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To: Plastic Market Development Payment Participants

Plastic Market Development Payment (PMDP) Program Updates

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) §14549.2 and §14549.8, and California Code of Regulations §2880, issues Plastic Market Development (PMD) payments to eligible participants.

Senate Bill (SB) 166 (Chapter 62, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Statutes of 2026), signed on July 6, 2026, amended PRC §14549.2(c)(3) and §14581(a)(8) and added PRC §14549.8. The amendment to PRC §14549.2(c)(3) increases the maximum per-ton payment amount from \$150 to \$250. PRC §14581(a)(8) was revised to specify the available claim payment amounts for Fiscal Years 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29. The addition of PRC §14549.8 requires CalRecycle to determine payment eligibility based on current market conditions in consideration with the following factors: source of plastic; quantity and price of plastic purchased, processed, and sold; for reclaimers, quality of plastic purchased and sold; for manufacturers, types of products made from plastic; and the overall benefit to the beverage container recycling program and advancing circularity in the state.

CalRecycle has developed the Plastic Market Development Payment Eligibility Form (CalRecycle 910 PMD3) to assist participants with the submission of data as required by PRC §14549.8. Participants must submit a completed CalRecycle 910 PMD3 with each claim form. Claims received without a complete CalRecycle 910 PMD3 will not be processed. The data collected pursuant to PRC §14549.8 will be aggregated and published on CalRecycle's website by February 15, 2030.

The PMD payment structures (per ton) for manufacturers and reclaimers have been revised to reflect the changes of PRC §14549.2. Table 1 outlines the Manufacturer PMD payment structure. The Manufacturer PMDP tiered structure is based on the use of recycled plastic to manufacture new beverage containers. To receive the maximum per ton payment, manufacturers must use PET #1 to produce beverage containers that exceed the plastic minimum content standard specified in PRC §14547 (Assembly Bill 793).

Table 1-Manufacturer Payments
Effective for claim periods between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027

	Payment per Ton
Tier 1 - PET #1 beverage containers that exceed the minimum content requirement	\$250
Tier 2 - PET #1 beverage containers	\$150
Tier 3 - Non-PET #1 plastic beverage containers	\$100
Tier 4 - PET #1 products	\$25

The reclaimer PMD payments per ton (Table 2) are structured to encourage reclaimers to make PET #1 readily available to manufacturers for use in the production of new containers.

Table 2 Reclaimer Payments
Effective for claim periods between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027

	Payment per Ton
Claims for PET #1	\$250
Claims for all non-PET #1 resin	\$150

The revised payment structures (Table 1 and Table 2) are effective with the **Quarter 3 of 2026** (July 2026 through September 2026) claims due on November 10, 2026. Each fiscal year, CalRecycle will utilize the data collected pursuant to PRC §14549.8 to determine if the payment structure is set in the manner that maximizes the use of recycled material for the manufacturing of new beverage containers. The payment structures as outlined in Table 1 and Table 2 are subject to change effective July 1st of each year.

If you have any questions regarding the payment structures, please contact the us at pmdp@calrecycle.ca.gov or (916) 323-5778.

Sincerely,

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