.

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Um, so, thank you for the involvement of all the stakeholders and the industry groups and these carpet issues.

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Um, moving onto some grant items.

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Today, we're announcing one point five million dollars in household hazardous waste grants.

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This program was designed to help local governments establish or expand household hazardous waste collection programs, but it also includes money for public education, waste reduction, re-use, effort's, recycling of household hazardous waste.

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Since 2005, this program and our local government partners have kept our communities safe by keeping one point five billion pounds of household hazardous waste out of our environment and out of our landfills.

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This latest grant awards 21 communities, uh, to expand HW storage capacity at their collection sites, pay for personal protective equipment for workers at those sites. Provide education and outreach programs and organize one day waste round ups. And just to give you a couple of examples of the types of projects these grants fund, Solano County is promoting their HW facility with a multimedia public education campaign to inform the public of best practices for household hazardous waste management. And there'll be specifically focusing on specific materials that are often mishandled in the waste stream, including those £1 propane cylinders that are so convenient for camping. A lot of people are miss handling those.

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San Diego County is organizing to one day household waste Roundups in underserved rural areas of the unincorporated County, some of which are over 40 miles away from the permanent HW collection facility.

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So you can see how necessary these funds are to make proper management of HW accessible to everyone, OK, congratulations to our grantees.

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The next item is Power a five year review of San Luis Obispo lows waste management plan.

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Is it So, San Luis Obispo submitted a five year review report?

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That concludes that no revisions to the planning documents are necessary at this time and staff has concurred with that assessment. That decision was delegated to branch Chief Kara Morgan, and she has approved it.

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And you can find more detailed information on San Luis Obispo pose, submittal, as well of all, as all of our agenda items, by going to the Recycle homepage, selecting public meetings, clicking on today's date, and downloading the meeting agenda. And in that agenda, there are links to all of these documents.

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And back to you, Linda.

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Thank you so much, Matt.

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Moving on now to our pending solid waste entire facilities permits.

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Check out this quick video to see how California facility standards help keep our communities safe.

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Protecting the health of Californians and their land, food, water, and air is a big job. Local, state and federal agencies play different roles to enforce public health and environmental safety standards in California's solid waste local enforcement agencies, process applications, issue, and enforce permits for solid waste facilities. These include landfills, transfer stations, compost facilities, or similar operations. Can recycle must verify permits are consistent with state requirements. Permits can only address areas within the authority of local enforcement agencies and cal recycle. Check out the link below for more detailed information. Emergency waivers allow temporary changes to solid waste permit requirements in response to local or state disasters. Local enforcement agencies may approve the waivers, which are good for up to 120 days and may be extended.

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Cow recycle must re view approved waivers, and can condition, limit, suspend, or terminate them, check out the link for more detailed information. For waste tire facilities, call recycle processes applications, issues and enforces waste higher permits. These include requirements to make sure tires are stored and processed in a way, that reduces potential threats from fire, and disease carrying vectors like mosquitoes. Check out the link for more detailed information.

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How recycle is committed to protecting public health and safety by ensuring that California's waste regulations are followed. Deputy Director Mark, to be joins us now with a statewide update on facility permits. Mark.

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Hey, thank you, Linda, since the last meeting the department concurred on several permits concurred on August 20th, the modified Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Golden Bear Recycling Center, located at the foot of poor Boulevard in Richmond, California in Contra Costa County.

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The department also concurred on August ninth cheat, on a new solid waste facility Permit for the Athens Irwindale Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station, which is located at 2200 arrow Highway in Irwindale, California that's in Los Angeles County.

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The third permit was acted on It was acted on August 30th.

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And that was a modified solid waste facility permit for the John Smith Road Landfill, located at 26 50.

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John Smith Rode Hollister California in San Benito County and the last permit that was acted on since the last meeting was on September 20th.

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Just yesterday, the new compostable materials Handling Facility Permit for the new Capistrano Greenery which is located at 3, 2, 2, 5 0.

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There are two permits that continue to be on the agenda and are being looked at by cal Recycle Staff, and that is Shafter Wasco Recycling and Sanitary Landfill.

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And that's in Chapter, California, Kern County, and my desk Docu composting facility in Modesto, California Stanislaus County.

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Chapter rosco needs to be acted on by October second. And the ...

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composting facility needs to be acted upon by November.

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Third, there's a new permit to the agenda since the last meeting.

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And that's the bad lands, sanitary landfill, located at 31125 Ironwood Avenue, In Marino Valley in Riverside County, County, it's a modified permit, And the department needs to take action on that permit by November six, A.

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A review of the permit package indicates that the proposed changes include an update in the days of the facility, will be closed, update to the estimated closure year, from an estimate of closing on 20 22, 2, now 20 26.

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And there's some updates to the joint technical document, for the permanent.

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And we also have a new waiver that was sent to us, and that is for the Western regional landfill.

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We received it, or it was issued by the Placer local enforcement agency, on August 17.

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And it's a waiver for permitted daily tonnage and vehicle numbers going into the facility.

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And that waiver will be in place until December 15th and that is due to the need for that facility to receive material from the wildfires.

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So, that is the summary for all of the permit and waver action, and so I want to now announce the completion of an illegal disposal site cleanup.

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The Hollywood Trailer Park site and Marysville was abandoned over a decade ago and became a re-occurring location for illegal dumping.

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Cleanup after a fire at the site last year, exhausted local resources to complete the remediation on the city own portion of the park, which lies on the floodplain of the upa River.

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Cleanup.

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Took place over the last few weeks through the Kel recycles illegal disposal site cleanup contractor, and we ended up removing over 38 tons of waste from the site.

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Cal Recycle has also installed barriers and signage in the city has committed to continuing patrols to prevent future illegal dumping.

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And you can see some of the before and after pictures on this slide.

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And that's what I have to share today. Linda, thank you so much.

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Thank you so much, Mark. A quick mention about how Recycle Careers now, calories cycle has a number of openings right now, including a research data analyst, an environmental scientist, and an information officer with marketing and web content skills for a complete list of open positions and application deadlines, visit, cal careers dot gov.

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All cow recycle job openings are listed under Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery. You can also find career positions on our call Recycle LinkedIn page. Now, before we open it up to public comments, we'd like to remind everyone that you can find more information on each of the agenda items that we discussed today by visiting the Cal Recycle Homepage, selecting Public Meetings, and then clicking on today's Date to Download the meeting agenda. And that's where you can find more in-depth information on today's items, as well as links and contact information, should you have any questions. We are working to make the process easier for you, but this is how you can access the information for the time being. And now let's send it over to Ken and Zoe to address the public comments this morning.

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Kenneth?

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Thank you, Linda.

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We do have a number of comments on prep.

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So if you want to take the first one from Evan Edgar and then I will I'll take the one following up.

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All right. That sounds good. So from the California Campus Coalition, Evan Edgar, statement in question.

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and last month's report on urban woodchip biomass facilities. It showed that urban woodchips tons have significantly decreased by 914,000 tons from 20 16, at the Expense of Forestry and Agriculture Woodchips.

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I would like to know what the landfill alternative. There are two chips, as mentioned in the Cal recycle slide. Since Caltrans is mandated to purchase since 19 90, but does not actually purchase that much, parentheses, less than 1% of the market and apprentices.

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The subsidy fluctuations are real, as the current biomass contracts require 80% forest sources, that credit our urban woodchips. Data shows that the wood waste increased from 20 14 to 20 18.

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By 490,000 tons SB 1083 will target a new three point nine million tons of good ways to be diverted by 2025 and some urban wood could go to Mulcher bioenergy.

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Carb will be phasing out agricultural burning in five years and those new times will come on the market.

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The force will be thinned with those neutrons.

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Of carb and CEC. Plan to phase out by aren't bioenergy from their portfolio of solutions at a critical time where more tons are coming on the market.

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What tools and studies can recycle provide for urban wood waste?

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Given three point nine million more tons are coming on the market after losing 914,000 tons of bioenergy and gaining 490,000 in landfill disposal, with decreasing bioenergy market and being crowded out by agricultural and forestry waste and competitive markets.

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PRC for 25 on our Dashboard to 511 in many statutes on market development, has call recycle responsible for the urban wood waste as part of non yard wood waste disposal minimization law.

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What reporter information can cal recycled provide carb as part of the third update on the scoping plan with a focus on 34,045, on the role of bioenergy and to CEC as part of their ...?

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parentheses, Integrated Energy Policy Report Enter parentheses process underway. Thanks, Evan, at her.

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Thanks so much for your question. A lot to unpack here. Really appreciate the analysis on that you provided. I would like to offer a follow-up conversation with you so we can take a deeper dive into some of this and discuss a little bit more in detail. But, you know, what I will say for now is alternatives to disposal of wood waste. Especially with the uncertainty in future biomass capacity will be an important component of the scoping plan modeling efforts to chart a path for the state to achieve carbon neutrality.

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We look forward to working with carb and other stakeholders on this through the scoping plan process, and I would love to chat with you more, So, let's follow up after this meeting.

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Great. Thanks. So the next question comes from Leonard Laying. In a previous conversation with the department, we discussed how the Training and Testing program was instructing attendees to turn away customers if they didn't believe they had consumed the contents even if the load was within daily limits.

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Has this been corrected and have has this been passed on to attend as this information can pass to attend attendees? They've been notified.

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Mister ..., if I'm understanding your question correctly, I believe you may be referring to something that the Department addressed several months ago, through a rescission a notice to recycling operators. If my memory is incorrect on that, please let me know, and we can discuss it further.

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Question from Susan Collins, Cal recycled, recently released semi-annual report on the status of the beverage container recycling.

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The financial data in the report are an accurate for the fiscal year 19 20, which ended 14 months ago.

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Car recycles Beverage Container Fund. Main fund balance was 454 million as of June 30th, 2021. Not the amount of 278 million that was published in the report. Card recycles report under reports, the Fund Balance by 176.

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Excuse me, \$176 million Susan, I'm not sure the the report from which you're deriving the 1020 number, as I mentioned, in the presentation, a lot of this is very much point in time.

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And numbers are reconciled and resolved based on payments the received expenditures that are occur after after the fact.

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So, perhaps we can talk this through a little bit more, be a good opportunity for you to meet Andy Cameron, the ..., Assistant Director for the division of Recycling. And better understand the context and frame of reference from which your numbers presented here. Come.

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Did you want to take the next one, please? Gladly, care. Next question is from Christine Maclagan with school district. The question is: What is the expectation for school districts in California for SB 13, 83 and January 122?

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Really great question. So, school districts are considered local education agencies within SB 383, and you have certain requirements. For example, subscribing to Organic Waste Collection Service or saw polling.

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Please see, Article five of the regulations for more information about local education agencies and other requirements.

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Also, local education agencies with on-site food facilities will be consider commercial edible food generators starting in 20 24. And that's an Article 10 on the regulations. We also have Q&A's that are on our website, that could provide some more details for you. And we also have a school's team that would be happy to meet with you, and provide a presentation, if needed. So feel free to follow up with me, or Ashley, and we'll make sure you have the information that you need.

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Thanks, Eileen.

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From Veronica Pardo, a very hearty welcome to Amy Cameron as Division of Recycling Assistant. Director.

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Thank you for running from Mike O'Donnell.

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Regarding consideration of the Mattress Recycling Councils, 2020 Annual Report and 2022 budget.

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On behalf of the MRC, I'd like to express my appreciation to Cal recycled Department Staff for their oversight and support of the California Mattress Recycling Program and Review of a Mercies 2020 Annual Report and 2022 budget. Known as pi by mattress to the Public art program, has been operational in California for over five years. During this time, we have recycled over seven million mattresses and diverted £300 million of material from California landfills.

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Our program is creating green jobs and driving a circular economy for discarded mattresses 2020 was a challenging year due to a multitude of statewide and global disruptions caused by the ... pandemic.

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Despite this and Mercy's Mattress Recycling program continue to evolve and grow.

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We appreciate the department's leadership and support since they started the Mattress Recycling Program and throughout 2020.

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We look forward to working with the department and stakeholders to continue to improve and expand mattress recycling opportunities and infrastructure in the state. Thank you for your time today, Michael Donal, Mersey Managing Director, Michael. Thank you very much for your comments.

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Um, so, did you want to take this next one?

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Know the answer to this. Who might Yeah. The next question is from Virginia. And she asks, does anyone in Southern California recycle solar modules? I've been on the search for awhile, do you have any recommendations? Or is that a pilot program idea? Virginia? Thanks so much for your question. We certainly recognize that this is going to become a very important issue for California. And one that's important for us, as a state family to get ahead of. I don't have an answer for you. At this time. I'll invite Matt, and again, if she has anything to add, if not, we will commit to getting back to you, with some, some recommendations here.

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Yeah. I think we do have some leads for you, and so we'll follow up offline.

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Thank you, Matt. Thank you. Sorry.

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Moving to moving to a comment from Mark Murray, regarding the processing payments.

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We urge the department to continue the precedent set in June 2017 and June of 2019, and exercise the authority to suspend the judgement adjustment of the pet and HDPE processing payments for the fourth quarter of 2021.

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Reducing processing payments will cost the state's recycling infrastructure as much as a million dollars per month. We believe that adjusting processing payments time does not further the objectives of the program. CRV Recycling infrastructure continues to suffer from significant revenue shortfalls and closed centers. The department has few options for supporting the recycling of structure, independent of legislative action.

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This adjusting or not of the processing payments is one rare opportunity. Mark, Thank you for your comments. We will take those under advisement.

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So, would you mind with the carpet stewardship documents?

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So the next question is from Joanne Brash with the California Product Stewardship Council.

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And the comment is the California Product Stewardship Council has consistently monitored and reviewed carpet stewardship program documents for years and is concerned with the lack of clear metrics and goals for the proposed changes to the care plan. It's pointed out by Cal Recycling the RFA.

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The documents submitted on June 30th were national precedent setting measures, and we applaud Cal recycled for the thorough review and requiring an expedited timeline for the differential assessments.

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Differentials have been detailed, have been a detailed discussion from the Advisory Committee, and previously The Carpet Council and should not be a challenge, given the level of expert input carriers received over the last five years. We have additional concerns with the length and organization of the documents that make it difficult for the public to participate, if they don't have all the background information.

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Joanne, thank you for your comment. Inviting Matt back, if he has anything more to add.

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Yeah. Yeah. Thank you.

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I mean, I think we, we identified some of the same issues and, you know, invite you to participate in that goal, setting, a process and just stay engaged with their advisory council and keep on submitting your comments. So, we will certainly take all this enterprise.

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Matt, you wouldn't mind staying on. We have one more comment as it relates to on the Carpet Stewardship program.

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This is from Amy at Californians Against Waste as a supporter of the original legislation to create California's Carpet Stewardship program, Californians Against Waste, Appreciate, Call recycles, oversight of the program and efforts to develop the State's Carpet Recycling system. We also welcome ... prioritizing urgent updates to the program, including accelerating the Implementation of a differential assessment.

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Such updates have been requested for many years from experts in the public and are necessary to meet the statutory carpet recycling, goal's. Thanks for your comment, Amy.

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Yeah, I couldn't agree more.

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I think accelerating the differential assessments is prudent and getting A You know, we don't want the perfect to be the enemy of the good. Getting it up and running while it's being improved.

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You know, it makes sense to iterate rather than wait to get a perfect system in place, so, I appreciate the the I appreciate your appreciation of our staff's efforts to oversee and, and to analyze all these, these documents as well.

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Great, thanks Matt, And I apologize, I think I may have interrupted you as you were speaking. That's, that, does it for the portal. So, Linda, we will turn it back to you. Thank you very much.

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Fantastic. Thank you so much for handling all the questions and comments, and we wanna thank everyone who participated in the public meeting today. We hope you enjoy the new format that's designed to make communication more accessible, inclusive, and as relevant as possible. And we welcome your feedback. So please feel free to leave us a comment on the public comment portal, and, in the meantime, have a great rest of your morning and week, and we will see you again next month.

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Bye, everyone.

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