

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:)
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Public Hearing on Proposed)
Illegal Disposal Regulations)
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2 10:00 a.m.

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5 MR. CASTLETON: Good morning, everyone. For
6 the purpose of today's hearing is to receive public
7 comments on the proposed regulations that were published
8 by the Office of Administrative Law and notice to the
9 public on July 18th, 2025. The publishing of that
10 notice started a 45-day public comment period, and
11 CalRecycle welcomes and will respond to all comments
12 received at today's hearing and during the 45-day public
13 comment period in the final statement of reasons.

14 On today's agenda, we have an overview of the
15 steps taken thus far, and the current status of the
16 rulemaking followed by an opportunity to submit your
17 comments on the proposed regulations.

18 And so present on the panel today, we have
19 myself -- I am Craig Castleton, I'm the supervisor of
20 our regulations unit; and then to my left, we have Kris
21 Chisholm, an attorney in our regulations unit; and Ben
22 Grimes, an attorney in the debris removal and solid
23 waste section. And we also have staff joining us from
24 the waste permitting compliance and mitigation division.

25 As a brief overview of the steps taken thus

1 far for this rulemaking, the slide shows that concepts
2 and regulatory language were developed into formal
3 rulemaking documents that were published and noticed to
4 the public on July 18th, 2025, starting the 45-day
5 public comment period.

6 Today is the date of the public hearing, and
7 CalRecycle welcomes your comments on the proposed
8 regulations. Following today's hearing, at the end of
9 the comment period on September 9th, 2025, CalRecycle
10 will consider all comments received and respond to those
11 comments as part of the final statement of reasons.

12 This final statement of reasons will be
13 submitted to the Office of Administrative Law as part of
14 the final rulemaking file for these proposed
15 regulations, and then the Office of Administrative Law
16 will review the rulemaking file. Once the Office of
17 Administrative Law approves the regulations, they will
18 become effective.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: CalRecycle welcomes
20 comments from the public on the proposed illegal
21 disposal permanent regulations. As a reminder, the
22 45-day comment period ends on September 9th. Now we
23 would like to invite your comments on the proposed
24 regulatory changes.

25 To ensure that CalRecycle can receive

1 everyone's comments during today's hearing, please
2 follow the rules when making oral comments. Please
3 begin by giving your name and affiliation, if any.
4 Please limit your comments to five minutes total, and if
5 several people have spoken on the same topic, try not to
6 be repetitive.

7 If there's several speakers with the same
8 comment, please appoint a spokesperson. To make a
9 comment in person, please line up at the podium. To
10 make an oral comment via Zoom, please raise your hand,
11 and I will un-mute you. Please submit written comments
12 to the CalRecycle public comment portal by September
13 9th, 2025.

14 Comments will be taken first in person and
15 second via Zoom audio.

16 Do we have any comments in the room?

17 MR. CASTLETON: We see no one in the room with
18 comments.

19 Is there anyone on Zoom who would like to make
20 a comment? If so, please raise your hand, and we will
21 un-mute you.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I will ask Mitchell to
23 unmute.

24 MR. MILLER: Good morning. I'm Mitchell
25 Miller. I work for L.A. Sanitation in the City of Los

1 Angeles. And my comment is about the required
2 documentation for land application activities.

3 We work with a lot of construction and
4 demolition recyclers that sometimes send material up to
5 the Antelope Valley in Southern California. And in
6 order for the local enforcement agencies to accurately
7 find these locations and ensure that they're meeting the
8 six-inch requirement for land application, I think we
9 should add the requirement -- that the land application
10 activity records the exact address or coordinates of the
11 location because a lot of these locations where they do
12 land application are farm fields or engineering
13 companies that work with many different farmers.

14 So in order to find that specific location, I
15 think it's important to have the exact coordinates or
16 address for the local enforcement agencies. And, also,
17 I think we should record the anchorage that the material
18 was applied because, that way, we can back-calculate
19 using the total cubic yards material and sort of make an
20 estimation of the thickness of the material applied to
21 ensure that it's less than six inches.

22 That's it. Thank you.

23 MR. CASTLETON: Thank you for your comment.

24 If anyone else on the Zoom would like to make
25 a comment, please raise your hand, and the host will

1 un-mute you.

2 It seems like there are no additional hands at
3 this time, and we will look out for any raised hands on
4 Zoom -- and then, again, if anyone in the room wishes to
5 make a comment, you are welcome to line up at the
6 podium, and we will receive your comments. Thank you.

7 (Pause.)

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: To make a comment in
9 person, please line up at the podium. To make an oral
10 comment via Zoom, please raise your hand, and the host
11 will un-mute you. Please submit written comments to the
12 CalRecycle portal by September 9th, 2025. Thank you.

13 Looks like we have a hand raised in the Zoom.
14 I will let -- Kwincy, do you want to un-mute?

15 MS. LITTLE: Hello. Can everybody hear me?

16 PLFATTY: Yes, we can hear you.

17 MS. LITTLE: Okay. Great. My name is
18 Kwincy Little. I am with WM Weight Management. I am
19 the local recycling representative out in the
20 Antelope Valley. And I just wanted to touch on a
21 comment -- so I was rereading the regulations and what's
22 supposed to be done, obviously, before this mulch is
23 taken and spread.

24 But I think the problem that lies in the
25 Antelope Valley is that there's no process being taken

1 at all, and this mulch is just being dumped on people's
2 properties where they don't know. And then it's kind of
3 being just put on the property owner, so that's the kind
4 of biggest problem that we have out in the AV, so I just
5 wanted to reiterate that,

6 MR. CASTLETON: Thank you for your comment.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: To make an oral comment
8 via Zoom, please raise your hand, and the host will
9 un-mute you. Please submit written comments to
10 CalRecycle's public portal by September 9th, 2025.
11 Thank you.

12 (Pause.)

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For those of you on
14 Zoom, to make an oral comment via Zoom, please raise
15 your hand, and the host will un-mute you. Please submit
16 written comments to CalRecycle's public portal by
17 September 9th, 2025.

18 Also pending any additional comments, we will
19 close the hearing at 11 a.m. Thank you.

20 (Pause.)

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you all for
22 joining us today. If you'd like to stay informed on the
23 status of the illegal disposal permanent regulations,
24 please subscribe to the list that was shown on the
25 presentation slide. Thank you, and that brings today's

1 hearing to an end.

2 (The proceeding concluded at 11:00 a.m.)

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