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Senate Bill 343 (SB 343, Allen, Chapter 507, Statutes of 2021) directed the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to conduct a material characterization study of the material types and forms that are collected and sorted by large volume transfer/processing facilities (LVTPs) in California. The SB 343 Final Findings Report (DRRR-2025-1750) (Final Report) was published on April 4, 2025.

On August 8, 2025, CalRecycle published updated information regarding the collection and sortation of Gable-Top Cartons – Non-CRV and Aseptic Containers – Non-CRV, identified by material type and form (MT&F) codes X02 and X03 (collectively referred to as “cartons”). Based on new information regarding the availability of technology to positively sort cartons and the availability of end markets that recycle cartons Grade 52 (mixed paper) bales, that update added the counties served by Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station (8491 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento) to Table 2 of the Final Report.

Since that update, CalRecycle received a letter, dated December 15, 2025, from WM, the operator of the Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station (8491 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento), stating that the facility is no longer sorting cartons into any sorted paper grades. Instead, the facility is sorting cartons into the processing residuals that are sent to landfill disposal. Based on this new declaration, CalRecycle will no longer include the counties served by this facility in Table 2 of the Final Report. The updated Table 2 information for cartons is provided below, and in Attachment 1 to this letter.

| MT&F Code | MT&F Name | MT&F Class | Previous Counties Served | Updated Counties Served | Previous Percent of Counties Served | Updated Percent of Counties Served |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| X02 | Gable-Top Cartons – Non-CRV | Fiber | 23 | 18 | 68% | 53% |
| X03 | Aseptic Containers – Non-CRV | Fiber | 23 | 18 | 68% | 53% |

The entire contents of the updated Table 2 are provided as Attachment 1 to this letter.

Please note the following:

- CalRecycle is not making any determination of recyclability with this finding, nor is CalRecycle making any characterization or determination of the recycling rate for cartons.
- This publication updates the results published in Table 2 of the SB 343 Final Findings Report (DRRR-2025-1750) and updated in the letter published on August 8, 2025. CalRecycle does not anticipate publishing a new version of the complete report until the required update in 2027.