

# Questions and Answers from the workshop, "RDRS Regulations Rulemaking Workshop 1"

Workshop Date: 6/22/2022 10am - 12pm PDT

Workshop Public Notice Hyperlink: <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicNotices/Details/4736>

Number Questions Asked: 19

*Table 1: Questions asked during workshop 1 and their corresponding answers.*

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Question Asked Date/Time</b>	<b>Question Asked</b>	<b>Answer Given</b>
Chavez	Carlos	10:30:15 AM PDT	Lots of recycling centers allow the public to walk up to bins, drop off their recyclables and then leave without interacting with staff. Are you expecting these sites to start weighing and surveying this type of activity?	Our regulations will allow entities other alternatives for capturing origins, such as host-assigning tons to the jurisdiction in which the facility resides.
Edwards	James	10:28:29 AM PDT	Is the intent to only allow the chasing Arrows symbol when CA considers the material recyclable? If so, can other symbols such as the ASTM symbol be used?	Please review the SB 343 legislative information for the intent and goals. Producers should review the requirements of the legislation in order to determine the most appropriate labeling for their products.
Garcia	Kat	10:30:16 AM PDT	Question sent via email: How does SB 343 & AB 881 handle any plastics that may be in screenings from Wastewater facilities? The screenings go to solid waste disposal.	Since these materials are already being reported as solid waste, this should not require any change in reporting in RDRS.
Kester	Greg	10:24:45 AM PDT	Are biosolids which are recycled to agricultural land or other reclamation projects considered recyclable materials under SB 343? Thank you.	SB 343 is focused on products and packaging that display a chasing arrows symbol and ensuring products are labeled appropriately. If biosolids are labeled with the chasing arrows symbol, then they must comply with SB 343's recyclability requirements.
Mauck	Rick	10:25:45 AM PDT	Why is it Important to know the jurisdiction of origin for these 'junk' mixed plastics?	AB 881 requires us to track origins in order to count these tons in disposal for a jurisdiction.

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Meza	VALERIE	10:30:24 AM PDT	So will the hauler need to separate out the plastic residual waste and report that as part of the transfer waste??	Haulers are not required to sort their materials for the purposes of reporting. Current regulations require that materials mixed with solid waste are reported as solid waste. So, if a hauler gives a T/P a mixture of solid waste and plastics (e.g., residential mixed waste), then the hauler should report that entire outflow as solid waste (meaning, give origins for all the material to the T/P). This will not change in the regulatory updates. However, in our proposed regulatory updates, if a hauler handles mixtures of plastics and other recyclables, which do not contain solid waste, then the hauler will need to treat that mixture as "mixed plastic waste." In the regulatory updates, a hauler will have to give origins for mixed plastic waste materials to the destination T/P.
Meza	VALERIE	10:36:15 AM PDT	I feel like members of CalRecycle need to come and take tours of rural northern California and see how we collect the information from the public. Tehama, Butte, and Shasta would be great locations for you to visit. I will send you an invite to Butte-Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility. Please send me your emails and I'll get your invite over to you.	Thank you! We will contact you shortly.
Numair	Omar	10:24:52 AM PDT	Where can we get a copy of today's presentation?	The presentation will be posted on the public notice for the workshop: <a href="https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicNotices/Details/4736">https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicNotices/Details/4736</a> . We will also send the link to the listserv.
Numair	Omar	10:38:36 AM PDT	Will today's Q&A be transcribed and posted to the webpage as well?	We will investigate how to include the Q&A as part of the transcript.
Sander	Steven	10:42:08 AM PDT	Comment from Staff: Facilities receiving material that requires a solid waste facilities permit to be handled should report that as a solid waste inflow and be tracking jurisdiction of origin.	This was a comment from other staff attending the workshop.
Shapiro	Lauren	10:28:51 AM PDT	How will CalRecycle resolve issues where some state and global jurisdictions require certain recyclability symbols including chasing arrows on packaging?	Please review the SB 343 legislative information for the appropriate guidelines for labels.
Sweetser	Larry	10:23:41 AM PDT	Can you repeat the schedule on the first slides for the rulemaking?	We have two more scheduled informal workshops: July 26 and August 30, each at 10am - 12pm. See the rulemaking website for details: <a href="https://calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/rulemaking/rdrsupdates/">https://calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/rulemaking/rdrsupdates/</a> . Formal rulemaking is scheduled to begin in October to November of this year.
Sweetser	Larry	10:43:25 AM PDT	Will you include the questions in the transcript	We will investigate how to include the Q&A as part of the transcript.

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Sweetser	Larry	10:50:20 AM PDT	Will this rulemaking also be an opportunity to address other RDRS issues not related to SB 343? I work on my list and from our members. Thanks	Yes, we are going to adjust existing RDRS regulations somewhat. We currently plan to cover these changes at the second workshop.
Tyrrell	Neil	10:28:20 AM PDT	When does CalRecycle believe the data will be available to allow producers to know if they need to modify current package recycling labeling?	The material characterization study data will be available 1 Jan 2024. The RDRS data comprise two components: 1) outflows of recyclable materials, and 2) collection method for inflows of recyclables. RDRS already collects the former dataset and we anticipate publishing a public report with non-confidential data regarding recyclables around January 2023. For collection method, however, we anticipate that RDRS data will not start gathering those data until 2024 Q4, but that date could change during the rulemaking.
Varghese	Ria	10:25:58 AM PDT	How will the 3 workshops be different from each other?	The first workshop covered updates to our regulations as required by SB 343 and AB 881. The second workshop will cover our general updates to RDRS regulations. The third workshop will show the more detailed regulations that we have not provided at the first and second workshops.
Varghese	Ria	10:39:09 AM PDT	Will the regulations affect how some tons are assigned to the host jurisdiction for a processing facility?	The updated regulations will provide more alternative methods for assigning residuals at a processing facility, to be discussed at our second workshop.
Varghese	Ria	10:44:35 AM PDT	The formal rulemaking process is expected to start in Oct-Nov this year. Is this when we can expect the first draft of the proposed changes to regulations to be available?	At the latest, we will provide the regulations when we start the formal rulemaking process. However, we hope to release the regulations for public viewing by the third workshop.
Varghese	Ria	10:49:53 AM PDT	When will the slides and recording be made available on the website? Thank you!	We will provide the slides and recording as soon as we can, but that may take some time, due to checking for accessibility and other factors.