

Recycling Committee of the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling

Draft Meeting Notes

Date: June 25, 2021

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm PST

Location: Remote

Present:

4 - Alex Oseguera (Vice Chair), Nick Lapis, Jan Dell, Richard Valle (arrived 1:11 pm)

Absent:

4 – Jeff Donlevy (Chair), John Bouchard, Joseph Kalpakoff, Laura Ferrante

Agenda:

Agenda Item 1: 1:00 pm (5 min) Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum

Vice Chair Oseguera called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. A quorum was not established.

Public Comments: None.

Agenda Item 2: 1:05 pm (5 min) Review and Potential Approval of Meeting Notes

Meeting notes was not reviewed due to absence of a quorum.

Public Comments: None.

Agenda Item 3: 1:10 pm (45 min) Open Discussion– California Plastic Exports – Areas that Need to be Addressed

Commissioner Dell presented on California's Plastic Waste Exports. She discussed problems with exporting plastic waste to non-OECD countries, including the social and environmental harms communities in those countries face. The US remains the largest plastic waste exporter to non-OECD countries after the amended Basel Convention took effect in January. California is the largest plastic waste exporter in the US, exporting 28% of plastic waste exports to non-OECD countries. Of concern is the large amount of

PVC waste being shipping to non-OECD countries. Commissioner Dell states that all California MRFs should commit to not export plastic waste.

Vice Chair Oseguera would like for this to be presented again with a full quorum or in the full Commission.

Public Comments: None.

Agenda Item 4: 1:55 pm (30 min) Presentation– Aerosol Spray Paint

Commissioner Valle introduced the next presenter, Andrew Johnstone, for their presentation on Aerosol Spray Paint. He describes the economic, social and environmental cost of aerosol paint ‘tagging’ (graffiti) and the removal of tagging. Johnstone recommends including aerosol paint in the PaintCare California program or banning aerosol paint.

Commissioner Valle recommends bringing subject to the full Commission. Vice Chair Oseguera agrees with Commissioner Valle but the Committee cannot take a vote because they do not have a quorum present. Committee recommends moving the subject to the full Commission and making a note that they were not able to take a full vote at the Committee. Commissioner Valle and Vice Chair Oseguera agree that the Household & Commercial Products Association’s position should also be heard in future discussions of aerosol paint.

Public Comments:

- Nicholas Georges

Agenda Item 5: 2:25 pm (10 min) Public Comments – Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comments: None.

Agenda Item 6: 2:35 pm (15 min) Next Meeting(s), Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2021, and Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The committee did not set a date for a future meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Item 7: 2:50 pm (10 min) Meeting Summary and Closing Remarks

Vice Chair Oseguera closed the meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Appendix 1:

Nicholas Georges

The Household & Commercial Products Association, representing manufacturers of aerosol products, including spray paint and other aerosol coatings, requested an opportunity multiple times last year to address this committee and the commission specifically on the recyclability of aerosol cans, however, we were not afforded that opportunity. This commission and this committee is to focus upon the recycling market and volunteers have expended significant amount of time to do so. We find much of this discussion to be beyond the scope of the Committee and the Commission. Aerosol spray paints are regulated by CARB under Aerosol Coatings Regulation, Cal. Code Regs. Title 17 §§ 94520-28. This is stricter than the national regulation for aerosol coatings, 40 CFR Part 59 Subpart E. The majority of manufacturers, if not all, ensure their products meet the California standard nationally, providing additional air quality benefits to the country. CARB staff is currently reviewing data received through their industry survey to determine the technical and commercial feasibility of amending their regulation and gain greater reduction in ozone forming potential from all aerosol coatings, including aerosol spray paint. We continue to offer this committee and commission our technical insights into aerosol products so that you can hear from industry.