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making a waste-free future happen together your partner for change Cal

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Recycle is advancing worldleading reforms to cut waste and build circular use systems for all

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materials california targets confusing recycling labels the new truth and labeling requirements triggered by Cal

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Recycles latest milestone plus new industry-run stewardship programs for textiles and batteries how you can help

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shape the rules and cutting waste with refill stations we went right after this grant because we saw the value in it the

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latest awards to help communities use less and reuse the rest cal Recycles

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monthly public meeting starts

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now happy Earth Month everyone thanks for joining us for Cal Recycles Earth Month April 2025 monthly public meeting

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this year's Earth Month theme is our power our planet we have important progress and updates to share today

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before we begin here's a message from Calary Cycle director Zoe Heler happy Earth Day and Earth Month to everybody

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um very excited to host our public meeting on Earth Day uh as you know we we generally do our public meetings on

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the third Tuesday we kicked it to the 4th um not only so that we could have it on Earth Day but also because a number

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of us were on spring break last week so it worked out perfectly um so you know

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we're going to go forward with our usual agenda today nothing um too out of the ordinary or special for Earth Day but

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quickly before we jump into that I do think Earth Day gives us a great opportunity to just reflect and remember

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why we do our work you know um Cal Recycle is under Cali PA the

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Environmental Protection Agency and um our mission um for all of the Calypa

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BDOS's is really focused on protecting the earth and protecting communities and you know I don't want to oversimplify

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our work but it's really nice when we think about all of our initiatives and how they lead us to a better Earth

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particularly in some of these really challenging times we're in right now and safer healthier um more inclusive

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communities um so with that I just want to acknowledge all of our staff at Cal Recycle our missiondriven staff who work

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tirelessly to achieve our mission to get the work done to get the grants out the door our regulations written um clean up

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the disaster debris get permits out i mean each and every one of the activities we do here is not only driven

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by our program staff but also all of the other staff in our department that support them from our admin teams from

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legal to our lunch teams who um assist getting legislation across the finish line to those that make it possible for

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us to hold the meeting here so um I meant to ask how many staff we have at Cal Recycle because we're constantly

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growing i think we're a little over 800 does that sound right 850 um and I just

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want to you know just take a step back and acknowledge everybody uh for those of you that have been attending our

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public meetings for quite some time you probably remember after each item we used to thank all the staff that worked

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on that item if we were to do that now um these meetings would probably go until like 8:00 or 9:00 at night and we

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wouldn't want to do that to you all um in addition to thanking our staff uh I see a number of um familiar interested

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parties in the room um as well as some that I I haven't met before and you all keep us motivated as well we're really

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grateful for the work that you do on the ground whether it's within the communities whether it's um advocating

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for policies um and pushing us and so thank you all thank you for your

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participation contributions patience um and you know enthusiasm for the work

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that we're all doing so that's what I really wanted to focus on this Earth Day is just an acknowledgement of our team

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of um our stakeholders on the ground of everybody who's coming together to really make the Earth a better place and

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um protect our communities so thank you all so with that

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we'll we'll jump into our agenda it's a it's a packed and um fun and diverse

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agenda today we'll give some updates on some of our EPR programs the workshops that are ahead um we will be talking

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about our um truth and labeling report we have some exciting grant updates that we'll share and um where we are on

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debris milestones and a number of other things so with that I will turn it back over to

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Maria next on the agenda California is advancing efforts to make sure recycling labels on products are accurate take a

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look at this short video to see how Calcycle developed its material characterization study findings for

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California's truth and labeling law recyclable or not California is taking

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the guesswork out of recycling by making sure products marked recyclable are actually recycled in our state there's a

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lot of misconceptions of what's actually recyclable answering public demand to fix the single-use trash crisis

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California passed a truth and labeling law it bans false or misleading recycling claims on products and

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packaging like the chasing arrow symbol which many falsely assume means a product is recyclable the law directs

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Cal Recycle to gather and evaluate data to determine which materials and which contaminants currently flow through our

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recycling stream cal Recycle's field research and characterization unit collects this data from the field we're

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trying to see if there's anything that's not supposed to be there so all this data we're going to see what people actually think goes in the bin and how

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much of these materials actually get recycled the Cal Recycle data will help producers and distributors accurately

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label their products to meet California's strict new truth and recycling standards truthful labels

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empowering California consumers to recycle more deliberately and lead California to a waste-free future

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calorie Cycle published the SB 343 material characterization study final

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findings for 2023 2024 on April 4th 2025

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sp 343 requires Cal Recycle to collect and publish specific information to help

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interested parties determine whether products or packaging of a given material type and form meet the state's

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criteria to be labeled recyclable producers must use this and

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other data to determine if their products can include recycling labeling

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including the chasing arrow symbol cal Recycle is not directed to determine

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recyclability producers who can't demonstrate their products and packaging meet the laws criteria can't use

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recycling labeling on those products if they are manufactured after October 4th

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2026 which is 18 months after Calary Cycle published its final findings this

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prohibition applies to labeling it does not prevent local recycling programs

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from accepting a product or material prevent facilities from sorting the

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material or require producers to move to alternative

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materials improper label claims may be challenged by affected parties district

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attorneys or California's attorney general sp 343 directs Cal Recycle to

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update the study in 2027 and every 5 years after that to

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keep updated with current recyclability of materials cal Recycle will

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continuously improve its methodology and approach to support a broad look at recyclability of materials across the

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state study findings are linked to today's agenda and available on Cal Recycles

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website as Director Heler mentioned Cal Recycle remains committed to advancing

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California's plastic and packaging reforms the department will be holding an informal public workshop on May 27th

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from 10:00 a.m to 4 p.m here in Cali PA headquarters building in the Byron Share

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Auditorium the purpose of this workshop is to informally consult with the public the

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regulated community and other interested persons to solicit feedback regarding

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the draft regulations more information will be forthcoming through the list serve and will be available on SB54

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Plastic Pollution and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act permanent regulations

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rulemaking web page prior to that meeting the 2025 nomination period for

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the packaging producer responsibility advisory board closed on March 28th new

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appointments will be announced before July 1st the advisory board met last

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Friday to discuss draft regulations needs assessment studies economic impacts and

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recommendations from the producer responsibility organization regarding operational readiness the next advisory

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board meeting is scheduled for May 16th in the Sierra Hearing Room at Calipa

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headquarters for more information visit Cal Recycles packaging producer responsibility advisory board web page

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and subscribe to the SP54 email list serve and now on to the textiles topic

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there's a new date for Calary Cycle's first textile stewardship informational workshop join us in person or virtually

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on July 17th for an overview of California's groundbreaking responsible textile recovery act which holds

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industry responsible for making sure their products get collected repaired reused and recycled staff will provide

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an overview of the law and its requirements producer responsibility organization requirements and

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California's rule making process cal Recycle will also host an informal

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public rulemaking workshop for the Responsible Battery Recycling Act implementation join us on May 29th at



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100 p.m to share your feedback on a draft of the proposed regulations to establish a stewardship program for the

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collection and recycling of loose batteries join us in person or virtually

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and submit your written comments after the workshop find more details linked to

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today's agenda and sign up for our battery program email list serve on Cal Recycles

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website today we're also announcing \$46.2 million for nine beverage

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container quality infrastructure grantees grant funds will help with infrastructure costs to create clean

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streams of beverage container materials from existing curbside recycling or drop off collection programs learn more about

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each grant project by clicking the link on today's agenda additionally we're awarding \$3 million to 15 beverage

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container recycling grant program recipients to bring more recycling bins

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and water refill stations like the ones in this short video

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more Californians are turning to water refill stations to quench their thirst and cut plastic waste recycling is good

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but if we can prevent the need for it it's even better and Cal Recycle grants can help cover the cost we went right

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after this grant because we saw the value in it the life cycle of a water bottle is a very resourceheavy carbon

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emissionheavy process from the extraction of the oil creation of the plastic the creation of the plastic

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water bottle filling of the water bottle transportation of the water bottle you buy it at the store bring it home now

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you have the water bottle to recycle but what if we didn't have to go through that whole life cycle to begin with with

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\$1.5 million available each year California cities counties schools nonprofits and tribes can reduce plastic

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pollution and save cash with state funded water refill stations there's so many benefits of having access to water

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in public places people will stay longer exercise longer in Humboldt County Eureka

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residents can ditch single-use disposables for reusable water bottles with 15 grant-funded refill stations at

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public parks and recreation areas as filling a reusable water bottle becomes more convenient than spending the money

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on the plastic water bottles is going to justify even more for people to bring their water bottle because they see that

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there check out Cal Recycles funding page to see which types of projects are eligible for grants

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grant funds will also help bring more recycling collection projects to underserved areas including

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disadvantaged communities and tribal entities today Cal Recycle is also

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announcing the approval of a recycling market development zone loan in the amount of \$251,800

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the loan is for Rubber Recovery Incorporated a manufacturer based in

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Fontana California that processes off the road tires from Los Angeles haulers

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and creates a material sold for use in molded products including flooring

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running tracks molded flexible playground services and gardening mulch

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this loan will help finance two refurbished granulators to boost production disaster debris removal for

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the 2024 wildfire season has reached key milestones in the last month incident

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management teams are deployed to operational centers in Chico and Bakersfield to oversee wildfire recovery

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programs for four 2024 wildfires the Park Fire one of the most geographically

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expansive in state history has reached the halfway point the Thompson fire in

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Orville is 50% complete and bulk debris removal is

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complete for Lake County Boils Fire before properties can be returned to

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their owners soil testing erosion control and final inspections are

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required for Kern County's Burrell Fire only four properties remain for debris

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removal and 84% have passed site inspections and have been returned to

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the property owners for rebuilding we have several updates on California's stewardship programs for pharmaceutical

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and sharps waste on March 31st 2025 Cal

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Recycle received 2024 annual reports and 2026 annual program budgets for Med

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Project and the Drug Takeback Solution Foundation's drugs and sharps programs

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these documents are currently being reviewed by Calorie Cycle for whether

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they comply with statutory regulatory and stewardship plan

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requirements Calorie Cycle has 90 days to issue determinations of compliance

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with a statutory deadline in the law of June 30th

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2025 on March 28th 2025 Med Project submitted a proposal to Calary Cycle to

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modify its stewardship plan for drugs covered by the

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law introducing a proposed tiered approach to reasonable geographic spread

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based on the number of authorized collection sites per county calcycle is reviewing this as a

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significant change to the stewardship plan cal Recycle is accepting public

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comments on these submitted documents through April

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21st 2025 calary Cycle will present our

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determinations at a future Calary Cycle monthly public meeting for more information and

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documents they are available on the public notice links on the agenda for

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this public meeting to stay informed subscribe to Cal Recycle's pharmaceutical and sharps

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EPR program email list serve every year Cal Recycle must make sure payment rates

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in the covered electronic waste recycling program cover the average net cost of collecting and recycling

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discarded video display devices this year adjustments must be

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determined by July 1st the following proposals are based on

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2024 weighted average net costs per pound to recover and recycle covered

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e-waste the estimated reasonable rate of profit or return on

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investment and additional factors that affect the markets like labor costs

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based on this information staff recommends maintaining the standard

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statewide recovery payment rate for collectors at 40 cents per pound for all

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covered electronic waste increasing the standard statewide combined recovery and

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recycling payment from \$1.13 per pound to \$1.119 per pound for cathode ray tube

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or CRT covered electronic waste and increasing the standard statewide

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combined recovery and recycling payment rate from \$1.15 per pound to

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\$1.16 per pound for noncrt covered electronic waste proposed rates were

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presented at a workshop for interested parties on April 8th cal Recycle staff

18:02

recommends that the director approve the recovery and recycling payment rates and directs staff to make the necessary

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filings with the office of administrative law to enact the regulations

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the Los Angeles Regional Agency was formed in 2004 under a joint powers agreement to address solid waste

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management issues for its member jurisdictions you can see the 18 member

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cities on this map in 2024 the joint powers agreement

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and region regional agency agreement was amended the new agreement recognizes and

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authorizes compliance with AB939 AB

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341 AB1826 and SP 1383 and associated

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regulations it also designates the joint powers as the responsible authority to

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coordinate administer and implement compliance with SB 1383 on behalf of all

19:03

parties the submitted documents related to the amendments were reviewed by Calary Cycle and legal counsel and are

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found to be complete this item has been approved next Calary Cycle is required

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to review and approve or disapprove each countywide integrated waste management plan 5-year review report these reports

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are comprehensive analyses of planning documents which may be impacted by changes to demographics disposal

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capacities funding and diversion programs the county of Elorado submitted

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a 5-year review report for its countywide integrated waste management plan concluding "No revisions to the

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county's planning documents are necessary at this time." This item was

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approved next on the agenda is the adoption of a

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five-year plan for the waste tire recycling management program it's updated every two

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years key changes to the latest addition include bringing back a tire equipment

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loan program the annual \$1 million budget will help provide lowinterest loans for

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tired derived product manufacturing the plan also increases funding for

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language access services as well as our rubberized

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pavement grant program the tire incentive grant program and tireder

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derived aggregate and rubberized asphalt concrete

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research the latest version of the plan has been approved thanks to everyone for

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your feedback following our December workshop we also have a quick announcement  
on Cal Recycles annual

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reallocation of unspent tire funds to other tire programs in need of more

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funding \$221,786 was reallocated to fund the

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local government waste tire cleanup grant program last July Calcycle awarded



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\$1.25 million to 14 eligible applicants

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remaining eligible applicants were put on a list in case more funding became

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available this reallocation will fund tire cleanup grants to Bakersfield

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Hesperia San Diego Modesto and Towalami counties 165,000 is also being

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reallocated to support the Holler program's manifest printing and mailing costs to boot  
boost calary cycle data

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collection mark Debie and Cara Morgan have approved the reallocations solid waste  
and tire

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facilities permits and emergency waivers are up next environmental program  
manager Paulina Lawrence will

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share a quick overview of California facility standards and a statewide facility permit  
update in this

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video to keep Californians healthy and protect our land food water and air cal

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Recycle and local enforcement agencies work together local enforcement agencies get  
community input process permit

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applications conduct inspections and make sure solid waste facilities follow the law cal  
Recycle verifies that

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permits for solid waste facilities including landfills and compass sites comply with state  
standards and

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inspections agreeing with the LEA that a permit is ready to be issued is known as concurring additionally Cal Recycle

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reviews approved emergency waivers and can modify limit or end them emergency waivers temporarily modify solid waste

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facility permits for up to 120 days and may be extended providing relief for

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facility operators during disasters and they're approved by local enforcement agencies for waste tire facilities Cal

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Recycle issues and enforces waste tire facility permits to make sure tires are stored and processed safely

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scan this QR code or visit Katcycles website for more detailed

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information those solid waste facility permit and waste tire facility permit

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action items the department concurred on or issued from last month are for Shasta

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County cow recycle has found that the proposed permit has met all the state requirements for Anderson Landfill Inc

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it was concurred on April 10th 2025 this is a revised solid waste

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facilities permit cal Recycles permit action date was April 12th

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2025 continuing on this month's agenda for Kern County US Borax Inc this is a

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modified solid waste facilities permit cow Recycle must make a decision for

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this permit action by May 30th 2025 for Monterey County Agra Thrive Inc

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this is a revised solid waste facilities permit cowycle must make a decision for this permit action by May 30th

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2025 for Sanwaqin County k export this is a new minor waste tire

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facility permit cow Recycle must make a decision for this permit action by July

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8th 2025 for Orange County Stanton Recycling

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and Transfer Facility this is a modified solid waste facilities permit cowycle must make a

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decision for the permit action by May 5th 2025 for Kern County Mojave Roson

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Recycling and Sanitary Landfill this is a revised solid waste facilities permit

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cow recycle must make a decision for this permit action by May 12th

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2025 new to this month's agenda for Kern County South Kern Industrial Center LLC

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this is a modified solid waste facilities permit cowycle must make a

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decision on this permit action by May 27th 2025 preliminary review of the permit

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package indicates the following proposed changes removal of the local enforcement

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agency condition 17J which states all pile materials or

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waste including compost overs feed stocks bulking agents and screen piles

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shall not exceed 16 ft in height and on updates to the report of facility

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information or RFI for Sacramento County jaf Tire

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Recycling LLC this is a new minor waste tire facility

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permit power cycle must make a decision on this permit action item by September

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20th 2025 the new minor waste tire facility permit

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will allow the facility to store up to 4,999 waste tires on the premises at any

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one time the TP ID number is 1

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1954697 and the application was accepted on March 24th

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2025 the department has until September 20th 2025 to issue a new minor waste

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tire permit for Los Angeles County universal Waste Systems Inc material

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Recovery Facility and Transfer Station this is the revised solid waste facilities permit  
cal Recycle must make

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a decision for this permit by May 27th

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2025 preliminary review of the permit package indicates the following proposed changes increasing the permitted maximum

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tonnage from 1,500 tons per day to 2,500 tons per day increasing the design

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capacity from 1,500 tons per day to 2,500 tons per day and then expanding

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the permitted hours of operation from 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m monday through Saturday for receipt of

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waste 6:00 a.m to 10:00 p.m monday through Saturday for operations and transfer to 5:00 a.m to 7:00

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p.m monday through Sunday for receipt of waste and then 5:00 a.m to 10:00 p.m

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monday through Saturday for operations within the facility and then 24 hours a day 7 days a week for operations within

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the buildings for Santa Barbara County Tiggas sanitary landfill and resource

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recovery center this is a revised solid waste facilities permit cow recycle must

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make a decision for this permit by May 30th 2025 preliminary review of the permit

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package indicates the following proposed changes increasing the permitted hours of operation for waste receipt disposal

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and composting operations from 7:00 a.m to 5:00 p p.m monday and Tuesday and

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7:00 a.m to 400 p.m wednesday through Saturday to 6:00 a.m to 400 p.m monday through

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Saturday increasing the permitted maximum tonnage from 1,500 tons per day to 9,000 tons per week increasing the

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permitted disposal area from 118 acres to 132.25 acres increasing the design

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capacity from 23.3 million cubic yards to 29.4 million cubic yards increasing

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the maximum elevation from 620 mean sea level to 650 mean sea level and then

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updating the estimated closure year from 2036 to 2038 for Merced County this is

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Agramrian Merrced Highway 59 compost facility this is a new solid waste

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facilities permit cowycle must make a decision for this permit by June 2nd

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2025 preliminary review of the permit package indicates the following design parameters of the proposed project the

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proposed project is for a composting facility that will receive a maximum of 400 tons per day and 75,000 tons of

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material per year the facility will operate 24 hours a day 7 days per week

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facility operations will encompass an area of 12.5 acres the facility will be

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limited to 100,000 cubic yards of material stored on site the facility

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will accept agricultural material green material food material digestate mixed

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material and organic material including pre-processed material ready for composting

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waivers received by the department since the March public monthly meeting for the city of Los Angeles

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cwsdtla material recovery facility and transfer station on April 3rd 2025 the city of

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Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Local Enforcement Agency granted an emergency waiver of the permitted

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daily tonnage until August 5th 2025 this is due to the emergency resulting from

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the fires new and not on this month's agenda for Solano County Echosycle Ventures Inc

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this is a new minor waste tire facility permit cowycle must make a decision on this permit action by October 6th 2025

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the new minor waste tire facility permit will allow the facility to store up to

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4,999 waste tires on the premises at any one time the TP ID number is 1

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1954697 the application was accepted on April 9th 2025 the department has until

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October 6th 2025 to issue the new minor waste tire facility permit

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and those are all our topics today for Cal Recycles April 2025 public meeting

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you can find more information on any of today's agenda items just go to Cal Recycles homepage please follow our

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social media platforms and gov delivery email lists for Cal Recycle program updates thanks to everyone who

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participated in in the public meeting we will see you next