

## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

**To:** Zoe Heller  
Director

**From:** Kate Nitta  
Assistant Chief Counsel, Legal Affairs Office

**Request Date:** April 4, 2025

**Subject:** Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment Rates  
for Video Display Devices

**Action By:** April 22, 2025

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### **Summary of Request:**

The Electronic Waste Recycling Act (Act) of 2003 (Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 42460, et seq.) established a financing mechanism to develop an infrastructure to provide convenient recycling opportunities and reduce the inappropriate disposal of certain electronic products discarded in California.

Pursuant to PRC sections 42477 and 42478, CalRecycle has the responsibility to evaluate the covered electronic waste (CEW) recovery and recycling payment rates for video display devices every year and adjust them if warranted to reflect the average net costs of providing the CEW recovery and recycling services intended by the Act. CalRecycle must act now to determine whether any payment rate adjustments are necessary in order to meet the statutory deadline of July 1.

### **Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:**

To inform the evaluation of payment rates, regulations governing the CEW Recycling Program allow CalRecycle to require that approved collectors and approved recyclers submit annual Net Cost Reports documenting revenues and costs incurred during the management of CEW within the previous calendar year. Net cost reports were due to CalRecycle on March 1, 2025.

The following recommendations are based on the 2024 calculated weighted average net costs per pound to recover and recycle CEW in California, the estimated reasonable rate of profit or return on investment, as well as additional factors that affect the e-waste recycling industry such as increased labor costs.

### **Recommendation:**

Based on the information presented in this Request for Approval, staff recommends the Director approve CEW recovery and recycling payment rates for video display devices regulations for the Electronic Waste Recycling Act.

- The Standard Statewide Recovery Payment Rate, as delineated in 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 18660.33(b), should remain \$0.40 per pound for all CEW.
- The Standard Statewide Combined Recovery and Recycling Payment Rate, as delineated in 14 CCR, section 18660.34(b)(1), should be increased from \$1.13 per pound to \$1.19 per pound for cathode-ray tube (CRT) CEW.
- The Standard Statewide Combined Recovery and Recycling Payment Rate, as delineated in 14 CCR, section 18660.34(b)(2), should be increased from \$1.15 per pound to \$1.16 per pound for non-CRT CEW.
- These payment rate changes shall be made immediately effective July 1, 2025, as applicable to the claim conditions contained in existing associated regulations.
- The rate increases and effective date shall be achieved through the applicable edits and amendments to Title 14 of the CCR, as outlined in Attachment 3 to this document.

Upon approval of this request, staff will work with the Legal Office to make the necessary filings with the Office of Administrative Law to enact the regulations.

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**Director Action:**

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval, I hereby approve the CEW recovery and recycling payment rates for video display devices regulations for the Electronic Waste Recycling Act detailed in 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 18660.24, 18660.25, 18660.33, and 18660.34 and in doing so, fulfill CalRecycle's obligations pursuant to PRC sections 42477 and 42478.

**Signature on File**

Zoe Heller  
Director

4/22/25  
Date Signed

**Attachments:**

1. Background on CEW Recovery and Recycling Payment Rate Considerations 2025
2. Detail and Context of 2024 Net Cost Report Analysis
3. Proposed Revised Regulatory Language 14 CCR Chapter 8.2