

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Californianbottle bill is in dire need of help, and stability.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

This bill would prohibit the use of those kacey narrows.

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.

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

Another bill, AB 8 8 1, 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 dumped, 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.