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[Music] California is advancing its circular economy reforms to fight

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climate change. Plus implementation updates on new laws to cut trash and

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turn more materials into new products and the latest Department decisions to

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protect the health of Californians and their in progress meeting starts now.

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Good morning, everyone. thanks for joining us for CalRecycle's November 2023 Public

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Meeting. This meeting is for Californians by Californians as we work together to protect

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our communities and fight climate change. To serve people of differing abilities

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and comply with requirements of the American Disabilities Act, CalRecycle provides closed

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captions for publicly viewed meetings. Because live captioning requires voice

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recognition software some errors may occur. Here's information about our Spanish language

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interpretation. Language shouldn't be a barrier when it comes to protecting our air, water, and

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land. CalRecycle is simulcasting this meeting in both English and Spanish. Click the public

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meeting banner at the top of CalRecycle.ca.gov for a link to our webcast in English and Spanish. If

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you're attending this meeting in person in Byron Sher Auditorium, we have Spanish interpretation

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(In Spanish)

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Our first agenda item today is the director's report. CalRecycle Director Rachel Machi Wagoner

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joins us now with some important updates. Good morning, Rachel. Good morning and thank

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you everybody for joining us this morning. It's lovely to see you and Happy Thanksgiving to all

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of you joining us in person and uh remotely. Just a few quick updates before we jump into the meeting.

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Today um very excited to announce that CalRecycle has solicited for um a proposal for our zero waste

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plan. State of California, as many of you know, is devising our first ever zero waste plan that will

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be statewide. We've advertised for that just a little over a week ago and um am looking forward

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to working with contractors as we move forward with that proposal. So, if you are interested, please

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take a look. Secondly, we are so excited to announce a new member of our executive team

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Clara here is going to be the deputy director for um uh policy uh for the Department. We are so

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excited to have her after many years with the legislature. She is joining us bringing um much

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experience and expertise uh with um uh many of our programs. And with that, I will turn it back over to

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Maria. Thank you. California is advancing its circular economy reforms to fight climate change.

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Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs oh is a in here. Is Erin here remotely? Sorry.

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gonna skip this portion. To more fully engage with uh Californians on monthly public meeting

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agenda items, Calrecycle is moving to an all live public comment submission process instead

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of submitting written comments online. You can now address agenda items directly with CalRecycle in

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person or over the the phone. Here's how. California wants your input on recycling and trash pollution

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issues. Join CalRecycle's decision making process by making a live public comment on any of today's

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monthly public meeting agenda items in person or by phone. Microphones are available for those of

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you in the room with in-person comments. If you're joining remotely, you can call in with your comment.

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Just click the public meeting banner at the top of our website, then click the public comments button.

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For step-by-step caller instructions, we will address live public comments at the end of the

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meeting. CalRecycle wants your feedback as we work to implement historic circular economy reforms. Our

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department is hosting a public workshop on the SB 54 needs assessment on December 14th, from 10

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a.m. to 12 noon. The workshop will focus on the needs assessment and component studies that will

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be conducted by CalRecycle or its contractors. Additionally, data that could aid in the needs

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of needs assessment studies. We encourage organizations that are interested in bidding on upcoming

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contract solicitations for the needs assessment to attend this workshop. You can attend in person,

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register to participate through Zoom or watch the webcast. Subscribe to the SB 54 ListServ

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to receive updates about the upcoming workshops. Californiana collected almost 9.2 billion beverage

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containers in the first half of 2023. Beverage container recycling deputy director Amy Cameron

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is here with program updates. Good morning, Amy. Good morning, Maria. Good morning, everybody. The

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beverage container recycling numbers are in for the first half of 2023. January through June of

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2023 showed a 76% collection rate from California consumers, up from 75% at the same time period last

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year. Aluminum reached 80% for this time period, but collection rates tend to decline as we head

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into the fall and winter months. We have published the biannual report on our website. And also on our

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website and on this agenda, we have linked the quarterly certification and registration report

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and the enforcement report to today's agenda. Back to you Maria. Thank you, Amy.

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expects to announce 154 million in organics recycling infrastructure grants very soon. The

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department is also reviewing applications for its latest SB 1383 local assistance

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grant cycle. Thanks to everyone who applied. A quick reminder about upcoming grant deadlines.

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Applications for tire derived aggregate grant program awards are due December 6th. In January,

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applications are due for farm and ranch cleanup grants, beverage container recycling city county

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payment program awards, and community composting for green spaces grant program.

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CalRecycle's ListServes to receive updates about CalRecycle grant programs. Next on the agenda,

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updates to several of California's extended producer responsibility programs. Division of

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the Circular Economy Deputy Director Zoe Heller joins us with those items. Good morning, Zoe.

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Good morning, Maria. Today, we have multiple items related to our pharmaceutical and sharps waste

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stewardship programs for the director's consideration. But before we go into those,

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just wanted to give a couple updates on where we are with some of our um programmatic submissions.

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On October 15th, the foundation resubmitted its 2022 annual report for cover drugs, which

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staff is currently reviewing for compliance. The statutory deadline for the director's compliance

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determination is January 15th in 2024. CalRecycle has not yet received UltiMed's resubmittal

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of its 2024 annual program budget for home generated sharps that was due on October 15

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2023. So, we have a number of um of decisions that I'm going to share today.

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staff have reviewed six documents related to pharmaceuticals and sharps waste stewardship

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programs that were submitted in August. The director made the following decisions on these

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items on October 29th. The director approved MED Project's 2024 annual program budgets for both

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cover drugs and home generated sharps waste. On November 17th, the director made the following

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compliance determinations. MED Project's 2022 annual report for covered drugs was approved.

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The foundation's 2022 annual report for home generated sharps waste was disapproved and

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referred to the waste permitting compliance and mitigation division for potential enforcement.

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On November 20th, the department the director made the following compliance determinations.

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MED Project's 2022 annual report for home generated sharps waste was approved UltiMed's

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2022 annual report for home generated sharps waste was disapproved and referred to

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waste permitting compliance and mitigation division for potential enforcement. You can

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read the staff analysis and all these items in the Public Notices linked in

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today's agenda and subscribe to CalRecycle's pharmaceutical and Sharps ListServ. to receive

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updates. All right, next on the agenda, we have a mattress-related item. We have an upcoming

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public workshop on the state's mattress recycling baseline and goals. This will be December 5th at

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10: a.m. here in the Byron Sher Auditorium. You can also register and participate online. Ee

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want your feedback as part of Cal recycles review process and potential updates of the

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state mattress recycling Baseline amounts in state mattress recycling goals please

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visit the CalRecycle events page or check out the public notice linked in today's agenda for

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more information and sign up for CalRecycle's mattress stewardship ListServ to receive

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program updates. Okay, moving on to carpet now. The carpet stewardship law requires the stewardship

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organization to submit a plan update to CalRecycle to increase the assessment if

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the amount of the assessment is not sufficient to fund the program. Calrecycle received CARE's

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differential assessments plan amendment on September 20th, and staff observed that the

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increased assessment that CARE proposed appears to be sufficient to fund the program, including

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meeting CARE's reserve policies. The director approved CARE's plan amendment on the November

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17th 2023 to achieve the required reserve amounts by December 31st 2025. And CARE shall Implement

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its proposed differential assessment effective Jan 1 2024. While CARE's differential assessment

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plan amendment meets minimum requirements, it does not reflect the environmental benefits

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and cost savings associated with carpets that have increased durability reusability

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and recyclability. CalRecycle expects to see this considered in CARE's future differential assessment

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plan amendments. Staff analysis can be found in the request for action included in the public

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notice link on today's agenda. Back to you, Maria. Thankc, Zoe. California's waste reduction and

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recycling progress would not be possible without the hard work of our local jurisdictions. Deputy

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director Cara Morgan of CalRecycle's materials management and local assistance division is here

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with our next informational agenda items. Good morning, Cara. Good morning, Maria. Thank you all

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for being here today. CalRecycle is required to review and either approve or disapprove

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each countywide or regional agency Integrated Waste Management plan 5-year review report. These

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reports are comprehensive analyses of planning documents which may be impacted by changes

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in demographics, disposal capacities, funding, as well as diversion programs. The counties of Santa

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Barbara and Riverside submitted their five-year review report for their countywide Integrated

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Waste Management plan. They concluded that no revisions to the County's plans are necessary

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at this time. I have approved each of these items. Next on the agenda, Los Angeles County has amended

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its countywide siting element. This is required to describe facilities that may be used to meet the

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County's 15-year disposal needs. There are no new developments or potential landfill

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Expansion plans in this revised siting element. The revision includes updates to help

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the county shift to more alternatives to landfill technologies. I have also approved this item. You'll

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find all of the details on both, actually all three items linked in the public notice on this agenda.

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Back to you, Maria. Thank you, Cara. We are sailing through our agenda today, so now to pending solid

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waste and tire facilities permits updates. Here's a quick overview of California facility standards,

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plus a statewide facility permit update from environmental program manager Paulina

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Lawrence. Protecting the health of Californians and their land, food, water and air is a big

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job. Local, state, and federal agencies play different roles to enforce public health

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and environmental safety standards in California. Solid waste local enforcement agencies process

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applications issue and enforce permits for solid waste facilities these include landfills transfer

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stations, compost facilities, or similar operations. CalRecycle must verify permits are consistent

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with state requirements permits can only address areas within the authority of local enforcement

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agencies and CalRecycle. Check out the link below for more detailed information.

Emergency

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waivers allow temporary changes to Solid Waste permit requirements in response to local or state

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disasters. Local enforcement agencies may approve the waivers, which are good for up to 120 days and

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may be extended. CalRecycle must review approved waivers and can condition limit suspend or

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terminate them. Check out the link for more detailed information. For Waste Tire facilities CalRecycle

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processes applications issues and enforces waste tire permits. These include requirements to make

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sure tires are stored and processed in a way that reduces potential threats from fire and disease

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carrying vectors, like mosquitoes. Check out the link for more detailed [Music] information. For

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Riverside County, the department on October 29th 2023, agreed with the local enforcement agency

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to concur on Perris Transfer Station and Material Recovery Facility. This is a modified Solid Waste

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facility permit. Action was needed November 1st 2023. For Los Angeles County, the department on

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November 14th 2023 agreed with the LEA to concur on Grand Central Recycling and Transfer Station.

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This is a revised Solid Waste facilities permit action needed date was December 25th

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[Music] 2023. New to this month's agenda is San Bernardino County is the City of

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Claremont Community Services Department. This is a new Solid Waste facilities permit. Action

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needed date is January 8th 2024. Preliminary review of the permit package indicates the

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following proposed design parameters. The proposed facility will be a large volume

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transfer processing facility. Permitted hours of operation will be 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday

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through Saturday. Permitted maximum tonnage will be 184 tons per day. Permitted traffic

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volume will be 44 vehicles per day. The permitted area will be 1.39 acres and the design capacity

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will be 184 tons. For Orange County, we have Bee Canyon Greenery. This is a revised compostable

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materials handling facility permit. Action is needed December 31st 2023. Preliminary review

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the permit package indicates the following proposed changes: increasing the permitted

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maximum tonnage from 437 tons per day to 876 tons per day, increasing the composting permitting area

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from 30 acres to 31.4 acres, increasing the total permitted area from 30 acres to 37.3 acres and

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the addition of food material and manure as acceptable materials for Yolo County. We have

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Yolo County Central Landfill. This is a revised Solid Waste facilities permit. Action is needed January

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2nd 2024. Preliminary review of the permit package indicates the following proposed changes: increase

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in the permitted maximum tonnage from 1,800 tons per day to 3,000 tons per day, increase in the

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permitted traffic volume from 1,047 vehicles per day to 1,035 vehicles per day.

Adjustments to the

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permitted area acreage and design capacity for the construction and demolition, compost facility

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2 and in-vessel digestion activities while keeping the total permitted area of 724.54 unchanged, addition of

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axillary hours, updates to the Joint Technical Document and lastly updates to the permit

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language. And now CalRecycle's environmental program manager Paulina Lawrence joins us

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live with one more update. Thank you, Maria. We the department received an update uh

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for Yolo County Central Landfill um I will be announcing today with a revised permit action

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date of January 19th 2024. Also, the department did not receive any emergency waivers from last

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month's public meeting. Back to you, Maria. Thank you, Paulina. You can find more information on

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any of today's agenda items by going to CalRecycle's homepage and click on the public

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meeting web banner at the top of our site for a link to the agenda and associated public notices.

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Now, it's time for live public comments. First, we'll take comments from the public present

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and our Sacramento CalEPA headquarters meeting room. Are there any comments today? Looks like we have

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some. Good morning, uh Tim shes with the American Chemistry Council. Just curious if you might have

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any updates on the timing of SB 54 informal rule making packet being made public. Thank you.

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Hi, Tim, thanks so much for the question. I know this is a question a lot of people have right

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now. We are working really hard to get a draft out for uh release. As you know,  
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the regulatory process unto itself is pretty uh robust and then you add a regulation  
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that is not only brand new but something uh really really all-encompassing, like  
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implementation of SB 54. So, we're working really hard to get that done and we're  
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hoping to get a draft out here soon. And the entirety of the language will be  
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the next point of and we are hoping to then schedule some meetings and workshops  
post uh  
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release. Good morning, Christine Crum. I'm from Yolo County. Thank you so much for  
allowing me  
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uh to make a public comment today. I'm commenting obviously about the Yolo County's  
permitting  
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process. I do have some concerns as a local resident and one that's very near to the  
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uh landfill, regarding increased odors. I really appreciate that the county has done  
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an excellent job of trying to mitigate those and actually being responsive, so that's  
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awesome. Another major concern of mine, which hasn't been addressed sufficiently as  
far as  
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I'm concerned, is road damage to the local roads that go actually into the county. I think  
that if  
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road trash also isn't picked up and happening it probably needs to be done by a  
different agency  
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other than Yola County Probation. And if that needs to be done, they may need to  
increase cost  
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to actually um pick up local trash that's being dumped. Sorry to interrupt. So, the road  
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you mentioned road damage. Is it road damage or um litter of batement or both? Both.  
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know the road damage is obviously due to the large trucks going in the increased uh uh  
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of vehicles that are going to be coming into the landfill will increase that. Currently, there are

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a number of potholes that have been filled um as a stop gap uh to actually having a safe road but

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unfortunately the weight of the vehicles coming on there, I am actually concerned about the dangerous

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conditions that it causes. I think that drivers are often I find driving in the wrong lane um to avoid

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the potholes uh on the weighted side going into the landfill, and I am worried that a head-on

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collision could actually occur. As I've seen several near misses as people assume other folks are going to

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move out of their way. I am worried about that significantly. I think if the Yolo County uh has

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concerns about the cost uh I know that they also have to work with Yolo County Transportation, and

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it could be something where the county needs to actually make uh some adjustments to the way that

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happens and and be more assertive in making sure that transportation is on board with assuring that

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we have safe roads going out to the landfill. I also uh believe that while they've done

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a great job of instituting some tarping policy for the county and some laws and are actually

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doing a lot to enforce that, it still has not decreased the number of of trash that's coming

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out of vehicles going into the landfill. So those those are my primary concerns with the additional

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permitting. So, again appreciate the comment and just a a follow-up question. And, so, the trucks

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that that are going in to deliver to the landfill, are they have trash falling off of them?

Yes, ma'am.

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Huh, all right. It's not just the it's obviously not just the trucks that are um contracted to

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pick up local trash, it's all the local residents who are coming from the county or from other

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outside counties in private vehicles. I don't I don't, it's not as much from the large actual

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contracted agencies. Yeah, perfect. Thank you, thank for the comment. Thank, thank you so much for your time

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today. Rre there any other comments in the room

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today? Okay, do we have any comments on the phone? Okay, so we have we're going to go now to our live

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comments uh for people calling in. Right now, it's uh caller number 0392. If you can unmute

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yourself and then um state your name, affiliation, and go ahead with your comment. Hi, thank you.

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I'm 0392. I'm Susan Collins, the president of the Container Recycling Institute, and I have two

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comments, but they're brief. The first one is that I thank you very much for the opportunity

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to um give our comments without having somebody else um read our comments. In the past, um my

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comments were misconstrued by the way they were sort of edited while they were being read live,

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and um that's been problematic. I wasn't able to express myself in the way that I wanted to

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express myself by typing in comments, so I very much appreciate that you've moved to this new

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system. So, thank you very much. My second comment was that um I wanted to, it's more of a it really

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is just a comment, it's not a question. I'm really hoping that CalRecycle can um get back

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on schedule with producing financial reports on the beverage container recycling program because

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um as far as I know, it um unless I've missed it, I don't think a financial report has been

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released for two years, and by statute, those are supposed to be released twice a year.

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And I know that CalRecycle is also aware of the fact that um the governor's budget had a

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number of financial errors last year, and um I'm definitely hopeful that um the governor's

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budget won't have any errors this coming year, and that the um that CalRecycle can

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get back on track with producing um accurate and timely quarterly financial or semiannual

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financial reports for the beverage container program. Thank you, thank you for your comment,

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Susan. All right, so it looks like that's it for today, uh and we want to thank everyone

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who participated in today's public meeting. You can find videos from today's meeting and the November

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2023 monthly public public meeting recording of this uh meeting today posted on

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CalRecycle's YouTube channel as soon as possible. Given the short week, that may not be until

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Monday, as we work to make our communication as as accessible inclusive and relevant to Californians

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as possible. We welcome your feedback through CalRecycle's various ListServes and various

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channels. Have a great rest of your morning and week, and we will see you next month  
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