

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Rachel Machi Wagoner
Director

From: Matt Henigan
Deputy Director, Materials Management and Local Assistance
Division

Request Date: July 6, 2021

Decision Subject: Appointment of Carpet Stewardship Program Advisory Committee
Member

Action By: July 20, 2021

Summary of Request:

Public Resources Code (PRC) section 42972.1(a) requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to appoint an advisory committee to make comments and recommendations to the carpet stewardship organization. This Request for Approval presents staff's recommendation to appoint Dr. Suna Bayrakal, Director of Policy and Programs at the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI), to the Carpet Stewardship Program Advisory Committee.

Staff Analysis:

The Product Stewardship for Carpets Law (PRC sections 42970-42983), specifically PRC section 42972.1, requires CalRecycle to appoint members to an advisory committee. The carpet stewardship organization must provide to the advisory committee a copy of carpet stewardship plans, plan amendments, and annual reports, no less than 30 days prior to submittal of those documents to the department. The advisory committee provides comments and recommendations to the carpet stewardship organization and to the department based on its review of the materials.

CalRecycle identified the need for a member of the environmental community to serve on the Carpet Stewardship Program Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) following the resignation of Nick Lapis, a representative of Californians Against Waste.

On June 14, 2021, CalRecycle notified the public that it was soliciting applications for a member of the environmental community to serve on the Advisory Committee (Attachment 1). Applications were accepted through June 25, 2021. CalRecycle received three applications from individuals in the environmental community, and one application from a representative involved in the processing and recycling of carpet.

CalRecycle evaluated the applicants based on the information provided in their applications, including skills and experience related to the statutory duties of the Advisory Committee. Other considerations included, but were not limited to, whether the

applicant: 1) represents the environmental community; 2) possesses experience serving on other advisory committees or working across organizational structures; 3) has technical or general knowledge and experience in the carpet recycling/solid waste/materials management industry; and 4) is knowledgeable about extended producer responsibility laws and programs.

Summary of Staff Analysis:

CalRecycle received four applications from individuals interested in consideration for appointment to the Advisory Committee. Upon review and evaluation of all applications received, staff recommend the appointment of Suna Bayrakal, Ph.D., Director of Policy and Programs for the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI).

Dr. Suna Bayrakal’s application outlined her experience, qualifications, and interest in serving on the Advisory Committee. As PSI’s subject matter expert on carpet recycling, as well as producer responsibility for various other product types, Dr. Bayrakal has knowledge of carpet recycling and EPR laws and programs, as well as experience reviewing and providing comments on stewardship plans and annual reports, and collaborating with stakeholder groups.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the appointment of Dr. Suna Bayrakal to serve as a member of the Carpet Stewardship Program Advisory Committee.

Action:

Based on the information and analysis in this Request for Approval, I hereby appoint Dr. Suna Bayrakal to serve as a member of the Carpet Stewardship Program Advisory Committee.

Dated: 7/16/2021

Signed by Rachel Machi Wagoner, Director

Rachel Machi Wagoner, Director

Attachments:

1. [Carpet Stewardship Organization Advisory Committee Membership Solicitation and Instructions](https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicNotices/Details/4461), <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicNotices/Details/4461>