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Making a waste free future happen  
together your partner for change.

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CalRecycle is advancing world  
leading reforms to cut waste

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and build circular use systems  
for all materials.

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Big news for California's  
beverage container recycling program.

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The new developments with Dealer  
Cooperative Redemption Systems.

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Plus, paving new roads  
with more recycled material.

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It's really going to help push the market  
and help push the industry

00:00:26:14 - 00:00:27:23

into a better place.

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The new pilot project to build stronger,  
longer lasting roads

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and see how Caltrans and CalRecycle  
are working together

00:00:35:04 - 00:00:38:00

to maximize the use of California compost  
during

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California's climate fight  
and shift to a circular use economy.

00:00:41:07 - 00:00:44:11  
CalRecycle's monthly public meeting

00:00:44:11 - 00:00:45:26  
starts now.

00:00:49:16 - 00:00:51:14  
Good morning everyone.

00:00:51:14 - 00:00:55:23  
Thanks for joining us for CalRecycle's  
May 2025 public meeting

00:00:56:06 - 00:00:59:21  
due to ongoing  
hearing room upgrades at Cal EPA

00:00:59:21 - 00:01:02:19  
headquarters,  
this meeting is virtual only.

00:01:02:28 - 00:01:04:23  
Thank you everyone for your patience.

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Technology prevented our April  
public meeting from being broadcast

00:01:08:07 - 00:01:09:23  
in its entirety.

00:01:09:23 - 00:01:13:16  
You can find a video of our April public  
meeting Updates on CalRecycle's

00:01:13:16 - 00:01:15:01  
YouTube Channel.

00:01:15:01 - 00:01:17:11  
We have progress and updates  
to share today.

00:01:17:11 - 00:01:20:29  
But first, here's a brief  
safety and language access message.

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Shouldn't be

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a barrier when it comes to protecting  
our air, water and land.

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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](http://CalRecycle.ca.gov)

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for a link to our webcasts  
in English and Spanish.

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If you're attending this meeting in person  
in power, ensure

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auditorium we have Spanish  
interpretation devices available.

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Let our team on the left hand  
side of the dais know if you need one.

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(In Spanish)

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(In Spanish)

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The Spanish language  
live interpretation is available

00:02:33:15 - 00:02:35:27

during this meeting.

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We will briefly pause  
after each agenda item

00:02:38:12 - 00:02:41:14  
to give our interpreters  
time to relay the information.

00:02:42:24 - 00:02:44:00  
Your feedback is important.

00:02:44:00 - 00:02:48:09  
We will take public comments on Zoom  
and by phone the Zoom link and call in.

00:02:48:09 - 00:02:50:07  
Instructions are on CalRecycle monthly

00:02:50:07 - 00:02:54:13  
public meeting web page  
or you can scan the QR code on this slide.

00:02:56:00 - 00:02:58:21  
Please raise your hand in Zoom or call in

00:02:58:21 - 00:03:03:25  
now if you have comments on the following  
items, the directors report The Plastic

00:03:03:25 - 00:03:09:02  
Pollution Prevention and Responsible  
Battery Recycling Act, Implementation

00:03:09:18 - 00:03:13:24  
Dealer Cooperative Regulations, Product  
Stewardship Updates

00:03:14:04 - 00:03:16:16  
or Grants and Loans.

00:03:19:06 - 00:03:21:25  
Now let's get started  
with our recently confirmed

00:03:21:25 - 00:03:25:11  
CalRecycle director  
Zoe Heller with the Directors report.

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Good morning, Zoe, and congratulations  
on receiving

00:03:28:20 - 00:03:31:06

overwhelming support  
for your confirmation.

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Thank you, Maria.

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And good morning, everybody.

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Really appreciate everybody's patience  
as we're upgrading the Byron Sher room.

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We just did not want to have a repeat  
of last month, so figured we'd keep today

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all virtual and soon  
get back to our hybrid meeting.

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So thanks again for for your patience and

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flexibility.

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So we have quite a bit on the agenda  
today, as I'm sure many of you have seen.

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So I'll keep my remarks relatively short.

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We have updates today for our plastic  
and packaging EPR law.

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As many of you may have seen, we released draft regulation text last Friday

00:04:07:14 - 00:04:10:09  
and are hosting a workshop on May 27th and looking forward

00:04:10:09 - 00:04:13:20  
to discussing some of the changes in the text with all of you.

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We're also having two other workshops next week, one on loose battery EPR

00:04:19:18 - 00:04:24:04  
and the expansion of our e-waste program to include battery embedded products.

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We'll also be sharing some progress with the beverage container recycling

00:04:28:18 - 00:04:33:18  
program reforms, specifically some updates on the dealer cooperative regulations.

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And importantly,  
I want to thank the Ca Recycle team

00:04:37:09 - 00:04:41:15  
for completing the closure of the Bonzi Sanitary Landfill in Modesto.

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Many CalRecycle staff  
have been working on this

00:04:44:08 - 00:04:47:02  
their entire career,  
and this is an incredible milestone.

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Operator stop taking waste in 2009,  
but did not have sufficient funds

00:04:51:26 - 00:04:54:15  
to close the landfill  
in accordance with state standards.

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After years of court judgments  
and special allocations

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from the legislature, the landfill closed  
last month and it's already

00:05:01:04 - 00:05:04:18  
reducing impacts on air, groundwater  
and the surrounding community.

00:05:05:11 - 00:05:09:24  
A special thank you to the Central Valley  
Regional Water Quality Board and various

00:05:09:24 - 00:05:12:29  
CalRecycle teams who have put many,  
many hours on this project.

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CalRecycle closely monitors  
all landfills in the state

00:05:16:03 - 00:05:18:14  
to prevent similar situations  
from happening.

00:05:18:14 - 00:05:19:10  
Back to you. Maria.

00:05:24:19 - 00:05:26:19  
Thanks so much, Zoe.

00:05:26:19 - 00:05:30:17  
And next on the agenda,  
CalRecycle is moving forward on rulemaking

00:05:30:17 - 00:05:32:27  
for major circular economy reforms,

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including plastic and packaging waste  
reduction reforms.

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Deputy Director of Circular Economy  
Michelle

00:05:39:07 - 00:05:40:21  
Martin is here with those updates.

00:05:40:21 - 00:05:42:11  
Good morning, Michelle.

00:05:42:13 - 00:05:43:14  
Good morning, Maria.

00:05:43:14 - 00:05:44:27  
Good morning, everyone.

00:05:44:27 - 00:05:50:22  
CalRecycle is in an informal phase  
of the rulemaking process and remains

00:05:50:22 - 00:05:54:25  
committed to implementing California's  
plastic and packaging reforms.

00:05:55:18 - 00:06:00:07  
On May 27th, CalRecycle will host  
an informal workshop from 10 a.m.

00:06:00:07 - 00:06:01:14  
to 4 p.m.

00:06:01:14 - 00:06:04:13  
in the Byron  
Sher Auditorium at EPA headquarters.

00:06:05:00 - 00:06:08:11  
The focus will be on the latest version  
of the draft regulations

00:06:08:17 - 00:06:11:02  
following the restart  
of the rulemaking process.

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Workshop materials were shared on Friday  
through the Packaging

00:06:15:16 - 00:06:19:21

EPR listserv and are available  
on our Packaging EPR web pages.

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CalRecycle is accepting comments on these  
materials through Tuesday, June 3rd,

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The Packaging

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Producer Responsibility Advisory Board met  
last Friday to discuss the regulations

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timeline for presentations  
from each outreach consultant in HDR

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on the selection,  
processing and markets needs assessment

00:06:42:26 - 00:06:45:24

and review the draft of their areas  
and solutions

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Recommendations for the work

00:06:49:16 - 00:06:51:05

on June 23rd coverage

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segment will host a non regulatory  
workshop to gather feedback

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on the development of guidance documents  
for the covered material category list.

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We'll send a save  
the date on the packaging EPR

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delivery listserv and more materials  
will be shared ahead of the workshop.

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Subscribe to the listserv  
and check our packaging EPR web pages

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for more information.

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Next,  
CalRecycle will host an informal public

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rulemaking workshop for the Responsible  
Battery Recycling Act implementation.

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Join us on May 29 from 1 to 5 p.m.

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to share your feedback  
on the draft of the proposed regulations

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to establish a stewardship program  
for the collection recycling batteries.

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Join us in person at CalEPA

00:07:40:07 - 00:07:43:19

headquarters for Register online  
to purchase virtually

00:07:44:06 - 00:07:46:16

and submit your written comments  
after the workshop.

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Find more details, link in today's agenda

00:07:51:00 - 00:07:53:26  
and sign up for a battery  
stewardship listserv on car

00:07:53:27 - 00:07:55:19  
sales website.

00:07:58:25 - 00:08:02:00  
Next on the agenda,  
the Office of Administrative Law

00:08:02:04 - 00:08:07:22  
approved CalRecycle Dealer Registration  
and Dealer Cooperatives Regulation Package

00:08:07:22 - 00:08:12:27  
on April 24th, 2025, and the regulations  
became effective immediately.

00:08:13:26 - 00:08:16:03  
More information  
about the rulemaking process,

00:08:16:03 - 00:08:19:25  
including a link to the regulations,  
is available on CalRecycle's

00:08:19:25 - 00:08:21:26  
Dealer Cooperatives Program Webpage.

00:08:21:29 - 00:08:26:07  
CalRecycle received

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Its first dealer  
Cooperative Stewardship Plan for review.

00:08:29:16 - 00:08:34:19  
tCalRecycle received a plan  
from Circular CRV Association on April 28

00:08:35:08 - 00:08:37:15  
and took public comments through May 13.

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CalRecycle has 90 days to approve or disapprove the plan

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with a deadline of July 28th 2025.

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The determination will be announced at a future public Meet

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a copy of

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Circular Series Association's plan is linked in today's agenda

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and available on a dealer operated Stewardship webpage.

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Moving on to repeat stewardship

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updates, every native

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product manufactured either individually

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or through in stewardship organization are required to submit an annual report

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to CalRecycle that describes its paint product recovery efforts

00:09:20:17 - 00:09:23:18

for the previous calendar year

00:09:23:19 - 00:09:25:24

on May 15, 2025.

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Currency CalRecycle received  
PaintCare's 2024 Annual Report.

00:09:31:01 - 00:09:34:09  
It's currently being reviewed  
for compliance with statute

00:09:34:11 - 00:09:36:26  
regulations  
and PaintCare Stewardship Plan.

00:09:38:00 - 00:09:41:14  
The department has 120 days  
to determine annual report

00:09:41:14 - 00:09:44:17  
compliance, noncompliance or condition  
Audit.

00:09:45:24 - 00:09:48:19  
The statutory decision DEADLINE September  
12th.

00:09:48:21 - 00:09:54:23  
CalRecycle is subject to public comments  
through May 13 and you can find

00:09:54:23 - 00:09:57:24  
more information  
and documents related to this item

00:09:58:02 - 00:10:00:04  
in today's agenda.

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We also have an update  
on the Pharmaceutical Waste

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Stewardship Program this month.

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On April 25th, 2025,

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the Foundation submitted a proposal  
to modify its stewardship plan

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for covered drugs, introducing a proposed  
tiered approach to reasonable geographic

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spread based on the number of potential  
rights collectors in each account.

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CalRecycle  
receive feedback on the proposal

00:10:27:24 - 00:10:31:13  
through May 16 and is in the process  
of reviewing the proposal.

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The director's

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determination will be announced  
at a future public meeting

00:10:37:11 - 00:10:39:01  
for product stewardship Updates.

00:10:39:01 - 00:10:42:17  
Subscribe to listserv of billable  
uncovered cycles on site.

00:10:43:14 - 00:10:44:20  
And that's all I have right now.

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It's actually more.

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Thanks so much, Michelle.

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California's five year tire plan allocates  
funding for grants, loans and research

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projects to find new uses for old tires,

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materials management and local assistance.

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Deputy Director Cara

Morgan joins us with more

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on an exciting new research project.

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Good morning, Cara.

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Good morning, Maria. Good morning,  
everyone.

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California has pioneered  
the use of rubberized asphalt pavement

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since the 1970s to promote new markets  
for recycled tires.

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I would like to highlight  
one of the latest research projects

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that CalRecycle has funded.

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Take a look at the short video.

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Reusing waste  
while cutting costs and pollution.

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This new one mile stretch at UC Davis  
is made with recycled tires and asphalt.

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I'm really excited about

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creating circularity in the markets.

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The pilot partnership  
between CalRecycle Caltrans and the U.S.

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Pavement Research Center

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is advancing technology  
California has used for decades, building

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better roads with up to 23% recycled  
tires and 25% reclaimed asphalt.

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So not only will

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these roads have more recycled content,  
but they'll also last longer.

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Strengthening roads to withstand  
more extreme heat while using fewer

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raw materials.

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We could potentially expand the asphalt  
supply and potentially alleviate

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some of the supply chain issues  
that we're seeing.

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Helping California pave more roads  
and replace them less often

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by giving old materials new life.

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It's really going to help push the market  
and help push the industry

00:12:24:05 - 00:12:26:05  
into a better place.

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By evaluating these materials, researchers  
at the U.S.

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Pavement research Center  
aim to develop longer lasting, more cost

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effective and environmentally friendly  
asphalt pavement

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and even more recycled  
tire rubber being used.

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So I'm very excited about this project.

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Back to you. Maria,

00:12:54:01 - 00:12:56:01  
thank you so much, Cara.

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Grants and loans are next on the agenda,  
including small changes

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to the rubberized pavement.

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Grant program criteria.

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We will go back to Michelle Martin  
for more.

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Staff is proposing a few changes  
for the upcoming

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grant cycles, and branch chief  
Lauren Barva is here with a quick summary.

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Thank you, Michelle.

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The goal of this program is to promote  
the use of.

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rubberized pavement while encouraging  
the recycling of California.

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Generated waste tires.

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The proposed criteria change  
for the fiscal year

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2025, 26 and 2026

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27 Grant cycles include allowing grantees

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to apply the year  
after receiving an award,

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increasing maximum total awards  
to individual applicants

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from 6 to 8 for rubberized asphalt,  
concrete complex or rubberized.

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Chip seal. Projects.

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Increasing the reimbursement rates

00:13:57:13 - 00:14:00:15  
for rubberized asphalt concrete hot mix

00:14:01:14 - 00:14:03:07  
and then increasing the maximum

00:14:03:07 - 00:14:08:27  
grant award amounts  
to 375,000 for individual applicants,

00:14:09:15 - 00:14:12:18  
525,000 for regional applicants,

00:14:13:08 - 00:14:16:20  
750,000 for qualifying tribal entities.

00:14:17:14 - 00:14:21:04  
Click the link on today's agenda  
for additional detail.

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There will be a 6.5 million  
available for fiscal year 2025, 26

00:14:27:15 - 00:14:31:28  
and 6.3 million for fiscal year 2026 27.

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The notice of funds  
available is expected in July,

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with applications due in September.

00:14:38:16 - 00:14:41:22  
Grant award  
announcements are set for December.

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Back to you.

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Maria.

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Okay.

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And now we will go to our public comments

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for the items that we just went over.

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Do we have any public comments  
on any of the agenda items

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on on Zoom

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on the phone?

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No comment.

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Okay.

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I as we move forward, please  
raise your hand and zoom or call in.

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Now, if you have comments on disaster  
debris, recovery operations

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and Caltrans  
compost use plan five year review

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the e-waste update or permits and waivers.

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So now we will turn to disaster debris,

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recovery operations, progress update

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Debris removal continues

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on the 2024

wildfires in both the south and north.

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Operations in Kern County.

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Cleanup for the Burrell fire has resumed  
with properties in higher elevations

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now accessible and the county adding  
additional properties to be cleared.

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The North Division has resumed work  
after a temporary, temporary safety

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stand down to review protocols  
and refresh training.

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The Park and Thompson fires are at the 50%  
mark.

00:16:13:00 - 00:16:17:13

The Boyles fire in Clearlake requires  
hazard tree removal

00:16:17:17 - 00:16:20:01

soil testing and erosion control.

00:16:24:04 - 00:16:28:18

So now we will move forward  
to a CalRecycle,

00:16:28:18 - 00:16:32:22  
working with state partners  
to expand beneficial uses for compost.

00:16:33:09 - 00:16:37:09  
Deputy director Cara Morgan  
is back with an update on that work.

00:16:39:05 - 00:16:40:19  
Thank you, Maria.

00:16:40:19 - 00:16:44:15  
So every five years  
CalRecycle and Caltrans are required

00:16:44:15 - 00:16:48:25  
to review best practices  
for compost use along our state highways.

00:16:49:10 - 00:16:53:06  
Here's a quick video  
showing how Caltrans is using compost

00:16:53:06 - 00:16:55:29  
to improve our roads.

00:16:57:11 - 00:17:00:25  
California's cutting landfill pollution  
by turning moving yard waste

00:17:00:25 - 00:17:03:29  
into new products  
like California made compost,

00:17:03:29 - 00:17:07:28  
which helps our farmers feed the world  
and protects our roads and waterways.

00:17:07:28 - 00:17:11:10  
It's part of a tool that we use  
for erosion control

00:17:11:10 - 00:17:13:05

and establishing vegetation.

00:17:13:05 - 00:17:14:21

Compost has quickly become

00:17:14:21 - 00:17:19:02

an essential material for California

Department of Transportation road projects

00:17:19:08 - 00:17:22:17

to stabilize hillsides and fast track

new growth.

00:17:22:25 - 00:17:27:06

When you put compost over the top of

the soil, it acts as a protective layer.

00:17:27:06 - 00:17:32:19

We can establish vegetation and control

erosion, which then ultimately protects

00:17:32:19 - 00:17:36:14

water quality by preventing sediment

going into our waterways.

00:17:36:15 - 00:17:40:13

Engineering ecosystems to prevent

flooding and filter roadway runoff

00:17:40:19 - 00:17:42:09

before it reaches our water.

00:17:42:09 - 00:17:43:16

There's been a lot of studies

00:17:43:16 - 00:17:47:08

that show that compounds bind heavy metals

petrochemicals.

00:17:47:14 - 00:17:48:27

With benefits abound,

00:17:48:27 - 00:17:53:13

Caltrans is working to maximize compost

use in its project statewide.

00:17:53:15 - 00:17:56:27

We've been working very closely  
with CalRecycle and the U.S.

00:17:56:27 - 00:18:00:24

Composting Council  
developing parameters for specification.

00:18:00:25 - 00:18:02:07

A nature based solution

00:18:02:07 - 00:18:06:08

to cut pollution and strengthen  
local markets for California compost.

00:18:06:12 - 00:18:08:20

It's almost preventative  
maintenance, right?

00:18:08:20 - 00:18:14:05

So if we're able to stabilize the slope  
and prevent sediment from building up

00:18:14:05 - 00:18:19:10

on the roadside, we've now eliminated  
the need for maintenance to go out there.

00:18:19:17 - 00:18:22:18

Promoting California's  
circular, renewable future.

00:18:28:08 - 00:18:28:18

The law

00:18:28:18 - 00:18:33:08

requires Caltrans to use compost across  
all of its districts to replace

00:18:33:09 - 00:18:38:05

or supplement synthetic fertilizers in its  
highway landscape maintenance program.

00:18:38:21 - 00:18:42:02

It also requires CalRecycle  
to maximize compost

00:18:42:02 - 00:18:44:23  
use in disaster debris removal operations.

00:18:45:06 - 00:18:48:22  
I'd like to take a moment  
to thank our Caltrans partners.

00:18:49:16 - 00:18:52:26  
I really appreciate their efforts  
and the collaboration

00:18:52:26 - 00:18:55:01  
with the association of Compost Producers.

00:18:55:15 - 00:18:58:02  
So at this time,  
senior environmental scientist

00:18:58:02 - 00:19:00:28  
Kristin Pidcock joins us with the progress  
report.

00:19:01:04 - 00:19:02:12  
Hi, Kristin.

00:19:03:11 - 00:19:05:04  
Good morning. Thank you.

00:19:05:10 - 00:19:06:25  
Hi, everyone.

00:19:06:26 - 00:19:10:14  
As a video highlighted,  
composting mulch help prevent erosion,

00:19:10:14 - 00:19:15:21  
keep soil in place, improve soil health  
and support the growth of vegetation.

00:19:16:17 - 00:19:21:05  
Since 2018, Caltrans has used over  
1.5 million

00:19:21:05 - 00:19:24:24  
cubic yards of California  
compost and mulch in their projects.

00:19:25:11 - 00:19:30:19

CalRecycle now requires contractors  
cleaning up after disasters like wildfires

00:19:30:28 - 00:19:34:12

to use compost based products  
instead of other materials.

00:19:35:00 - 00:19:38:18

The use of compost stocks around burned  
properties has been key

00:19:38:18 - 00:19:43:10

in reducing soil erosion and filtering  
contaminants to protect water quality.

00:19:44:14 - 00:19:46:01

Both departments have reviewed

00:19:46:01 - 00:19:49:19

the best practices plans  
and will continue to implement it.

00:19:50:01 - 00:19:54:11

This includes district staff training,  
reviewing compost specifications,

00:19:54:24 - 00:19:58:06

updating best practices,  
identifying research

00:19:58:06 - 00:20:01:25

opportunities and hosting  
joint webinars and meetings.

00:20:02:19 - 00:20:06:04

I'd also like to give a special  
thanks to the Association of Compost

00:20:06:04 - 00:20:09:27

Producers and the California  
Compost Coalition for their support

00:20:10:07 - 00:20:12:28

and to Caltrans  
for their continued partnership.

00:20:13:28 - 00:20:18:07  
We are working closely with Ken Murray,  
a acting principal landscape

00:20:18:07 - 00:20:23:13  
architect with Caltrans,  
and Ken is here to provide a few comments.

00:20:24:01 - 00:20:25:15  
Good morning, Ken.

00:20:26:19 - 00:20:27:16  
Good morning, Christine.

00:20:27:16 - 00:20:28:28  
Thank you for having me.

00:20:28:28 - 00:20:31:29  
Appreciate working with CalRecycle

00:20:32:02 - 00:20:35:13  
and the partnership  
with the American Compost.

00:20:35:18 - 00:20:38:27  
So American Association  
of Compost Producers and the U.S.

00:20:38:27 - 00:20:41:01  
Composting Council on how we can

00:20:42:15 - 00:20:45:02  
get better quality  
compost for our projects.

00:20:45:23 - 00:20:48:11  
We're always looking for opportunities

00:20:48:11 - 00:20:51:05  
in our construction projects  
where compost can benefit.

00:20:51:19 - 00:20:56:10

And the partnership  
with not only CalRecycle but U.S.

00:20:56:10 - 00:20:59:21  
Composting Council and association  
accomplice producers

00:20:59:21 - 00:21:03:18  
is allowing us to have better outreach  
and success with those projects.

00:21:03:18 - 00:21:05:04  
So appreciate those opportunities.

00:21:05:04 - 00:21:07:14  
Looking forward  
to working with everybody in the future.

00:21:09:14 - 00:21:10:14  
Thank you for joining us.

00:21:10:14 - 00:21:11:13  
Ken, back to you.

00:21:11:13 - 00:21:12:04  
Kara.

00:21:15:10 - 00:21:16:13  
Thank you, Kristin.

00:21:16:13 - 00:21:18:03  
And thank you for being here.

00:21:18:03 - 00:21:20:05  
I really appreciate our collaboration.

00:21:20:05 - 00:21:24:06  
And it's such an important endeavor  
to support SB 1383

00:21:24:06 - 00:21:27:15  
implementation,  
as well as just building healthier soils.

00:21:28:10 - 00:21:31:21

California's covered electronic waste recycling program

00:21:31:21 - 00:21:34:24  
is expanding to include battery embedded products.

00:21:35:12 - 00:21:39:27  
Last year, emergency regulations were put in place to establish a process

00:21:40:06 - 00:21:45:18  
for approved electronic waste recyclers to submit payment claims for recycling

00:21:45:23 - 00:21:50:19  
covered battery, electronic or embedded products on May 28.

00:21:50:21 - 00:21:53:21  
CalRecycle will hold an emergency rulemaking

00:21:53:21 - 00:21:57:23  
workshop to seek feedback from interested parties regarding

00:21:57:23 - 00:22:03:03  
additional regulatory provisions that are necessary to implement SB 1215.

00:22:03:18 - 00:22:08:11  
For example, we will be discussing clarifying the statutory definition

00:22:08:11 - 00:22:11:00  
of covered battery embedded product

00:22:11:17 - 00:22:16:06  
specified the approved cancellation method for dismantling battery embedded

00:22:16:06 - 00:22:18:06  
covered electronic waste,

00:22:18:06 - 00:22:21:09

specifying the recycling payment  
claim requirements

00:22:21:16 - 00:22:25:21  
for battery embedded  
covered electronic waste, and adding

00:22:25:21 - 00:22:30:10  
reporting requirements for manufacturers  
of covered battery embedded products.

00:22:31:02 - 00:22:33:13  
This workshop in the afternoon

00:22:33:13 - 00:22:37:14  
will also include the proposed battery  
Embedded waste recycling fee.

00:22:38:13 - 00:22:41:13  
I hope that you will participate in person  
in the Byron

00:22:41:13 - 00:22:45:28  
share auditorium or on Zoom  
and you can also watch the webcast.

00:22:46:16 - 00:22:51:00  
Please stay updated on SB 1215 rulemaking  
and other program

00:22:51:00 - 00:22:55:02  
activities by joining CalRecycle's  
Electronic Waste.

00:22:55:02 - 00:22:55:21  
listserv.

00:22:55:21 - 00:22:58:12  
Back to you, Maria.

00:23:00:01 - 00:23:02:10  
Thank you, Kara.

00:23:02:18 - 00:23:05:05  
So next we have the Division

00:23:05:05 - 00:23:08:06  
of Waste  
Permitting Compliance and Mitigation.

00:23:08:06 - 00:23:12:29  
Debbie Director Mark  
de Bie with a Grant award announcement.

00:23:13:00 - 00:23:15:03  
Good morning, Mark.

00:23:29:00 - 00:23:31:22  
I'm not sure that Mark's on the call.

00:23:33:02 - 00:23:33:26  
Okay.

00:23:33:26 - 00:23:38:19  
Well, we I will just move forward  
and I'll give this announcement myself.

00:23:39:04 - 00:23:43:14  
So today we're announcing a legacy  
disposal site abatement

00:23:43:14 - 00:23:49:25  
partial grant program  
Award of \$527,000 for Riverside County.

00:23:50:29 - 00:23:52:25  
The next grant cycle will be open

00:23:52:25 - 00:23:55:04  
sometime after the new fiscal year

00:23:56:04 - 00:23:58:05  
after July 1st.

00:23:58:05 - 00:24:00:19  
More details are linked in today's agenda.

00:24:02:08 - 00:24:04:05  
So next, let's take a look at

00:24:04:05 - 00:24:08:17

an informative video on solid waste  
facility permits and emergency waivers,

00:24:08:17 - 00:24:13:08  
along with our monthly update  
from environmental program manager

00:24:13:11 - 00:24:16:03  
Paulina Lawrence on permits and waivers.

00:24:18:17 - 00:24:22:05  
To keep Californians  
healthy and protect our land, food, water

00:24:22:09 - 00:24:26:08  
and their health CalRecycle and local  
enforcement agencies work together.

00:24:26:18 - 00:24:31:00  
Local enforcement agencies get community  
input process permit applications,

00:24:31:06 - 00:24:35:03  
conduct inspections, and make sure solid  
waste facilities follow the law.

00:24:35:06 - 00:24:39:28  
CalRecycle verifies that permits for solid  
waste facilities, including landfills

00:24:40:02 - 00:24:43:18  
and composites, comply  
with state standards and inspections.

00:24:44:19 - 00:24:48:21  
Agree with the law that a permit is ready  
to be issued is known as confirm.

00:24:49:02 - 00:24:53:16  
Additionally, CalRecycle reviews  
approved emergency waivers and can modify,

00:24:53:16 - 00:24:57:09  
limit or end them  
emergency waivers temporarily modify solid

00:24:57:09 - 00:25:01:22  
waste facility permits for up to 120 days  
and may be extended,

00:25:02:05 - 00:25:05:15  
providing relief for facility operators  
during disasters

00:25:05:25 - 00:25:10:14  
in their approved by local enforcement  
agencies for waste hire facilities.

00:25:10:14 - 00:25:14:07  
How recycle issues and enforces  
waste hire facility permits

00:25:14:16 - 00:25:17:07  
to make sure  
tires are stored and processed safely.

00:25:18:11 - 00:25:18:27  
Scan the

00:25:18:27 - 00:25:22:05  
QR code or visit car cycles  
website for more detailed

00:25:22:05 - 00:25:23:14  
information.

00:25:28:17 - 00:25:29:19  
Those solid waste

00:25:29:19 - 00:25:33:21  
facility permits or waste hire  
facility permits that the department

00:25:33:21 - 00:25:38:10  
concurred are issued on  
since April's monthly public meeting

00:25:39:01 - 00:25:41:20  
for Orange County on April 30th,

00:25:41:23 - 00:25:46:04

2025, CalRecycle  
has found that the proposed permit

00:25:46:11 - 00:25:51:16  
meets all the state requirements  
and concur or agree with the Orange County

00:25:51:21 - 00:25:55:28  
Local Enforcement Agency for Stanton,  
Recycling and Transfer Facility.

00:25:56:16 - 00:26:00:07  
This is a modified solid waste facilities  
permit shower

00:26:00:07 - 00:26:03:27  
cycle must have made a decision  
for this permit action

00:26:04:05 - 00:26:06:11  
by May 5th, 2025

00:26:07:22 - 00:26:11:23  
for Los Angeles County on May 12, 2025.

00:26:12:02 - 00:26:15:27  
CalRecycle has found that the proposed  
permit meets all the state requirements

00:26:15:27 - 00:26:19:04  
and concur or agree  
with the Los Angeles County Local

00:26:19:04 - 00:26:22:28  
Enforcement Agency  
for Universal Waste Systems, Inc

00:26:23:27 - 00:26:26:19  
Material  
Recovery Facility and Transfer Station.

00:26:27:07 - 00:26:29:25  
This is a revised solid waste facilities  
permit.

00:26:29:27 - 00:26:33:17

CalRecycle made a decision  
for this permit action

00:26:33:27 - 00:26:36:17  
by May 27, 2025,

00:26:38:03 - 00:26:42:05  
continuing on this month's agenda  
for Kern County U.S.

00:26:42:05 - 00:26:43:18  
Borax Inc.

00:26:43:18 - 00:26:48:24  
This is a modified solid waste facilities  
permit power cycle must make a decision

00:26:48:24 - 00:26:52:08  
for this permit action by May 30th, 2025

00:26:53:03 - 00:26:56:13  
for Monterey County AgroThrive, Inc.

00:26:56:16 - 00:26:59:06  
This is a revised solid waste facilities  
permit.

00:26:59:08 - 00:27:02:19  
CalRecycle must make a decision  
for this permit action

00:27:03:06 - 00:27:05:21  
by May 30th, 2025

00:27:06:16 - 00:27:09:11  
for San Joaquin County to export.

00:27:10:00 - 00:27:13:19  
This is a new minor waste tire facility  
permit.

00:27:14:04 - 00:27:18:01  
CalRecycle must make a decision  
for this permit action by July eight.

00:27:18:15 - 00:27:21:11

2025 For Kern County.

00:27:22:00 - 00:27:25:00

Mojave Rosamond  
Recycling and Sanitary Landfill.

00:27:25:26 - 00:27:28:14

This is a revised solid waste facilities  
permit.

00:27:28:17 - 00:27:32:11

CalRecycle must make a decision  
for this permit action

00:27:32:28 - 00:27:35:19

by June 24th, 2025

00:27:36:14 - 00:27:40:21

for Kern County South  
Kern Industrial Center, LLC.

00:27:41:09 - 00:27:45:29

This is a modified solid waste facilities  
permit CalRecycle

00:27:45:29 - 00:27:51:01

must make a decision for this permit  
action item by May 27th, 2025.

00:27:51:16 - 00:27:56:04

Sacramento County JAF Tire Recycling LLC.

00:27:57:03 - 00:27:59:24

This is a new minor waste tire facility  
permit.

00:27:59:26 - 00:28:03:12

CalRecycle  
must make a decision on this permit action

00:28:03:26 - 00:28:06:17

by September 20th, 2025

00:28:07:21 - 00:28:09:24

for Santa Barbara County Tajiguas

00:28:09:24 - 00:28:12:16

Sanitary Landfill  
and Resource Recovery Center.

00:28:13:03 - 00:28:15:22

This is a revised solid waste facilities  
permit.

00:28:15:24 - 00:28:18:25

CalRecycle  
must make a decision for this permit

00:28:18:25 - 00:28:23:26

action  
by May 30th, 2025, For Merced County

00:28:23:28 - 00:28:28:01

Agromin-Merced  
Highway 59 Compost Facility.

00:28:28:03 - 00:28:33:03

This is a New solid waste facilities  
permit CalRecycle must make a decision

00:28:33:03 - 00:28:37:10

for this permit action by June 2nd, 2025

00:28:38:08 - 00:28:41:16

for Solano County EcoCycle Ventures.

00:28:42:11 - 00:28:45:13

This is a new minor waste tire facility  
permit.

00:28:45:15 - 00:28:49:15

CalRecycle must make a decision  
on this permit action item

00:28:49:15 - 00:28:52:10

by October six, 2025.

00:28:57:24 - 00:28:58:27

Good morning, everyone.

00:28:58:27 - 00:29:01:12

Just a few updates from this last video.

00:29:02:11 - 00:29:04:21

We, the Department has received.

00:29:04:21 - 00:29:05:13

A revised.

00:29:05:13 - 00:29:08:16

Permit action dates for Kern County's U.S.

00:29:08:16 - 00:29:14:02

Borax Inc and for Monterey County's  
Agro-Thrive Inc.

00:29:14:04 - 00:29:15:02

For Kern County.

00:29:15:02 - 00:29:18:22

The new revised date is July 17th  
for Monterey County.

00:29:18:22 - 00:29:22:02

Agro-Thrive revised action date  
now is June 30th.

00:29:22:11 - 00:29:23:06

Back to you, Maria.

00:29:24:23 - 00:29:27:14

Thanks so much, Paulina.

00:29:27:14 - 00:29:32:04

You can find more information  
on any of today's agenda items.

00:29:32:12 - 00:29:35:27

Just go to CalRecycle Monthly  
public meeting Web page.

00:29:36:07 - 00:29:38:18

There  
you will find a copy of today's agenda

00:29:38:18 - 00:29:41:18

and our slide  
deck PowerPoint presentation.

00:29:42:12 - 00:29:47:29

So now we are moving  
to our final public comments of the day.

00:29:48:08 - 00:29:51:18

First, we'll take comments from those  
with their hands up in Zoom.

00:29:51:19 - 00:29:53:19

I see several after that.

00:29:53:19 - 00:29:55:26

We'll take comments  
from callers on the line.

00:29:56:08 - 00:30:01:09

And a reminder  
for anyone who's giving comments

00:30:01:09 - 00:30:05:26

today to your mike will stay muted  
until you're called on

00:30:06:11 - 00:30:09:23

by the last four digits  
of your phone number if you're calling.

00:30:10:02 - 00:30:13:20

Also, please mute your webcast  
if you're watching the webcast

00:30:13:20 - 00:30:16:04

for avoid potential feedback issues.

00:30:16:19 - 00:30:20:01

So now we'll go to the public comments  
by Zoom.

00:30:20:16 - 00:30:22:14

And we'll start with Nick Lapis.

00:30:22:14 - 00:30:24:14

Go ahead and unmute  
and state your comment.

00:30:25:19 - 00:30:26:08

Hi, good morning.

00:30:26:08 - 00:30:28:26

Nick Lapis of Californians Against Waste.

00:30:28:26 - 00:30:31:02

I have a couple of questions and a comment

00:30:31:02 - 00:30:34:25

on the AB 2411 item.

00:30:34:29 - 00:30:37:04

My question is I didn't actually see

00:30:37:04 - 00:30:40:13

an update of the BMP  
as an actual fiscal document

00:30:40:29 - 00:30:43:29

attached to the to the report  
or anywhere else on the website.

00:30:44:14 - 00:30:47:08

Is that posted somewhere?

00:30:49:10 - 00:30:51:04

And then I have a follow up

00:30:51:04 - 00:30:53:05

question as well. But.

00:30:58:29 - 00:30:59:15

Hey, Nick.

00:30:59:15 - 00:31:01:15

Hey, thanks for your question.

00:31:01:15 - 00:31:06:01

It's not posted that the team CalRecycle

00:31:06:01 - 00:31:08:28

and Caltrans, our disaster debris team,

00:31:10:00 - 00:31:13:11

determined  
that we're just continuing to implement

00:31:13:11 - 00:31:16:16  
the robust activities  
that we have in the plan.

00:31:17:11 - 00:31:20:05  
So if there's anything I can do to

00:31:21:08 - 00:31:24:14  
provide any additional information, happy  
to do so.

00:31:25:27 - 00:31:26:18  
Yeah.

00:31:26:18 - 00:31:29:22  
Well, you know,  
we were the sponsors of the bill

00:31:29:25 - 00:31:33:19  
and the requirements were pretty explicit

00:31:34:19 - 00:31:37:15  
there. Yes.

00:31:37:21 - 00:31:38:02  
I'm sorry.

00:31:38:02 - 00:31:40:00  
I thought somebody said, sir,

00:31:41:05 - 00:31:42:15  
their requirements are pretty explicit.

00:31:42:15 - 00:31:44:26  
Their requirements were to look through

00:31:44:26 - 00:31:48:08  
the compost  
use practices at each of the individual.

00:31:48:08 - 00:31:52:09  
Caltrans district  
identified the best management practices

00:31:52:28 - 00:31:56:10  
from the ones they're using  
the most compost, and develop

00:31:56:10 - 00:32:00:23  
a plan to implement those same practices  
across the remaining districts.

00:32:01:05 - 00:32:03:14  
And that plan is supposedly  
updated every five years.

00:32:03:14 - 00:32:07:04  
And this is the first five year update.

00:32:07:07 - 00:32:09:19  
And just seems a lot more explicit  
than what

00:32:09:19 - 00:32:11:20  
we've heard so far.

00:32:12:12 - 00:32:13:12  
Store.

00:32:13:19 - 00:32:16:15  
Yeah, I mean, the team

00:32:16:15 - 00:32:21:04  
did an extensive kind of assessment work  
together with Caltrans

00:32:21:13 - 00:32:26:04  
and I mean, really our goal  
is to continue to implement the activities

00:32:26:04 - 00:32:30:27  
that are outlined in our pretty robust  
best management practices plan.

00:32:31:06 - 00:32:33:20  
So happy, Nick, if you'd like to set up

00:32:34:06 - 00:32:37:28

me to set up a follow up with Caltrans  
and our team to talk about it more.

00:32:38:29 - 00:32:42:01

But yeah, we're really continuing to work  
closely.

00:32:42:04 - 00:32:46:22

We're also doing work with Caltrans  
and the Association

00:32:46:22 - 00:32:50:18

of Compost Producers  
on the use of compost and mulch.

00:32:51:01 - 00:32:52:16

You know, when there are issues

00:32:52:16 - 00:32:56:20

maybe with contamination, etc.,  
the use of the material.

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So there's a lot of collaboration.

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Those are monthly meetings  
that are happening.

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There's continued ongoing  
training with the Caltrans

00:33:03:28 - 00:33:05:00

district,

00:33:09:17 - 00:33:12:08

kind of blanking on the district staff.

00:33:12:08 - 00:33:15:08

So there's just a lot of work  
that's still continuing

00:33:16:01 - 00:33:21:00

and we weren't proposing any changes  
to those best manager practices

00:33:21:00 - 00:33:22:29  
because they've really been  
making a difference

00:33:22:29 - 00:33:26:10  
and we want to continue to implement  
those robust activities.

00:33:27:25 - 00:33:30:13  
And well, I love to take you up  
on that offer for a follow up.

00:33:31:10 - 00:33:35:12  
Yeah, I mean, one of the reasons  
for the bills that we were hearing

00:33:36:11 - 00:33:37:17  
pretty

00:33:38:17 - 00:33:42:00  
pretty drastic differences and compost use  
among each of the districts.

00:33:42:15 - 00:33:46:16  
And so there is a very intentional focus  
on the bill on evaluating

00:33:46:16 - 00:33:51:20  
individual Caltrans districts as opposed  
to looking at the agency as a whole.

00:33:51:20 - 00:33:52:09  
So I would.

00:33:52:09 - 00:33:55:06  
Yeah The ideal time  
to go into a lot more detail.

00:33:55:15 - 00:33:57:06  
Yeah, happy to happy do that.

00:33:57:06 - 00:33:58:04  
And I see Ken's.

00:33:58:04 - 00:34:01:01

And so let's have Ken also up in.

00:34:03:07 - 00:34:06:12  
Yeah, and Nick, just real quick,

00:34:06:12 - 00:34:09:08  
you know, a lot of that compost

00:34:09:08 - 00:34:12:27  
just comes down to projects  
and the size of the project. So,

00:34:14:16 - 00:34:16:09  
you know,  
sometimes when we have big projects,

00:34:16:09 - 00:34:20:08  
we have opportunities to utilize  
a large amount of compost on those

00:34:21:15 - 00:34:25:24  
other times we have small projects  
and we want to make sure that we're

00:34:25:24 - 00:34:30:17  
being good stewards of public funds  
and you know, where compost can be

00:34:30:17 - 00:34:31:08  
beneficial.

00:34:31:08 - 00:34:34:18  
We encourage the use of compost,  
but if it's not going to be

00:34:34:18 - 00:34:35:15  
beneficial of that.

00:34:35:15 - 00:34:38:28  
So we don't want to be wasting money  
either, but so

00:34:39:01 - 00:34:42:00  
so there can be variability  
with with projects, but

00:34:42:11 - 00:34:46:09

I'm sure we can discuss a little bit more  
when we get together in a future meeting.

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And at that meeting can we can talk  
a little bit about what's happening.

00:34:51:05 - 00:34:54:08

It's how we've been assessing the work

00:34:54:08 - 00:34:57:08

at its district  
and looking for continued opportunities.

00:34:57:08 - 00:35:00:03

Does that sound good? Ken Absolutely.  
Thank you.

00:35:00:03 - 00:35:01:11

Also, we'll follow up.

00:35:01:11 - 00:35:03:14

Nick, thanks so much.  
I really appreciate you.

00:35:03:21 - 00:35:04:18

Thank you both.

00:35:07:17 - 00:35:10:03

The next comment would come from Jeff.

00:35:10:03 - 00:35:13:10

If you go ahead and unmute yourself  
and proceed

00:35:13:10 - 00:35:14:16

with your comment.

00:35:16:19 - 00:35:16:29

Terrific.

00:35:16:29 - 00:35:18:11

Thank you so much.

00:35:18:11 - 00:35:19:15

This is Jeff Zaken, vice

00:35:19:15 - 00:35:23:04  
president of the California  
Association of Compost Producers.

00:35:23:16 - 00:35:27:02  
And our mission is to increase the volume  
and value of compost use

00:35:27:02 - 00:35:27:21  
throughout the state.

00:35:27:21 - 00:35:32:05  
And so this 2411  
and all of the work going on at Caltrans

00:35:32:17 - 00:35:35:29  
and CalRecycle of great importance  
to us and our members.

00:35:36:27 - 00:35:39:15  
So just one overriding comment.

00:35:40:10 - 00:35:43:20  
The use amongst  
all the districts does vary quite a bit,

00:35:44:02 - 00:35:47:19  
and I think part of the challenge  
has been the availability

00:35:47:19 - 00:35:51:14  
of some of the specified  
specified products in certain districts.

00:35:51:25 - 00:35:56:22  
And so our organization  
and myself personally have made it

00:35:58:03 - 00:35:59:15  
to among the top

00:35:59:15 - 00:36:03:24  
priorities to outreach to our members  
and some of the districts

00:36:03:24 - 00:36:07:22  
that have had less use  
to take away the challenge

00:36:08:04 - 00:36:12:29  
of not being able to easily find compost  
that meets aspects that is clean,

00:36:13:08 - 00:36:17:07  
that is safe, available and cost  
effective, all of those type of things.

00:36:18:02 - 00:36:21:02  
And I'd also really like

00:36:21:02 - 00:36:24:07  
to give a shout out  
to the CalRecycle staff

00:36:24:29 - 00:36:30:07  
and Caltrans staff for the pretty,  
pretty significantly

00:36:30:28 - 00:36:33:24  
improved communication with the industry.

00:36:34:01 - 00:36:38:17  
So we've had monthly meetings,  
as Karen pointed out a minute ago.

00:36:38:27 - 00:36:43:24  
And Ken, where each month  
we're talking about challenges

00:36:44:03 - 00:36:47:27  
that we have to help meet these goals  
that the state

00:36:47:27 - 00:36:51:06  
has not just to divert organics,  
but to use them well.

00:36:51:21 - 00:36:53:28  
And so we've been  
very appreciative of that.

00:36:54:07 - 00:36:59:03

I would really enjoy seeing statistics  
from the different use amongst

00:36:59:03 - 00:37:02:04

Caltrans districts much more frequently  
than every five years.

00:37:02:04 - 00:37:03:26

So I would urge some

00:37:05:20 - 00:37:06:29

mechanism to

00:37:06:29 - 00:37:10:22

to kind of show progress and also call out

00:37:10:22 - 00:37:13:26

gaps so we can focus attention  
to help fill those gaps.

00:37:13:26 - 00:37:16:27

So I'm very pleased on the direction  
that we're going.

00:37:16:27 - 00:37:20:00

I want to see us use a heck  
of a lot more compost throughout the state

00:37:20:00 - 00:37:21:20

and throughout the Caltrans district.

00:37:21:20 - 00:37:24:00

So I appreciate the time  
and all the hard work.

00:37:26:12 - 00:37:27:04

Thank you, Jeff.

00:37:27:04 - 00:37:30:10

Next, we're going to go to Shirley  
and go ahead and unmute yourself

00:37:30:10 - 00:37:32:22

and start your comments. Shirley.

00:37:33:11 - 00:37:34:18

Mm hmm.

00:37:34:18 - 00:37:35:06

Thank you.

00:37:35:06 - 00:37:39:04

This is Shirley Fredericks with waste,  
not in Nevada County.

00:37:40:19 - 00:37:43:19

My question  
is, Nevada County has been slow

00:37:44:04 - 00:37:47:19

behind the curve  
on getting the 1383 going.

00:37:47:20 - 00:37:50:04

We've only been at it

00:37:50:06 - 00:37:51:18

for six months.

00:37:51:18 - 00:37:52:26

I think something like that.

00:37:52:26 - 00:37:56:13

And we have a continuing problem  
that we don't know how to deal with the

00:37:56:14 - 00:37:58:13

waste management  
and the county just say, oh,

00:37:58:13 - 00:38:01:15

you know, that's a mandate from CalRecycle  
So I can we can't do anything about it.

00:38:01:26 - 00:38:06:23

Well, we have a very unhappy group  
of people here who compost at home.

00:38:06:23 - 00:38:08:00

They don't have much trash.

00:38:08:00 - 00:38:10:26

They don't need the service,  
They don't want to pay for the service.

00:38:11:08 - 00:38:14:17

So we're wondering,  
how do we work, when who do we work with

00:38:14:17 - 00:38:17:15

to try and get a monthly  
pick up rather than a weekly?

00:38:18:10 - 00:38:21:03

They just don't want to pay  
the increased fees and I don't blame them.

00:38:21:23 - 00:38:23:04

We know there's a senior.

00:38:23:04 - 00:38:23:21

Discount.

00:38:23:21 - 00:38:26:07

Available,  
but they don't even really need that.

00:38:26:07 - 00:38:27:29

You know, most of these people are older

00:38:27:29 - 00:38:31:04

and they can't take their material  
to the transfer station themselves.

00:38:31:04 - 00:38:32:13

So, you know what?

00:38:32:13 - 00:38:35:29

What can CalRecycle  
do to help out this this group of people?

00:38:38:22 - 00:38:40:03

Hey, Shirley, thank you so

00:38:40:03 - 00:38:43:22

much for participating to me today  
and sharing your comment.

00:38:44:11 - 00:38:47:28  
What I'd like to do is commit  
to having our team follow up with you.

00:38:48:06 - 00:38:54:00  
And there's a lot of options  
that we can pursue to help those folks.

00:38:54:00 - 00:38:57:11  
And in collaboration  
with the local jurisdiction.

00:38:57:11 - 00:39:00:00  
So if it's okay with you,  
will set up a follow up.

00:39:01:03 - 00:39:04:11  
I would be so appreciative and

00:39:04:16 - 00:39:07:20  
and all of us here would be appreciative  
because it just isn't working.

00:39:07:20 - 00:39:10:25  
We got a lot of unhappy people,  
I can tell you that.

00:39:10:29 - 00:39:13:03  
Yeah.  
And we don't want unhappy people, right?

00:39:13:05 - 00:39:17:09  
We want folks to really,  
you know, be participate

00:39:17:14 - 00:39:22:04  
it's such an opportunity  
for us to have an impact, you know,

00:39:23:13 - 00:39:25:17  
in across the state of California.

00:39:25:17 - 00:39:29:18

But there are options for more rural residents like in your county.

00:39:29:18 - 00:39:32:17  
So I will definitely follow up this week with you.

00:39:32:22 - 00:39:34:02  
And who might that be?

00:39:34:02 - 00:39:38:20  
That would follow up, and it'll be our local assistance team.

00:39:38:20 - 00:39:42:08  
So, yeah, we'll get something set up with you this week.

00:39:42:09 - 00:39:44:24  
All right, Good. Thanks. Really. I

00:39:47:01 - 00:39:49:08  
Next up is the caller with the last four digits.

00:39:49:08 - 00:39:51:11  
Zero zero.

00:39:51:11 - 00:39:53:13  
Sorry, I lost them for a second here.

00:39:55:22 - 00:39:56:16  
Well, they might be out.

00:39:56:16 - 00:39:58:10  
So how about Lenny? Six four?

00:39:58:10 - 00:40:01:07  
Go ahead and unmute and state your comment, please.

00:40:03:01 - 00:40:03:28  
Yes, Thank you.

00:40:03:28 - 00:40:05:29  
This is Leonard Lane.

00:40:05:29 - 00:40:09:25  
And one question I have is that

00:40:11:18 - 00:40:13:25  
the procedures have changed

00:40:13:25 - 00:40:18:03  
and are receiving praise and

00:40:18:19 - 00:40:22:04  
I've called in a few times to one number  
I have, but I haven't got any response.

00:40:22:25 - 00:40:27:14  
Who would I call to find  
how to navigate the responses

00:40:27:14 - 00:40:30:16  
to the praise I've submitted?

00:40:37:29 - 00:40:39:16  
I'm Leonard.

00:40:39:16 - 00:40:40:28  
I can help coordinate with you.

00:40:40:28 - 00:40:45:19  
I'm name is Lance and I'm an information  
officer so I can get a hold of you.

00:40:45:19 - 00:40:47:15  
After the meeting,  
and then I can help set you up.

00:40:47:15 - 00:40:50:15  
Three folks. Great. Thank you. Now,

00:40:51:27 - 00:40:54:00  
I have some issues that have

00:40:54:14 - 00:40:56:22  
developed over time  
that I want to discuss.

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Number one was

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in 2007, when I left Allen Company

00:41:03:09 - 00:41:07:16  
and became a consultant,  
I had occasion to defend a recycler.

00:41:08:02 - 00:41:11:18  
And in a hearing  
defending his his business,

00:41:12:05 - 00:41:15:12  
in that hearing,

00:41:15:23 - 00:41:18:00  
evidence was introduced

00:41:18:00 - 00:41:20:21  
that was basically described

00:41:20:21 - 00:41:23:23  
as handwriting analysis.

00:41:23:23 - 00:41:25:29  
Fast forward about 1012 years

00:41:26:14 - 00:41:29:18  
and the ability

00:41:29:18 - 00:41:33:03  
to do this  
handwriting analysis was discredited

00:41:33:03 - 00:41:37:01  
and proven that the department  
wasn't qualified to do that.

00:41:37:15 - 00:41:40:15  
So I'm curious, would the department

00:41:40:15 - 00:41:44:03  
be able to identify all of the

00:41:45:05 - 00:41:47:19

all the accusations that involved

00:41:48:20 - 00:41:51:00  
handwriting analysis by

00:41:52:13 - 00:41:55:13  
people who were described within their job

00:41:55:13 - 00:41:57:05  
description as

00:41:58:14 - 00:42:01:07  
what it called a document

00:42:01:25 - 00:42:05:04  
examiner question, Document examiner.

00:42:06:08 - 00:42:08:12  
So I think there were a number of people  
that were affected

00:42:08:12 - 00:42:10:24  
by by that that issue.

00:42:11:20 - 00:42:13:25  
There was also another issue

00:42:13:25 - 00:42:17:10  
where recyclers had been charged  
with violations

00:42:17:21 - 00:42:19:28  
called previously baled containers.

00:42:20:26 - 00:42:23:02  
And 2021

00:42:23:02 - 00:42:25:20  
I was I participated in a hearing

00:42:25:20 - 00:42:30:02  
where I was an expert  
witness, and I was able to discredit

00:42:30:02 - 00:42:33:10

that interpretation of previously baled  
containers.

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Yet had it had been used for many years.

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And I'm wondering  
if the department would identify

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how many recyclers  
had been charged with that issue.

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And I do understand that  
now all the new attorneys

00:42:48:03 - 00:42:49:18

have to read that case.

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That's a mandatory case to read

00:42:54:27 - 00:42:56:00

next.

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I have submitted a PR a few years back

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to get a copy of the fund audit.

00:43:04:11 - 00:43:08:21

The statute for the beverage Container  
recycling program

00:43:09:00 - 00:43:12:19

requires an independent audit of the fund  
every year.

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I've not been able  
to get a copy of that audit.

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When I did submit the pre,  
I got an audit from

00:43:20:20 - 00:43:23:05  
or a document from Department of Finance,

00:43:23:18 - 00:43:27:03  
which doesn't qualify because it's  
supposed to be an outside CPA firm.

00:43:27:18 - 00:43:32:11  
So I'm wondering, are you getting  
those audits and are they available?

00:43:33:00 - 00:43:36:08  
And last.

00:43:37:14 - 00:43:39:14  
Years ago,  
in the beginning of the program,

00:43:39:14 - 00:43:42:14  
under conservation, as I was told,

00:43:42:14 - 00:43:45:03  
there was a disagreement within the staff

00:43:45:28 - 00:43:48:26  
regarding enforcement and compliance

00:43:49:15 - 00:43:52:16  
and compliance would have emphasized  
auditing.

00:43:52:26 - 00:43:56:00  
Enforcement emphasizes investigation.

00:43:57:27 - 00:43:59:02  
Today, we don't even

00:43:59:02 - 00:44:03:01  
find where there is auditing  
within the division of recycling

00:44:03:16 - 00:44:09:00

and recyclers  
are not audited for compliance,

00:44:09:13 - 00:44:12:27  
which would be very beneficial for them  
and help keep them in the program.

00:44:13:11 - 00:44:16:11  
So I'm wondering,  
would the Department entertain

00:44:17:05 - 00:44:20:25  
in implementing  
auditing of recycling centers

00:44:20:25 - 00:44:26:02  
and processors again  
and do it with qualified auditors?

00:44:26:14 - 00:44:28:08  
And those are my questions for today.

00:44:28:08 - 00:44:29:03  
Thank you.

00:44:30:16 - 00:44:32:11  
Thank you, Leonard, and our attorneys.

00:44:32:11 - 00:44:33:23  
I do look forward to chatting with you.

00:44:33:23 - 00:44:35:04  
I understand  
you've been working with them.

00:44:35:04 - 00:44:36:23  
And when I connect with the  
after the meeting,

00:44:36:23 - 00:44:40:06  
I want to connect you with our legal team,  
because I think a lot of these are

00:44:41:11 - 00:44:42:06  
for them to address.

00:44:42:06 - 00:44:44:09

So I'll be sure to get in touch with you  
as soon as the meeting ends.

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And that looks to be it for comments.

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Maria.

00:44:56:01 - 00:44:59:02

Okay, well, thank you everyone.

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You can find

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the May 2025 monthly public meeting  
recording in both English

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and Spanish on CalRecycle's  
YouTube channel as soon as possible.

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Please follow our social media platforms  
and govt delivery

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email list for CalRecycle program updates.

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And thanks to everyone who participated in  
today's public.

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Stay tuned to our govt delivery listserv,  
emails and public meeting web page

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as the next public meeting may be virtual  
only again during our EPA

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headquarter meeting room  
for ongoing technology updates.

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We appreciate your partnerships  
as we work together to reduce

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waste and reuse all materials  
and we will see you next month.

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Thanks so much.