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Making a waste free future happen together. Your partner for change. CalRecycle is advancing world leading reforms to cut waste

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and build circular use systems for all materials. CalRecycle Manager crews helped clear the way for wildfire survivors to rebuild their lives.

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Plus, tribal perspectives helped shape California's waste free future. Not only helps our community, that helps our earth.

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That's what we're here to do. How tribal nations help strengthen circular economy reforms. And new funding

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to bring in more reusable oils into California's beverage container recycling program. Join California's climate fights and a shift to a circular use system Economy.

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CalRecycle's Monthly Public meeting starts now.

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Good morning, everyone. Thanks for joining us for CalRecycle's November 2024 public meeting

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

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Before we begin, here is a safety and language access message.

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In the event of a fire alarm, we are required to evacuate. Take your valuables and use the exit signs.

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Do not use elevators if you cannot use the stairs, you will be directed to a protective vestibule inside a stairwell.

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If relocated, exercise caution while crossing the street. Language shouldn't be a barrier when it comes to protecting our air,

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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.ca.gov for a link to our webcasts 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 dais. Now if you need one. (In Spanish)

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To help our live Spanish language interpreter during this meeting, we will briefly pause after each item to give our interpreter time to finish relaying the information.

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You will have an opportunity to offer live comments throughout today's meeting. If you're participating remotely, please do not call in before your agenda

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item begins. We will let you know when to call in for each item.

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And here's a quick overview of the public comment process today.

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California wants your input on recycling and trash pollution issues. Join CalRecycle's Decision Making Process by making a live public comment

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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 in-person comment.

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If you're joining remotely, you can call in with your comment. Just click the public meeting banner at the top of our website and click

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the public comments button for step by step color instruction.

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So you can please call in now if you have comments on the on upcoming items which are the directives report or disaster debris, recovery operations.

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So our first agenda item today is the director's report. Director Zoe Heller is here with updates.

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Good morning, Zoe. Good morning, Maria, and good morning, everybody. Thanks to those of you that are joining in the room today

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and those joining remotely, we have a packed agenda, so I'll keep my remarks pretty short today.

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I just wanted to acknowledge last month we had several community members calling in from Antelope Valley with concerns around

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organics and other material being dumped throughout their community. And just yesterday, on the day prior, our team went out,

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Mark de Bie and Katrina went out with their team members, met with the community members and visited the sites.

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We continue to coordinate with the LEA and the community to look for solutions. We understand the significance of this issue

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and just really appreciate the callers for calling in and bringing this to our attention. So more to come in the coming months.

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So on today's agenda, we'll have updates on our Packaging EPR law. We'll talk about some of our beverage

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container grants and new grants and deadlines for those grants. We'll have an update on our tribal work.

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Let's see what else debris and many other things. So we'll get to that in just a few minutes.

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But first, I wanted to take this moment to introduce our new deputy director for legislative and external affairs.

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Allegra Curiel has joined our team. We're super excited to have her on board. Allegra was previously with the department starting in 2017

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as a executive fellow and an analyst in our Legislative affairs office.

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She went out into the into the world for a little bit and did some work with the private sector and we're super excited to invite her back to CalRecycle.

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So I'm sure you'll be hearing from her in coming months as we have exciting legislative updates. Welcome, Allegra.

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So now, CalRecycle, Deputy Director over disaster debris Recovery operations.

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Jen Hogan has some updates for us. Good morning, Jen. Good morning. Thanks, Zoe.

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So CalRecycle's incident management teams and contractors are currently deployed for structural debris and hazard tree removal on the park.

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Thompson and Burrell Fire burn scars. We've also been mission tasked by CalOES to conduct the cleanup

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for the Boyles Fire in the city of Clearlake. I just wanted to take a moment to recognize the impact

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on California citizens. Our sympathies go out to all those whose lives have been impacted

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by the wildfires this season, particularly those who have lost their homes. It's not lost on us

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that these events changed the lives of impacted Californians forever. And we are proud to be a part of the state's multi-agency

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recovery team helping Survivors move forward. CalRecycle is committed to our mission to expedite debris recovery so that homeowners can begin to rebuild.

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And we are honored to serve California in this space.

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Okay, I forgot about the second slide. Someday I'll get my stuff to.

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Today, we received enrollment forms for 45% of the properties destroyed in those four fires.

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Our assessment and monitoring teams have done site reviews for 94% of those properties, which is an essential step before crews mobilize to a site.

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Asbestos abatement is underway as well as biological and cultural reviews on each property.

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Both debris removal crews deployed on November 12th and will be working for the next few months to safely remove toxic ash and debris and ensure

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that the property and the soil are clean and safe for rebuilding.

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Back to you. Thank you. So now we will go to any public comments for these items.

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Do we have any public comments on the directors report or disaster debris removal in the room?

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I don't see any. Looks doesn't look like any comments in the room. Are there any comments on the phone?

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Yes, we have two calls on the phone right now. First, we'll hear from the last four digits, six, six, seven,

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please, and yourself. And go ahead with your comment and state your name and affiliation. Please.

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Yes, this is Leonard Lane. I have no comment at this time.

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Okay. And we want to give a reminder. It helps to make sure we're getting the people commenting on the item They want to comment.

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If you comment right before we start the item when we ask you to, otherwise,

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it makes it difficult to make sure we're tracking where you want to comment. Is there another call?

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That was the only one. Okay. All right. Thank you so much. And we appreciate all the callers calling in. So

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next, we are looking ahead to. Please call in now for implementation updates on California's plastic pollution

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prevention law or dealer Cooperative Beverage Container Redemption reforms. Also, the Extended Producer Responsibility

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Program updates for Carpet, Pharmaceuticals and Sharps. And then the last area would to call in about if you have a call.

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Our comment is the addition of battery embedded products to CalRecycle's e-waste recycling program.

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So if you have a comment on any of those topics, feel free to call in right now. And now we will hand it off to the Division of the Circular Economy,

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Deputy Division of Circular Economy Deputy Director Michel Martin, who's joining us now with these next agenda items.

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Good morning, Michelle. Good morning. Good morning, everybody. CalRecycle held a 21 day written comment period.

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And for that, sorry, let me start over. Written comment period for the proposed revisions to the Plastic Pollution

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Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act draft regulations

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that ended on November four. Thanks to everyone who sent comments and staff are reviewing

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written feedback and considering changes to the draft regulations. We're currently in the 45 day public comment period

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for the draft program Environmental Impact Report. Just a reminder, there'll be a public hearing today here in this room

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at the CalEPA headquarters building at 1 p.m.. Staff will present information on the report and accept in-person

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and Zoom comments. If you'd like to submit written comment, you have until 5 p.m. on December 19th to do so.

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CalRecycle preferred method to submit comments is through the online portal. For more information on how to submit comments,

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please visit CalRecycle's SB 54 webpage. The SB 54 Advisory Board held two meetings this month on the first and the 15th.

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The next meeting is planned for December 13th and check out CalRecycles events calendar for more information.

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Moving on to Dealer Cooperative program updates, CalRecycle is advancing reforms to give Californians more options to cash in their beverage container deposit.

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Here's a quick video reminder of what dealer cooperatives are all about.

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Check it out. In 2025, the law changes for California grocery stores and beverage retailers

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with new rules for redeeming beverage containers and new opportunities to bring in more customers, receive payments from the state,

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and join the movement to California's circular use Waste free future. If you sell CRV beverages but don't have a recycling center nearby, listen.

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Starting January 1st, 2025 stores under 5000 square feet or less than \$1.5 million in annual sales are exempt from redemption requirements.

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After you register with CalRecycle, remaining stores in areas not served by recycling centers have two choices.

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One set up a system to redeem beverage container deposits in-store or to create or join a nonprofit dealer cooperative to redeem beverage containers.

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The new dealer co-op option comes with state funding support for each container redeemed and flexibility

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to use new redemption methods like automated reverse vending machines, where consumers can feed in their beverage containers for payment, mobile

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recycling operations that can move around to serve different neighborhoods on different days or bag drop redemption sites

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where consumers can drop off bags of material for later payment. Go to CalRecycle.ca.gov to learn more about

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dealer co-ops.

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CalRecycle held a workshop last week to provide an overview of the dealer cooperative requirements.

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The department also released a draft of its model Dealer Co-op Stewardship Plan. It breaks down the elements

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of a nonprofit dealer cooperative that must include to satisfy a stewardship plan requirements, including information on dealer partners,

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redemption methods, consumer convenience standards, and more. We're welcoming feedback on the draft model plan through December 2nd.

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Just email dealercoop@calrecycle.ca.gov and you can find

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workshop materials on CalRecycle's dealer cooperatives web page.

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A quick reminder that CalRecycle published a new textile stewardship web page with information on the Responsible Textile Recovery Act and Implementation

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progress. For latest updates, click the new LISTSERV Subscribe button on the Textiles web page or scan the QR code on your screen.

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If you have any questions, email textiles@calrecycle.ca.gov.

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Now let's welcome environmental program manager Cynthia Dunn for updates on our carpet and pharmaceutical and sharp waste stewardship programs.

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Thank you. You know, I can't see any of you

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that my glasses. I just have a couple quick updates

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about documents that the department has received and is currently reviewing. The first is Carpet America Recovery efforts Differential Assessments,

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Plan Amendment, and we're currently asking for feedback. You can, through November 22nd, send those comments

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to Carpet@calrecycle.ca.gov. And the director is going to be approving

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conditionally approving or disapproving that document by January 7th.

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And a decision is going to be announced at an upcoming meeting. The next one is the Drug Takeback Solutions Foundation.

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They submitted revised 2023 and reports for cover drugs and their home

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generated store or home generated Sharps waste stewardship programs in response to CalRecycle's disapproval of those items earlier this summer.

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Those documents, again, are under review, and the director has until December 26 to determine if they're compliant.

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You can find more information on CARE's differential assessment plan amendment or the foundation's revised annual reports linked in today's agenda.

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And you can subscribe to the Carpet and Pharmaceutical and Sharps waste listserv for more information.

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And that's all I have for today. Maria, back to you. Thank you so much, Cynthia.

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So Materials Management and Local Assistance Deputy Director Karen Morgan will now introduce our next agenda item.

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Good morning, Carol. Good morning, everybody. Good to see you all. And for those of you who are online, thank you for being here.

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California has covered electronic Waste Management program, is housed in the Materials Management and Local assistance division.

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And as you may all know, we have been in process of implementing

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new legislation, SB 1215, which adds embedded battery products to the program.

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So I'm super excited about the expansion of the program with these many new products. And also it presents an opportunity for modernizing

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the e-waste program that's been in place for many, many years now. So at this time, I'd like to introduce Martine Boswell.

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She is our manager over the e-waste program. Martine?

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Thank you, Kara. Recent legislation SB 1215 added battery

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and better products to the covered electronic waste recycling program. CalRecycle held emergency rulemaking workshops in person

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on August 19th and virtually on September 18th. Emergency regulations will be submitted

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to the Office of Administrative Law at the end of this year. These proposed regulations are intended to meet and.

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Fulfill the most urgent statutory. Mandate, which requires CalRecycle to adopt regulations to establish.

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A process for recyclers to submit payment. Claims for battery embedded products.

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CalRecycle will develop more regulations in 2025 to carry out and clarify the law.

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Sign up for Electronic waste Recycling Program Updates on CalRecycle's Gov Delivery System.

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Back to you, Maria. Thanks, Martine. Now to public comments.

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Do we have any public comments in the room right now on the plastic pollution prevention Law and Dealer Cooperative implementation updates the Extended

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Producer Responsibility Program updates or the East Bay E-waste Program Expansion?

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Any comments in the room today? It looks like there are none. And are there any online? Yes.

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We currently have two calls on the line. Let's first go to 7412.

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You're up first, Please state your name and affiliation.

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Hello, this is this is Susan Collins from the Container Recycling Institute

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and I appreciate the update on the dealer cooperatives. I wanted to ask a few follow up questions.

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I'll I'll actually go through all of them. I have like four or five questions, but they're all related to each other.

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And it all has to do with when exactly are dealers or retailers

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expected to comply with the new program, as you described it, either

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take back in store or join a dealer cooperative. And I always say that I'm uncertain about this because of

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the other implementing pieces of the regulation.

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So so the statute says that the retailers have to comply January 1st of 2025.

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But I'm wondering, is that really the date that they have to comply or do they have more time because of the approval date

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of the model stewardship plan and the dealer co-op regs? So my my questions are several.

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First is when do the dealers have to comply? The second is, are the dealer co-op regulations

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fully approved or is the approval process not yet, through all of its stages? And when would the dealer co-op regs be fully, fully approved?

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And same with the model stewardship plan. It's out for comment right now. When will the comment period be finished

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and that be amended and then fully, fully approved? Thank you very much,

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Susan. Thank you for for your questions and for, you know, highlighting some of these these issues.

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We're understanding that we're we have many concurrent regulatory processes going on

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with many new requirements for different participants in the program.

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So appreciate your ask for clarification because these are important questions. For your first question, when do dealers need to comply?

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You're right. As far as the statutory language, there is that requirement that by Jan one dealers are either

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redeeming in store or that they've joined a dealer cooperative. But we're understanding that, you know, we're still going through the process

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of dealer registration and that this is a significant change to the program.

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So with any of our programs as we're realizing these significant changes, our interest is to, of course, provide that compliance assistance

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to bring those entities into compliance as quickly as we can. But also

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just to be transparent from the enforcement side of the House, utilize our enforcement discretion appropriately.

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So our hope is, is that in the very, very near future, the new ecosystem for beverage container redemption will be more clear.

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But we understand that there's a number of things that have to happen to get us to that point from first off, getting the dealers registered,

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all the dealers finalizing the regulations, receiving the dealer cooperative plans,

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providing that assistance to dealers through that process, and ensuring that we have the information

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to best explain or to best represent, rather, what decision the dealers within California have made.

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So I'll stop there, but I'll check in with Amy or Michelle to see if they had any anything they wanted to add to that.

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Thank you. Thank you. And we are working on dealer registration

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and they will need to begin redeeming and store on January

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1st, 2025, unless, of course, they meet the requirements for the exemption

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and then as dealer co-ops get finalized, that's when they will have the opportunity to switch over, if that's what they choose.

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Thank you. Thank you, Amy. And then the approval process for the dealer cooperative regulations, I can say that

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they have not been approved yet, but they are. We are working through our process. And as soon as we have an update on timing, we can provide that to you.

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I don't have that now, but our hope is that we can move this regulation package relatively quickly so that

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the dealer cooperatives have the certainty that they need to be able to to move forward. And then the stewardship plans.

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Michelle, do you know the specifics there for the comment period? Yes. So the model plans will be final when when the regs for final.

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Thank you. Thank you for your question, Susan.

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Now, moving on to the second color. 1109 Please unmute and go ahead with your comment.

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1109 Can you hear us?

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This is Heidi Sanborn with the National Stewardship Action Council. Thank you for taking my comments

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for regarding item number one on SB 54. I know the law because we were there

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when it was written as the expanded polystyrene data

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be delivered to recycle by January 1st of next year, it's not that far away.

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Six weeks on whether they had the 25% recycling rate and then also basically on the same date, which is probably not a great idea

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in the bill, is the date when it would be banned if they didn't hit that recycling rate. So I guess my question is, I'm hearing

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from a lot of people who are out doing organic site visits of restaurants, that the restaurants have absolutely no idea that the EPA food work

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could be banned early next year and they're just proceeding to buy it. Should local governments be educating the restaurants about that

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to the or the haulers? Is that the pros responsibility, etc.? I guess that's a question.

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And then I have others. Heidi, thanks for your question. And, you know, this is one of the first compliance deadlines in Senate Bill 54.

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So we understand the significance of it. And I have received a lot of questions about this lately. So I'm just going to you clarified, but I'm also going to clarify

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that requirement in statute, which is that producers of extended polystyrene packaging

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and food service wear need to demonstrate to the department by Jan 125 that they've achieved a 25% recycling rate.

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And if they're unable to do that or they do not demonstrate that, then they are no longer able to offer

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for sale, distribution or import into the state of California EPS food serviceware so the requirement is a demonstration

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for all EPS packaging and food serviceware and then the

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the compliance piece after that is specific to EPS food serviceware so it's a little bit nuanced.

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And I hear you on the both things happen at the same date. So that's just not feasible.

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So I think we had an analysis at a public meeting several months back that our team had sent out notifications to the

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the producers that we could find that we know are producing extended polystyrene to notify them of this requirement and to ask them to please

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provide us with that data. We anticipate will receive that data or receive something by Jan one

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that the department can take a look at, make a determination, and then figure out what the next steps are, the path forward from that point.

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So more to come after the first of the year when we know more. You had asked the question about of food service

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establishments and the importance of them understanding these requirements under the law and what may happen past Jan one.

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And, you know, our goal is to make sure that with Senate Bill 54, that

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all those that will be implemented are affected. Best understand the law. So we can take a look at what we have in our website and and make sure it's

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abundantly clear what this requirement is specific to extended polystyrene.

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But as as we've discussed it, it wouldn't be appropriate for the department to go out now and

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make any determinations or provide outreach to those jurisdictions specific to what may happen after Jan one.

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But what we can do is make sure that everyone's aware of what those requirements are in the law to answer all all the parts of your question, I feel like I missed something.

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No, you did. I think that was great. I guess my my advice to local governments then, is to just as you're out

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talking to the restaurants anyway regarding organics or some other reason, please let them know that this could be coming

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so that they're at least starting to prepare and think about it. And I have comments on other agenda items too, if that's okay.

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Agenda Item four on Carpet. Of course, we support increase of the assessment

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for making sure that program is fully funded and has an adequate reserve, but we continue to be disappointed that the eco modulated fee

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is not a minimum 10% on the carpet tile especially, which is 6.22%.

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And we know that that does not drive green design. It has to be at least 10% or higher.

All the studies show that

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and I wish that was being addressed, but I know they're working on a study. But there we know enough and there's enough studies already done to know what to do.

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So I wish that was being addressed in this proposal. So I just want to make that comment and will be submitting a letter on Friday,

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a joint comment letter actually. And then on item number five on Sharps, I want to let you know that we are hearing

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from multiple jurisdictions from San Benito to Rancho Cucamonga

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to Sonoma, that the Med project had apparently sent out a letter a week

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before they stopped reimbursing for Sharps. They gave almost no notice to the local governments.

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And when you know, I worked very hard on that bill, the whole plan was that they get reimbursed, worth

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the costs, get covered, they're allowed to switch how they do it, whether they're reimbursing or they're going to pick up the needles.

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But giving them a week's notice is not okay. They don't have time to review the contracts or do anything.

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And then they were also feels like blackmail. Honestly, to say Med project is telling them

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we are not going to pay them for what they already did until they signed a new contract that we're okay to come pick up the needles.

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And that does not feel right to me at all. So we're advising local governments to go bring this

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to their legal teams and possibly the D.A. But that feels very, very wrong.

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And they should just pay these local governments. But I guess I'm wondering, what is CalRecycle doing?

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Are you fully aware of that situation? What can we do to inform you more if you're not aware of it?

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How do you thank you for your comments on the carpet issue? And then I appreciate your observations and sharing the observations

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and what you've been hearing from local jurisdictions. On the project issue that you mentioned.

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We will discuss internally and provide follow up if appropriate, but I appreciate you flagging.

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Thank you. And we've already emailed Victoria and that project and I've not heard back, so it's been almost a week.

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So we're trying to reach out to them and find out what's happening, but wanted to report that it was brought up at the House of Hazardous Waste Information Exchange.

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And then last question, I guess it would be on the directors report. We haven't seen the 343 data released, the formal publishing of the preliminary

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I guess the published updated preliminary findings report. Is that coming?

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Yes. I can't give you a date, but we're working internally on it right now.

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Great. Thank you so much. Appreciate the comment. Thank you. Harry. Responses.

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We're going to check in with a third caller currently on the line. Last four digits.

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6607 Leonard, would you like to comment on the dealer cooperative item

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or wait until the beverage container recycling program? General updates. That's upcoming.

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Okay. I think we can move on to the next section. Okay.

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Thanks to everyone and thank you to the callers. So looking ahead as we move forward,

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excuse me, if you have comments, please call in. Now. If you have comments on the tribal relations updates,

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our grants and loans programs or the beverage container recycling program updates, and we will take those comments after this section.

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So November and in is a Native American Heritage

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Month and CalRecycle is proud to work closely with our tribal partners

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to integrate their perspectives in our programs and policies. Deputy Director Katrina Leonie Koenig Leads CalRecycle's

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Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal Relations, Education and Outreach. She joins us now with a closer look at some of that work.

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Good morning, Katrina. Thank you, Maria. My office works closely with tribal nations and as well as working

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with historically underserved communities to strengthen partnerships, improve access to resources, increase protections

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and lessen environmental burdens through meaningful engagement. CalRecycle has been actively engaging with tribes this year to help inform

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and advance California's historic circular economy reforms. Let's take a look at this short video overview.

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Together with tribal nations, California is building a waste free future with less trash and climate pollution and more repair, reuse and repurposing.

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Mother Earth has just given over the years and given it's time to start giving back. California honors Native American tribes rich history and thoughtful stewardship

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of our planet's resources. The value system was within the land, and it's not, you know, item or thing.

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You take care of it. You don't. Polluted. California Values Tribal Perspectives to help shape new ways to take on trash

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and climate pollution, like cutting single use plastic and packaging waste. We're using natural fiber to replace

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replaced plastics single use packaging. Expanding edible food recovery, and community composting for food sovereignty.

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Tribal communities have a natural food system that's 20,000

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years old that sustained us for that long, and it didn't have any plastics at all.

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In connecting tribal businesses with state support to keep materials in use. We brought in \$700,000 worth of CRV

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to our community so that it doesn't go into landfills. Tribal nations are key partners in California's move from a disposable

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throwaway system to a circular reuse economy. Tribes are using their natural stewardship

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on their traditional knowledge to create economies. Not only helps our community, but helps our earth.

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That's what we're here to do.

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Great. Thank you for that video. Within that video, you saw a bit of CalRecycle work to meaningfully engage with tribal nations this past year.

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Some of those clips were directly from an engagement that was co-hosted by the Native American Fiber Program and Big Valley Band

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of Pomo Indians up in Clearlake area. And it was a really great event.

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So appreciate them for supporting us. We've also engaged with tribes through California's Zero Waste Plan, hosting a tribal listening session.

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We also attended and presented at the 2024 Tribal EPA and U.S.

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EPA Region nine Annual Conference, hosting a session, a think tank session on generating circularity for zero waste and thriving communities.

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We also attend

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the quarterly call EPA Tribal Advisory Committee. That committee really helps shape the work with tribal nations in under a call EPA.

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We also attend and have participated in US EPA's Regional Tribal Operations Committee, Solid Waste Working Group Region nine.

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CalRecycle is currently developing a tribal consultation policy to ensure consistent collaboration

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and better integrate tribal priorities and perspectives in our work. In 2024, CalRecycle initiated Tribal Council consultation

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on AB 52 on plastic and packaging reforms. We contacted 307 California

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Native American tribal representatives and consulted with three tribes. Slide CalRecycle

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has active A has \$1.75 million in active grant agreements with tribal projects

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for unsold food recovery, illegal dumping, cleanup on farm and ranch, land

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waste, hire, cleanup and amnesty events, and also the community composting with dedicated funding for tribal entities.

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CalRecycle recognizes the critical role and commitment of tribes in advancing climate solutions as part of that work.

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CalRecycle is launching the tribal composting needs assessment and permitting Guide to understand

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what tribes need to develop and operate more composting facilities. Engagement is set to begin in early 2025, with various milestones

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throughout the year. So we look forward to those events and those engagements throughout the state of California.

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You can find more information by using the QR code or by going to the tribal relations page at CalRecycle,

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which I'm also excited to announce is up live and running as part.

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Next slide, please. As part of California's disaster recovery efforts, state

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and federal representatives consult with interested tribes to monitor monitor cleanup sites during ground disturbing activities.

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The information is then shared with Cal Recycle for coordination during debris removal operations.

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Thank you, Jennifer Hogan, for being a great partner in that work. Really appreciate that. The governor's Office of Emergency Services sent notifications to tribes

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in northern and southern operation regions for the park. Thompson and Boyles Boyles Fires in Northern California.

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The matchup The Indian tribe will be providing tribal monitoring in their areas of interest in the South.

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CalOES is currently awaiting responses from tribes interested in the monitoring of the boreal fire cleanup.

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Just wanted to share that current cycle. Really thankful for the opportunities to work alongside tribal nations

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and look forward to continued engagement on these critical issues. It's an honor to be doing this work to be leading this work

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under my new office for CalRecycle. So I appreciate this role and opportunity. Thank you.

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Pass it back to Maria. Thank you, Katrina, we're so happy to have you here at CalRecycle doing the work you're doing.

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And next step, we have Deputy director Michel Martin back with a few grant application reminders.

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Okay, so applications for the Beverage Container Quality Infrastructure Grant program closes today.

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We extended this due date a little bit. 47.5 million funds are available for sorting infrastructure

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to create contamination, free streams of beverage container material from curbside recycling or drop off collection programs.

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Grants range from 1 million to 10 million per project. Eligible applicants include registered curbside program, MRFs

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with registered curbside programs, certified collection and drop off programs, community service programs and certified processors.

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Applications for the Recycled Glass Processing Incentive grant program are now open.

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4 million funds are available to stimulate an increased in crash glass to make new glass beverage containers.

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In California, awards ranging from 1 million to 4 million per project currently.

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Certified glass color processing facilities in California are eligible.

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Next is the increased recycling of empty glass beverage containers Program.

Applications are due December 10th.

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4 million is available to support regional pilot programs that collect, consolidate and transport empty glass beverage containers

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from restaurants and on sale on sale retail Licensed establishment arts grants range from 500000 to 2 million.

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Eligible applicants include local government, nonprofits, qualifying tribal entities and private businesses.

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Finally, the reusable Beverage Container Infrastructure Grant Program applications are due December 19th,

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23.7 is available for infrastructure and startup cost to develop a deposit Return for glass Reusable CRV containers

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Grants range from 3 million to 23.7 million to create a reusable glass beverage container processing stream within California.

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Eligible applicants include local government, nonprofits, qualifying tribal entities and private businesses.

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Back to you. Maria. Great. And I know you said it the second time, but the further reusable beverage

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container infrastructure grant program applications, it's 23.7 million is available for industry, infrastructure and startup costs.

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And so now we're going to move on to the beverage container recycling program announcements and we're going to get an update

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from our deputy director, Amy Cameron. Thank you, Maria. Good morning, everyone.

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I'd like to thank everyone who joined us for the meet and greet and the handling fee workshop in Riverside last week.

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I appreciated the opportunity to meet you and learn more about your operations. There will be a follow up handling fee workshop scheduled for December 2nd

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that will be in-person in Sacramento and also hybrid with the ability for online comments and available questions

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for the handling fee workshop. We are asking people to submit their comments

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until December 9th so that we can review them and begin the work to prepare the package for the Office of Administrative Law.

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CalRecycle is also hosting our next Dealer Registration webinar

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for beverage retailers and other interested parties. Tomorrow at 10 a.m., you can register

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to participate on Zoom or watch the live webcast. All the materials are posted online

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and the video will be is available from our previous

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register. Webinar sorry on YouTube. Before our next public meeting, we will be posting the processing fees

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and processing payments for implementation on January 1st, 2025.

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And finally, certification, registration and enforcement reports have all been published and are now available on.

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CalRecycles website. Thank you. Back to you, Maria. Thanks, Amy.

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And so now we're going to go to public comments about the topics we just covered. So those are tribal relation updates, grants and loans

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and the beverage container recycling program updates. So first, we'll take comments with the public here in the room.

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Are there any comments from anyone here in our meeting room today?

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It doesn't look like it. So now

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we do have a comment in the room. Oh, no, we don't. Say.

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I apologize. And Jessica, are there any comments on the phone?

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Yes, we still have a caller on the line six, six, seven, please.

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And if you have a comment.

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Yes, this is Leonard Lange. And I had a little difficulty earlier.

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I did want to make a comment on the dealer Co-op Stewardship

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Regs. I participated in a meeting last Thursday

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by a webinar. And I do want to thank thank you for that opportunity.

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But I did make comments in regards to what was being proposed

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that some of the things that were being proposed were not authorized.

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There was confirmation for my opinion from a lobbyist for the rural counties

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people and I'm not sure that staff is fully aware of

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how they have to ensure that things are authorized in statute before they put it into regulated means.

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Having 30 plus years experience of this, I have been successful in petitioning underground regulations,

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which what happens things get through that were never authorized. So I thank you for the opportunity.

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I would like to add one other comment. There was also the meeting that

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deputy director for Recycling spoke about Amy last Thursday and

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that was a Zoom meeting and we were not able to participate and make comments via Zoom,

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which is what we've been come to be used to.

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We had to come up with some other system that's extremely difficult and burdensome. So I hope you can establish a uniform policy

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that allows us to participate from outside the area. And I thank you,

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Leonard. Thank you for your comments. And I want to acknowledge that the workshop that you're referring to

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we held in Riverside County, and one of the reasons we did that was so that we could physically be available in more locations.

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Since the vast majority of our workshops are held here in Sacramento, we will be having a follow up workshop for handling fees

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or another workshop for handling fees December 2nd. Is that right? And at that meeting there will be it'll be a full hybrid meeting like today

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with the opportunity for four callers to be able to participate. So we have some technical limitations given that was a new location

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for us down south and our hope is, is that we can meet and expand our outreach throughout the state

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through our public meetings, through our workshops, etc.. But still provide that that level of engagement for for remote participants.

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So thank you for acknowledging and for bearing with us as we're were perfecting this process statewide.

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And we can move on to the next section. Thank you, Jessica. And so now looking ahead,

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please call in if you have comments on the following items. Amended County wide siting element for Contra Costa County contract updates

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or facility permits and waivers. And so now we're going to go back to our deputy director

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Karamargin with the next agenda items. And thanks, Maria. Contra Costa has amended its countywide siting element

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by adding the Raven SR Transfer and Processing Facility

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and Steam CO2 Reformation Facility, which is located in the city of Richmond.

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This siting element amendment is required to meet state planning requirements and support a solid waste facility permit.

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Finding the facility would convert or plans proposed to convert food scraps, green material, wood waste and other organic

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material into hydrogen for transportation fuel. The project requires a full solid waste facility permit.

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The department received a completed countywide siting element amendment from the county on August 1st.

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Staff found that the updated submission is in line with all state requirements per the secure documentation provided by the City of Richmond.

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The project will incorporate mitigation measures. The city of Richmond requires the project to comply

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with the adopted Mitigation monitoring or reporting program, and department action is needed by November 29th of this year

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and next. We also have a few contract updates to explore new uses for California Waste

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tires. CalRecycle approved the scope of work for the rubberized asphalt, Concrete

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Engineering and Technical assistance contract and the amount of \$900,000

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The contractor selected through a request for call qualification process will provide technical assistance,

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construction inspection, oversight and other support for the Rubberized Pavement grant recipients.

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The contract is set for May 2025 through May 2028. CalRecycle also approved the scope of work for the civil engineering

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and material testing services for waste tires contract for up to \$200,000.

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This is an interagency agreement with Chico State Enterprises for civil engineering material testing to support CalRecycles Waste Tire programs.

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The contractor will provide technical assistance to state and local government engineering firms, contractors working on tire

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derived aggregate and rubberized asphalt concrete projects. This contract will run through February 2025 through 2028

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and last but not least, CalRecycle approved the scope of work for the Engineering and Construction Management Services and

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for end sorry engineer applications using tire derived aggregate contract. That was a long title.

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This is for up to \$1.2 million. The contractors selected through a request for qualifications

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proposal process will support research, provide technical training for the tire derived aggregate

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projects, and help develop markets for tire derived aggregate. This contract is set to run from February 2025 through 2028.

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Please see our agenda for details on all of these three scopes of work.

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Back to you, Maria. Thank you, Kara. And next step is solid waste and tire

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facilities, permits and emergency waiver updates. Here is a quick overview of California facility standards and statewide facility

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permit update from environmental program manager Paulino Lawrence.

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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 safety standards.

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In California, solid waste, local enforcement agencies, process applications, issue and enforce permits for solid waste facilities.

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These include landfills, transfer stations, compost facilities, or similar operations.

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CalRecycle must verify permits are consistent with state requirements.

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Permits can only address areas within the authority of local enforcement agencies and CalRecycle.

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Check out the link below for more detailed information. Emergency waivers allow temporary changes to solid waste

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permit requirements in response to local or disasters. Local enforcement agencies may approve the waivers

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which are good for up to 120 days and may be extended. CalRecycle must review approved waivers

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and can condition limit, suspend or terminate them. Check out the link for more detailed information.

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For waste, hire facilities. CalRecycle processes, applications, issues and enforces waste hire permits.

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These include requirements to make sure tires are stored and processed 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 information.

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Since last month's public meeting, the department concurred or issued the following for Orange County.

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The department concurred. On October 25th, 2024 a modified solid waste facilities permit for Rainbow

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Disposal Co Inc, also known as Rainbow Transfer Recycling. Action was needed October 28, 2024 for San Luis Obispo County.

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The department issued on November 5th, 2020 for a revised compostable

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materials handling facility permit for being good rowing. Action was needed December 13, 2024.

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CalRecycle is the enforcement agency for this jurisdiction.

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Continuing on this month's agenda for Kern County, U.S. Borax Inc.

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This is a modified solid waste facilities permit. Action is needed December 31st, 2024.

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For Riverside County Coachella Valley Compost. This is a revised solid waste facilities permit.

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Action is needed November 23rd, 2024. For Madera County, USA Tire Recycling.

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This is a new minor waste tire facility. Permit action is needed. February 19, 2025.

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For Monterey County Madison Lane Material Recycling Center.

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This is a new minor waste tire facility Permit action is needed February 26, 2025.

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For Merced County Highway 59 Landfill. This is a revised solid waste facility Permit action is needed

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December 24th, 2024. For Monterey County, Converted Organics, LLC.

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This is a modified solid waste facilities permit. Action is needed December 29th, 2024.

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For Monterey County, Agro Thrive Inc. This is a revised solid waste facilities permit

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Action is needed December 29th, 2024. For Imperial County, Salton City Solid Waste Site.

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This is a modified solid waste facility. Permit action is needed December eight, 2024.

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New to this month's agenda, for Los Angeles County, Azusa Transfer and Material Recovery Facility.

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This is a modified solid waste facilities permit action is needed December 20th, 2024.

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Review The permit package indicates the following proposed change Remove the permitted tonnage limits associated

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with each stream of material received while keeping the permitted maximum tonnage of 3800 tons per day.

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The same for San Bernardino County CalPortland Oro Ground Cement Plant.

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This is an EMSW conversion facility and this is a new solid waste facilities

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Permit action is needed December 23rd, 2024. Preliminary review

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of the permit package indicates the following proposed design parameters. The proposed activity will be an engineered municipal

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solid waste or EMSW conversion facility. The permitted hours of operations will be 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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The permitted maximum tonnage will be 500 tons per day. The permitted traffic volume will be 30 vehicles per day

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and the storage limit of 3500 tons with a permitted area of 4.4 acres.

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For Santa Clara County, we have Guadalupe Recycling and Disposal facility.

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This is a modified solid waste facilities permit action is needed. December 30th, 2024.

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Preliminary review of the permit package indicates the following proposed changes

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updating the estimated closure date the landfill from 2028 to 2044,

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and adding a transfer processing report for the transfer processing facility.

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New and not on this month's agenda for Los Angeles County ed Co Recycling and transfer.

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This is a revised solid waste facilities permit. Action is needed January seven, 2025.

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Premlinary review for the permit package indicates the following proposed changes

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changing the operator mailing address, changing the owner name and mainline address,

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Increasing the permitted maximum tonnage from 1500 tons per day to 2500 tons per day and increasing

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the permitted traffic volume from 1656 passenger car equivalents to 1996.

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Average daily trips.

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Waivers received since the October public monthly meeting for Los Angeles County.

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We have several emergency waivers. This one is for Lancaster Landfill and Recycling Center.

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On October 9th, 2024 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health,

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local Enforcement agency granted an emergency waiver of the permitted maximum tonnage until February six, 2025.

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This is due to the emergency resulting from the bridge fire on October 17, 2024.

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The LEA granted a second emergency waiver of the permitted maximum tonnage until February 28, 2025,

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due to the emergency resulting from the Boreal for Los Angeles County for Antelope

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Valley Public Landfill on October ten, 2024, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, local enforcement agency

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granted an emergency waiver of the permitted maximum tonnage and traffic volume until February seven, 2025.

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This is due to the emergency resulting from the bridge Fire. On October 17, 2024, the LEA

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granted a second emergency waiver of the permitted maximum tonnage and traffic volume until February 28, 2025.

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This is due to the emergency resulting from the Boreal fire. For the City of San Diego, Sycamore Landfill.

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On October one, 2024, the City of San Diego Development Services Department, local enforcement agency

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granted an emergency waiver of the permitted daily tonnage and hours of operations until February eight, 2025.

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This is due to the emergency resulting from the winter storms.

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The department received one temporary waiver, and this is from L.A. County. It's for the Antelope Valley Public Landfill on October 17, 2024.

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The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Local enforcement agency issued a stipulated agreement

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that allows a temporary waiver of solid waste facility permit terms or being foreseen in 1789 pertaining to the permitted hours

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of operation and permitted maximum tonnage until January 15, 2025.

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This is due to a temporary emergency.

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And I believe we have one more update today from Neven Yates environmental program manager Neven Yates.

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So just one update to the new and not on the agenda portion of the video, and that is for EDCO recycling and transfer Los Angeles County.

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And it is a new action date of January 14th, 2025.

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So thanks. Great. Okay, and you can find more information on any of today's agenda items

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by going to CalRecycle's home page calrecycle.ca.gov and click the banner at the top of that home page.

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If you're watching the webcast live, if you're watching the meeting recording, you can find the link. Halfway down, CalRecycle's home page at the for the link to the agenda

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and associated public notices and there should be at the agenda and within a few days we'll have recordings as well.

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And so now is the time for final public comments. First, we'll take any more public comments.

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Any public comments that we have today in the room on any agenda item, including the last ones we just addressed.

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Does anyone have any comments? I'm seeing none.

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So do we have any commenters calling in? No new calls.

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Okay. That's that's the first one more time. No comments. Okay. So thank you to everyone who participated in today's public meeting.

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Again, you can find the recordings of the meeting very soon, usually within the week or next week on our YouTube channel.

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And then please follow our social media platforms and our and please sign up for our gov delivery email list for any updates on various programs.

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We also wanted to again thank all the deputies who are here today and all the callers, and we will see you next month.

