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Making a waste-free future happen together Your partner for change CalRecycle is advancing

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world leading reforms to cut waste and build circular use systems for all materials.

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Your next chance to shape new rules for industry as California works to simplify recycling for

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packaging and loose Batteries Plus new funding to boost reuse in California's beverage container

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recycling program and program updates from California's paint and carpet stewardship programs join California's climate fight and shift to a circular use economy Cal recycles monthly

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public meeting starts now thanks for joining us for CalRecycle's July 2024 monthly public meeting

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Where we share important progress and updates as we work together to build a circular system that cuts waste and reuses all materials and products.

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Communications Director Maria West: "We apologize we're having some technical difficulties so I think the videos will be very quiet.

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So we'll just have to stay quiet to hear them. Also before we get started wanted to make

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sure that everyone identifies the two exits closest to them. Just for your safety.

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If you hear a fire alarm please take your valuables and use the exit signs. Now here's some information about our Spanish language

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interpretation Video plays:

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Language shouldn't be a barrier when it comes to protecting our air, water, and land. CalRecycle is simulcasting this meeting in both English and Spanish.

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Click the public meeting banner at the top of [CalRecycle.com](https://www.calrecycle.com) for a link to our webcast in English and Spanish.

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

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let our team on the left hand side of the Dias know if you need one.

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Now to get started our Chief Deputy Director Mindy McIntyre joins us with a little bit about today's agenda,

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Good morning everyone! Thank you for joining us online and so many people in the room. It's lovely to see.

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Today we have a full agenda with lots of updates on our grant programs our EPR programs as well as a presentation on our Zero Waste Baseline report.

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So very much looking forward to sharing those updates and hearing from you guys back to you, Maria.

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Thanks Mindy, and now Deputy Director of The Office of Policy and Developmental Analysis Clara Vizier is here with the zero waste plan updates.

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Deputy Director Clara Vizier: Good morning everyone! CalRecycle is very excited to share that we have a progress on the Zero Waste

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Plan with the publication of the Zero Waste Baseline report on our website.

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The report includes an evaluation of existing programs and preliminary recommendations as well.

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Looking forward we encourage you to look out for an email survey that we go out to our zero waste plan list serve and a reminder for a public engagement event happening

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next month uh tentatively scheduled on August 14th where interested parties

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can provide feedback on the Zero Waste plan. The goal is to send the Zero Waste plan to the Legislature by January 2026.

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Back to you Maria. Thank you Claire California is advancing reforms to waste less and reuse or recycle the rest but first check

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out this quick video on how California is moving from a disposable system to a circular economy

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California has a trash problem even after recycling billions of products we still throw out 40 million tons of garbage a year turning limited materials into pollution that piles up in

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landfills and in our streets rivers and ocean the solution is to stop treating our waste like trash

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as our population grows we can keep our convenient lives by reusing materials in a circular economy

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cutting plastic pollution by having industry use less plastic and recycle the rest there's about

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1.3 1.4 million PBS of trash in this this yard that would have ended up in our landfill it's

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going to become products adding Wine and Liquor to the Redemption program to reuse more glass

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one of the great things about glass is it's 100% infinitely recyclable cutting climate pollution

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from rotting food and yard waste by turning it into green products what would otherwise go into

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a landfill we're able to turn it into a beautiful soil that helps regenerate our lands and helps

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grow food for the community nature doesn't make Trash a waste free California can help heal our

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planet so chief deputy director Mindy McIntyre now has some updates on the

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plastic pollution prevention law implementation progress

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OK, so the covered material category list updates have been published and a reminder

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covered material category recyclability and compostability updates will be published the start of 2025 and the department is reviewing public comments and considering changes to the

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proposed regulations right now. We did, as we've mentioned at previous meetings, get so many comments which we are looking at now.

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Our team is carefully evaluating and we are getting those out as soon as we possibly can.

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Under the California Environmental Quality act CalRecycle is also preparing a program environmental impact report. There's a public scoping meeting happening in person here at the CalEPA headquarters and online on July 22nd from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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and we will be taking comments to identify information to be included in the Environmental Impact Report.

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The SB 54 Advisory board meeting will meet this Friday on July 19th as well um next update is our

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battery stewardship program. CalRecycle is also working to implement a Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022.

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The law requires producers to establish stewardship organization to safely collect and recycle loose batteries.

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We're welcoming written feedback from interested parties on initial rule making and fiscal impacts presented at the workshop held on July 11th.

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You can submit your written comments by sending them to the email on the screen and the deadline is July 25th

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You can find the discussion document presentation and other materials

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posted on the public notice linked in today's agenda Back to you Maria. Thank you so much, Mindy and now we're going to move on to our grant program awards application updates with

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Program Branch Chief Michelle Martin to give us those details. Good morning, Michelle

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Thank you Maria. Good morning, everybody. The Legislature directed \$25 million for infrastructure and startup costs

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to develop a deposit return system for CRV glass containers. Thanks to everyone who submitted comments and

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feedback on the grant program criteria as a result of your engagement, we added in a reusable beverage container

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definition to clear up any confusion between the two definitions of

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reusables and refillables within our PRC In addition we added a link to AB 962 the bottle washer processor

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emergency RS to satisfy the cancellation of the CRV requirement.

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Ed in August with applications due in October and awards announced in December there's

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\$50 million available for the beverage container quality infrastructure grants each project is eligible for up to \$10 million

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to support clean streams of CRV material from drop off and curbside collection programs thanks for your feedback with this program as well uh We've updated a few items

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the first includes language to identify that the program is focused on sorting of material in

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addition we expanded examples of eligible equipment including Optical sorting units and other Machinery connected to sorting of material we included language that all projects must be

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located in California and finally we reduced the minimum Grant award to \$1 million Grant Awards

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now range from 1 million to 10 million the notice of funds available will be posted in August with

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applications due in October and Awards in December an additional 3 million will soon be available

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to recycle more beverage containers and keep our communities clean we're planning for the upcoming cycle of the beverage container recycling competitive grant program these

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grants range from 75,000 to \$275,000 they're available to qualifying tribal entities local governments schools nonprofits Special Districts and Joint power authorities you can

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learn more about eligible projects linked in today's agenda we also posted criteria for the next round of the

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household hazardous waste grants 1.5 million is available for local hHw collection programs that

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typically accept hazardous items like chemicals and fluorescent bulbs staff proposes using the

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same eligibility criteria for both construction and smaller project grants ranging from 500,000

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to 1 million and moving on to our grant award announcements we're awarding 1.25 million to

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14 Grant recipients for Waste Tire cleanup on private property and public roads we're

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also announcing Farm and Ranch cleanup grants the program has helped clear more than 1,000 illegal

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dump sites so far and let's take a look at a cleanup in Yuba County a gear is flourishing

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again in the heart of Yuba County after a \$154,000 Cal Recycle funded illegal dumping cleanup I would

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say there's easily debris out here at dumped at least once a month the piles of trash grew so

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much in this Orchard and neighboring properties in the Central Valley Community of Philip Hurst that they were visible from Highway 70 Yuba Sutter County resource Conservation District

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says it has been able to remove over 100 tons of waste to date we've had anything from tires sofas and couches refrigerators freezers washers dryers wood scrap illegal

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dumping was slowing down operations that the peach orchard threatening employee safety and raising concerns about fires and toxic contamination all of those waterways within the orchard

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next to the levy systems it can contaminate the fish habitat wildlife habitat and go into the river and on Downstream grandf funded Gates signs and surveillance cameras are now in place

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to keep illegally dumped trash from soiling the Harvest giving the land back to Farmers to feed

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Californians we're awarding \$730,000 in Grants to clear illegally dump trash from sites in Shasta

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Stannis La Sutter Trinity YOLO and Yuba counties you can read more about each project in today's

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agenda and finally we're awarding uh 1.4 million to approve uh have approved 59 local enforcement

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agencies for their Solid Waste facilities permit and inspection programs two of these applicants

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provide services in the California Mexico border region thank you and back to you Maria

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thanks Michelle so you can offer your comments or questions on any of today's agenda items here's

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how California wants your input on Recycling and trash pollution issues join Cal recycle

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decision-making process by making a live public comment on any of today's monthly public meeting agenda items in person or by phone microphones are available for those of you in the room with

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in-person comments if you're joining remotely you can call in with your comment just click the public meeting Banner at the top of our website then click the public public comments button

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for step-by-step caller instructions we will address live public comments at the end of the meeting and uh now the materials management and local assistance deputy director Cara Morgan joins

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us to share some extended producer responsibility updates good morning Cara good morning Maria good

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morning everybody nice to see you all including those in Virtual land uh starting off with

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California's paint stewardship program 99.1% of consumers that's a huge number now have access

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to nearly 870 used paint drop off sites within 15 miles of their home that's the highest convenience

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rate in the paint stewardship program's history here's a quick reminder of how the program works

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every year Californians buy enough paint to cover 35 million rooms with two coats that's

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70 million gallons of paint in California it's free and easy to turn in leftover paint in a

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safe environmentally friendly way it's all thanks to a 2010 state law that made the paint industry

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responsible for managing excess paint now 99% of Californians have a free drop off site near them

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within 15 miles of my house there are 18 paint drop off locations it wasn't always this

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easy paint's illegal to dispose in your household trash or down the drain because it's made out of

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hazardous or dangerous chemicals that can pollute our local waterways older paint can even contain

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metals like lead which are especially harmful for human health not too long ago Californians

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had few options to manage excess paint forcing many to stockpile paint at home or rely on local

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taxpayer funded collection programs paint was the largest material by volume that local government

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household hazardous waste facilities used to receive and it would cost them millions of dollars each year but even then local governments could only collect a certain volume uh much less

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than what was actually out there so California found a better way to ease the burden on consumers

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and local budgets and ensure leftover paint is properly managed then Northern California

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Assembly member Jared Huffman authored AB 1343 the law made California the second state in the

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nation to enact an industry run Statewide program to handle used paint manufacturers that sell paint

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in California chose the nonprofit paint care to design and operate a stewardship program

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which Cal recycle oversees consumers can find locations of paint drop off sites by going to

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paintcare.org funded by a small consumer fee on the purchase of new paint the organization

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and its Partners promote reuse when you're done with your paint someone else can use it California Innovation shows the world how to make it easier for the public to help protect the

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environment Cal recycle received paint Care's 2023 annual report and gathered public comments

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the report now goes to Cal recycles director a compliance non-compliance or conditional

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approval decision will be announced at the public meeting next month next Cal recycle

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received car's revised contingency plan Amendment and training guide last month in response to the

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notice of conditional approval that was signed by carry cycle director on April 4th 2024 the

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department gathered public comments and now must approve conditionally approve or disapprove

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car's revised contingency plan Amendment the Department's decision will be announced at next

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month's monthly meeting for paint care and care updates please subscribe to our new gov delivery

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email list so let's move on to the countywide or Regional Waste Management plan fiveyear review

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reports we had two reports come in mesino and Sierra counties each submitted their reports

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and no revisions are needed at this time and these items have been approved back to you Maria thank

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you cara so now we're going to move to the solid waste and tire facilities permits and emergency

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waivers portion and here's a quick overview of California facility standards and then we'll have the Statewide facility permit update uh on video 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 job

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local state and federal agencies play different roles to enforce public health and environmental

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safety standards in California Solid Waste local enforcement agencies process applications issue

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and enforce permits for solid waste facilities these include landfills transfer stations compost

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facilities or similar operations Cal recycle must verify permits are consistent with state

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

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agencies and Cal recycle 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

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state disasters local enforcement agencies may approve the waivers which are good for up to 120

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days and may be extended Cal recycle must review approved waivers and can condition limit suspend

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or terminate them check out the link for more detailed information for Waste Tire facilities

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Cal recycle processes applications issues and enforces waste Tire permits these include

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requirements to make sure tires are stored and processed in a way that reduces potential threats

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from fire and disease carrying vectors like mosquitoes check out the link for more detailed

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information for Alam County the department concurred on June 24th 2024 a compostable

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Materials Handling facility revised Solid Waste facilities permit for Altimont landfill

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and resource recovery facility action was needed June 25th 2024 for Riverside County the department

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concurred on June 27th 2024 a modified Solid Waste facilities permit for Oasis sanitary landfill

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action was needed July 13th 2024 for Santa Barber County the department concurred on June 27th 2024

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a revised Solid Waste facilities permit for Santa Maria Regional lanfield actual was needed July 15

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2024 continuing on this month's agenda for Kern County us borax Inc this is a modified Solid

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Waste facili permit action is needed December 31st 2024 for San Bernardino County CeX Black

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Mountain Quarry plan EMW conversion facility this is a new Solid Waste facilities permit action is

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needed September 11th 2024 for Sacramento County ricom Logistics Inc this is a new minor waist Tire

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facility permit action is needed December 7th 2024 for San Bernardino County Victor

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Valley materials recovery facility and transfer station this is a revised solid waste facility

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permit action is needed July 30th 2024 for Ventura County delnort Regional Recycling and

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transfer station this is a modified Solid Waste facilities permit action is needed August 23rd

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2024 new to this month's agenda for Shasta County Anderson lanfield Inc this is a revised solid

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waste facility permit action is needed September 1st 2024 preliminary review of the permit package

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indicates the following proposed changes addition of a compostable Materials Handling activity the

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total permitted daily tonnage will REM remain at 1,850 tons per day but a subset of 500 tons

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per day will be designated for the composting activity updates to the jtd and to include a

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report of composting site information and an odor impact minimization plan for the new composting

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activity you can find more information on any of today's agenda items just go to calor cycles's

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homepage and click on the public meeting web Banner at the top of the homepage or if you're not watching this uh broadcast live then halfway down the homepage for a link to the agenda and

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Associated Public Notices so now it's time for public comments first we want to take

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any comments that are here uh from anyone here in the room you can come up to the mic go ahead good

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morning if you're not for zero waste how much waste are you for that's a big question right now

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we're for 59% waste because in 2022 the recycling rate was 41% that's the ageold question I'm having

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Edgar from Edgar Associates and I went to the first Zer waste conference in 1998 in

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Monterey CRA put it on CRA will have another um thing coming up in Anaheim and they've been the

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people of zor waste and it's hasn't really been defined um there's been a lot of ideas is it 90% recycling is it um you know there's a lot of different um definitions out there my favorite def

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definition was that when um we were in Monterey in 1998 was um the mayor of Oakland was jury

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Brown at the time and we monre Bay Aquarium he kind of summed up zero waste in '98 and I haven't

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seen it in real print yet what C cycle means by zero way so we have to Define it but the best

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definition from the mayor's conference I think Jerry Brown's responsible for it so in a letter I submitted this um yesterday will be added to the file is lot a lot of where as is but zero waste

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is about circular economy resource conservation greenhouse gas reductions it's everything it's

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a whole systems approach it's not just one thing it's many things but let's define zero waste at

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the workshop on August 14th like what what do you guys think it's think it means because it's not in a contract a century it's not in a zero waste plan that the Baseline zero waste plan so there's

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a lot of work to do on just what are we striving for but I have some ideas I looked at the Baseline

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report and and what you have on record just about tonnages it's a tonnage plan but we know that zero

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waste is more than tages it's about greenhouse gases resource conservation a lot more there's so

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much things to add to Baseline so I'm suggesting I'll do this on August 14th again I have said this

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over the last six months to the last year that um we need to have more public input right now your

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Baseline report has zero input on zero waste and you a lot of people hungry out there who want to

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participate especially CRA and Anaheim you got to have workshops on it it's a great form to

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attend but three other things need to be added to Baseline than this tonnages number one it

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should be the net Z greenhouse gas analysis zero waste is about greenhouse gas reductions and life cycle analysis So within your contract with the century you do mention life cycle assessment when

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you run the life cycle assessment on the recycle tonnages diverted in 2018 it's a lot of greenhouse

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gas reductions avoided indirect emissions about 43.9 million metric tons now I submitted a report

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to car recycle back um in 2021 about 2018 data that showed that Net Zero the waste SE

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as defined by carb in the 2013 scoping plan we're Net Zero at 3.7 times that's in 2018 data

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so from scope one and scope two emissions from what we have direct emissions we're offsetting it with scope three avoid indirect emissions that's information available that's Baseline

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data that should be part of your Baseline report because after all Zer waste is not just another

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recycling concept it's holistic with life cycle and gon gas reduction so let's add

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greenhouse gas analysis to your base on report and if we do everything till 2030 to meet all the

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different um mandates um the waste sector be 10 times Net Zero by 2030 so there's all opportunity

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here so let's put Net Zero greenhouse gas as a baseline um data number two is a fleet analysis

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um from all the past studies that car Cycle's done on 1383 as Hilton fof and Hopson and everything

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you guys done um collection of Wast about 75% of the cost and 25% is post collection where you got

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to do with composting SPS or recycling so that 75% of the cost on a fleet is pretty pretty big it's

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a big lift and the fleet as you know over Advanced um over at carb they they adopt the Advanced Clean

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Fleet rule so and they carb did the same game plan um cow cycle is doing on looking at 2045 to

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zero waste and be carbon neutral by 2045 that's a long way to go and I'm just trying to look at

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get to 2030 you know we have this ideal that we have a carbon neutral Fleet by 2045 but how do

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we get there so I provided data I provided Prov it to Carp at the last meeting at the carp board

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meeting last month but looking at what is a what is a refu fleet we have 16,000 vehicles in a refu

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fleet in California 8,000 is on carbon negative RNG the other 8,000 are on renewable Diesel and

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right now in I have a little chart inside of here that right now we're a carbon negative Fleet the fuel that we use in California for The Refuge Fleet averages Min - 1119 gram of CO2 per Mega

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the other half is renewable diesel that averages about 30 grams of CO2 per megga combined the whole

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Fleet we're about minus 250 grams of CO2 per megga each and every year if we continued the

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at one time the The Refuge sector was going to be 100% RNG by 2030 that's what carb told us to do

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was get off diesel or off diesel or on RNG and renewable diesel had we continued on our plans

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we could have been a million metric tons of CO2 avoided with our carbon negative Fleet but that's

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not the case so Advanced CLE Fleet rules tell us to go on battery electric zero emission Vehicles

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well they're not really zero um they're at least plus 20 because you have to charge the batteries

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and make the batteries so so what is happening to our Fleet that we're Rec carbonizing it but it's

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carbon negative today in a circular economy of sp sp 1383 waste Tak an RNG into the same tank now

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we're going to rec carbonize with battery electric so I think that's an important thing to put in a

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baseline report because once again zero waste is about the whole system about collection and the

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fleet will be collecting and when you have a zero emission Fleet um you got four tons of batteries

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and we need eight tons of Hall so we lose half our payload we half the duty cycle and it cost is twice as much so if you take 75% of your cost and you need twice as many fleets and it's twice

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a cost the rates will go up um another Baseline thing that we need to put in is a cost analysis

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what we found out with 1383 is to have a three cart system to comply with 1383 we're seeing

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about \$35 to \$40 per hour loone per month that's a nice number that's what it takes to implement 1383

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that's just for you know that's what it that's a we see that in a market place and it took about a

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20 to 30% rate increase to get there but that Baseline data is important because in order

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to implement zero waste with a zero emissions Fleet the cost will go up by about 100% now the

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local government is responsible for franchises and responsible for 1383 and if we just suffered a 20

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30% rate increase we we got it through but can the public the jurisdictions handle 100% rate increase

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in order to buy these electric vehicles with more routes with half the payload I don't think we can

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do it but that information needs to be modeled that's real information it's part of the Z waste

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plan part of the calep mattas carbon neutral zero emissions zero waste by 2045 what does it take to

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get there what was missing from your model and I looked in the essential contract is that you're

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following the carb game plan by modeling zero was in 2035 2040 and 2045 that makes no sense

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um when carb did that they they adopted 2045 they even they spend a lot of time modeling what you

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should model instead and I said this six months ago I said that three months ago that you need to

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model 75% you have a mandate to 75% I didn't say that as well as the legislative analyst

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office said that too back a year and a half ago in January you guys got a model 75% you have a

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mandate in front of you today so you want to skip over today's mandates to have a shiny object with

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Z Wass by 2045 that looks good on paper they have a Zer waste plan on paper but how do we

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get there you have to get to 75% before you get to whatever zero waste is which is 90% 95 who knows

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so I'm highly suggesting that you look at your contract again to model 75% with our RNG Fleet

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and you have one set of cost it won't be that much be carbon negative but if you go to zero waves to

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zero Mission Vehicles that's 100% rate increase so the household be paying about could be about

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100 bucks a month for the luxury of zero emission vehicles and zero waste when we can do it cost

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effectively with a true circular economy what the Vance Fleet Ru does it undoes the circular economy

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we have the office of circular economy um by taking Organics making fuel back to the truck

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is all localized by promoting a zero Mission vehicle we're digging up the Congo digging up

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South America and Canada with blood batteries that China makes and then we take them to California

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we use them we bury them that's called a global linear economy so since it's office of circular

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economy and you're doing a Zer waste plan you think you want to model stuff like that those are my comments it's nothing new that you haven't heard before but it's not translating into the um

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contract with a centure and what you guys are modeling or what the legislative analyst office wants to see let's fulfill current mandates before I have a shiny object in the future and let Define

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zero waste what is it i' look forward to August 14th thank you thank you pin we look forward to

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August 14th as well and um the zero waste Baseline report is just that just the Baseline the plan

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itself is being developed and that's where we can have a lot more of these conversations so look forward to the discussion on August 14th did you want to anything oh yeah no thank you

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again Evan for your comments I think those are yeah very good feedback and really appreciate your engagement on this uh also encourage every stakeholder who wants to engage to reach out to us

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and be there on August 14th assuming this will be confirmed but um yeah those are good question that

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good food for thoughts for sure as we like mind said um develop the plan so again thank you for

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that next hi I'm Shear with Atrium 916 a creative Innovation Center for sustainability um I had a

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few questions so I'm just going to Rapid Fire them at you um why isn't Home Depot part of the paint

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CARE program it's one of a location that sells a lot of paint yet um they do not want to collect

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the paint um so just side question um the event that is happening July 22nd uh the environmental

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report can you explain what that is what the goal of that meeting that report is um and then third

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um The Atrium we've launched a kind of a special project called circular California um our goal is

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to create interoperable reuse infrastructures that can work hopefully Statewide it's a collaborative

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project we're kind of like building Community if anybody that is listening or is here in the room is interested in putting their input into it um please go to Circular california.org and

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fill out the form and we'll reach out to you and send you an invite but those are my questions um

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Home Depot and the environmental report on July 22nd I have no idea about Home Depot

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so if I could get your info after and maybe we can Clark do you have anything you want to

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add because I think it's a good

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point morning Clark Williams uh branch chief here at Cary cycle overseeing the paint

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program among other programs and retailer participation in the paint CARE program is voluntary and so there have been a number efforts to bring on large big box stores some of those are

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more successful than others but it's an area that continues to be a point of offences for

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uh the Pain Care team trying to bring those on so I'd be happy to exchange contact information and see if you may be able to be um of assistance in getting the participation yeah I like that Clark

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so I think that would be great and we can follow up with paint care and um I think there's some

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more opportunities with Home Depot as well that we haven't really explored so thank you thanks CL

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and you asked about the meeting on July 22nd that's the scoping meeting under squa the California Environmental Quality act um for the S sp54 program so we'll have comments

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there and give a presentation so we'll get comments on on the impacts that we're assessing do we have any more comments in the room oh hey one last thing on the um with love

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to get more information on circular California and what you're doing there with reel because I think that would be really helpful so we'll follow up on

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that okay anyone else in the room all right so now we will go to those calling in and just a

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reminder if you're calling in your microphones will stay muted until you're called on by the last four digits of your phone number once you're called on please mute your computer sound before

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you start speaking or will'll get an echo uh Jessica do we still have some callers uh yes

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we do we have uh four callers waiting on the line and we'll take them take them in the order that

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they were received uh starting with um caller with the last four digits 0392 I will not I

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will now ask you to unmute your mic state your name affiliation and go ahead with your comment

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hello thank you my name is Susan Collins I am the President of the container recycling Institute and

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um I'm calling in again today for maybe the third or fourth time this year um to bring

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up the issue of the \$300 million error in the governor's budget that was released in January

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of 2024 the um beverage container portion that is um the information is incorrect that was that

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information in the governor's budget was produced by the Department of Finance and it is different

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from the information that was produced by Cal recycle own accounting team um and I know this

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because I have requested and received from Cal recycle the financial reports that Cal recycle

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delivers to both the Department of Finance and the state controller's office and those um official

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documents are Ed under penalty of perjury by Cal recycle um accounting team and by Cal recycle

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executive staff so we know the correct errors we know the correct number for the fund balance

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um the correct number for the fund balance has further been um clarified and and acknowledged

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by the Department of Finance and by Cal recycled both departments acknowledge that the information

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that's in the governor's budget is incorrect and that the correct fund balance is \$300 million more

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than what appears in the governor's budget and yet um neither Cal recycle nor the Department

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of Finance have taken measures to correct the error uh Department of Finance is supposed to

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produce a revised budget and they release it every year in May this year they didn't and

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so the Inc correct numbers are still sitting on the um ebudget section of the governor's

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Budget on the on the um website though the revised document was never released the erroneous budget

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numbers are still the only figures available to the public to my knowledge Cal recycle also has

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no information that is publicly available that contains accurate financial information about the beverage container fund despite the fact that Cal recycle is required by law

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to produce semiannual Financial reports on the status of the beverage container fund but

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no such reports have been released in the last two years so once again I'm asking Cal recycle

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when when will Cal recycle um fulfill this requirement of the law and release another

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semiannual report so that the true financial information is available to the public thank you

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thank you very much for calling in and um as before the fund in the budget was not reflective

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of reconciliation so that happened after the budget was produced and there is a little as in

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the budget that you can see there um Cal recycle and Department of Finance have worked very hard to reconcile that fund um it is a very large fund um but the numbers are updated we are on

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the same page and um that information will be in the semiannual report which is in progress

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now so hope to have that out to to the public very soon thank you for your comments thank

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you okay and moving on to our next caller with the last four digits 7717 I will now

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ask you to unmute your mic state your name affiliation and go ahead with your comment hey uh this is John Davis excuse me I'm the uh administrator for the moam desert

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and Mountain Recycling joint Powers Authority in sanino County I'm also an adviser to the

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California resource recovery Association board and U have been a board member or adviser for

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almost 20 years I'm uh also this year on the program committee for the conference uh Evan

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Edgar mentioned the conference in the context of the zero waste plan and I just wanted to follow up

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and offer my assistance if I know there have been some attempts to um pull this topic further into

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the conference we've got one session U devoted to the zero waste plan it's it's built as a listening

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session and we hope that someone will be there to to listen um either from Accenture or cower

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cycle or both um we we've also talked about including this on our Sunday afternoon policy

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round round table which um you know is a great opportunity to explore some of the topics but

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I noticed on Clara's presentation that the public engagement process is to start uh this summer um

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I think last year C's conference um attendees these were close to a thousand if not over a

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thousand people in person and virtually you know there's just no other opportunity like CRA for

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you to directly engage uh around these topics so I want to offer my assistance I know there

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are um problems with travel budgets but um I I'm I'm pretty confident that this topic is

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so important to our members you know founders of CRA were instrumental in uh developing the

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notion of zero waste Evan mentioned the monterey conference but um you know it's just

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a constant at CR so um please U consider trying to engage with us directly U there are a lot of

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opportunities at the conference and I'm willing to to help um any way I can to to make that happen so

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thank you thank you for those comments and I know director heler is planning to be at the

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conference and I know a number of our staff are also planning to be there but we can definitely discuss how to make make sure that Cal recycle is there because we absolutely do want feedback

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and engagement on the Zero waste plan and intend to do that um with the CR members um

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as well as at the workshops that we're we're putting together now so look forward to those conversations caller with the last four digits 3162 you're up next please state your name

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affiliation and go ahead with your comment good morning this is Valerie lake with one

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Earth Recycling in San Diego and I wanted to ask if you could please give an update on the

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timing for the decisions on the beverage and can recycling Innovation grants is it uh the end of

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August yes end of August thank

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you okay and our last caller with the last four digits 5 478 you're

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next caller with the last four digits 5478 can you hear us

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if there's another caller on the line can you unmute your your uh side of the call and you can speak hello can you hear me now yes go ahead okay sorry about that

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hi um my name is Sher uh I am with cyle we are also working on a interoperable

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reuse collection system for um all types of different packaging consumer Packaging

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um I wanted to ask in about the reusable beverage Grant um we put in a comment that I'm not sure if

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it was um received but we asked two key questions the first one is we know that the funding for the

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reusable beverage uh container Grant uh was from Ab 179 and then after looking at that we

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saw that the statement from them was that um it was was to fund the infrastructure for deposit

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risk return system for reusable containers um but then we noticed that the reusable Grant was

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focused on um glass containers or glass beverages specifically so that was our first question of is

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there a reason that um uh Cal recycle decided to focus specifically on glass because in the

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ReUse um ecosystem overall we have seen a lot more innovation um in yes glass in the aspect of

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returning and reusing and redistributing glass um but also in lots of other materials we've seen now

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a lot more with plastic which isn't necessarily great but that is where the industry has been um

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starting um as well as other types of materials so was wondering if um there was a reason that

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uh the reusable infrastructure for this um glass for these contain ERS is specifically only for

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glass the second question that we had is um we were wondering if for the infrastructure that

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Cal recycle was thinking about for this program if it was specifically only for um bottle washing

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um because there was a lot of comments in terms of Permitting um and needing washing permits or

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these types of permits um we um know that in the uh reuse ecosystem there's going to be a lot more

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infrastructure needed besides diswashing um just this aspect of collection and redistribution of

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these uh returnable reusable containers um will be a big part of getting consumers to adopt and

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use reusable um uh beverage containers so we were wondering if that would also be an

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a portion of what cow recycle would consider for the infrastructure of um the reusable container

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Grant thank you hi Amy Cameron uh deputy director of the beverage container recycling program and

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have been working very closely with the grants team to uh to work on this criteria so thank you

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so much for your comments and um the the idea is that the reusable space has to meet with the

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public resource code that's me mentioned in AB 179 and I apologize because I do not have that

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off the top of my head but um it is for reusable and reusable was specifically defined in AB 962

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as a glass beverage container and so then the department went through an emergency regulation

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um process to um Define reusable uh uh glass beverage containers and so that's really where

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the focus of the infrastructure is right now and in question to how the grant can be used our idea

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would be for it to be kind of an all-encompassing program and not to there are some limits of course

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um about how one could um spend the money but the idea is to sort of put together an entire package

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of of a circular economy to be able to have beverage containers used in California and then

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washed and then importantly reused in California so that's really the focus of the of the grant is

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to put together a system in place that could be then um used as a model for other parts

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of California so um we did work on reviewing all um comments and suggestions and and where

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we could and where appropriate we did modify the criteria so thank you so much for calling

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thank you sorry one more question then um is the updated um rubric well that is that already

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up on cow cycle or will we see that up um soon yes the updated criteria and scoring rubric is

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available right thank you so much looks like that's it so um we just want you to know that you can find any more information

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on any of today's agenda items um on the July 20124 recordings uh that will be up

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on Cal recycle uh YouTube channel and you can find more um information linked in our

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agenda for today we wanted to thank everyone who participated today and we will see you next month