

Responsible Textile Recovery Act

Needs Assessment Informational Workshop

April 7, 2026

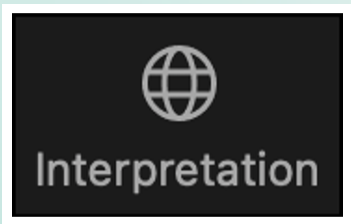
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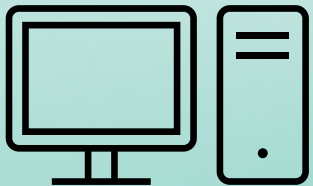
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Agenda

Opening Remarks

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Statutory Overview of the Needs Assessment

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Product Stewardship Branch

Landbell USA Introduction

Patrick Gibbs, Executive Director
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Statutory Overview of the Needs Assessment

**Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
Product Stewardship Branch**

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Purpose of the Needs Assessment

Needs assessments are an essential tool for identifying gaps between current conditions and desired outcomes. The assessment must:

- Determine the steps and investments needed to achieve the requirements of the Act.
- Inform the producer responsibility plan and budget.



See PRC sections 42984.6(a)(1) and (b)(1)

PRO Responsibilities

The PRO is responsible for preparing one or more statewide needs assessments directly or through a third-party contractor, including:

- Covering needs assessment costs.
- Consulting with interested parties.
- Submitting initial needs assessment(s) to CalRecycle by March 1, 2027.
- Updating the needs assessment every five years or as necessary.



See PRC section 42984.6(a) - (c)

CalRecycle Responsibilities

CalRecycle is responsible for guiding the development of the needs assessments, including:

- Consulting with the PRO.
- Reviewing the needs assessment.
- Approving, conditionally approving, or disapproving the needs assessment within 90 days of submission or by June 1, 2027.



See PRC sections 42984.6(a)(4), (a)(5), and (c)

Consultation Requirements

The PRO must consult with:

- CalRecycle
- Local jurisdictions
- Recycling service providers
- Processors
- Others that reflect different needs and challenges of managing covered products



See PRC sections 42984.6(a)(4) and (c)

Covered Product Scope and Scale

The needs assessment must evaluate types, material composition, and volumes of:

- Covered products currently being landfilled and
- Covered products currently being diverted to reuse, repair, or recycling.

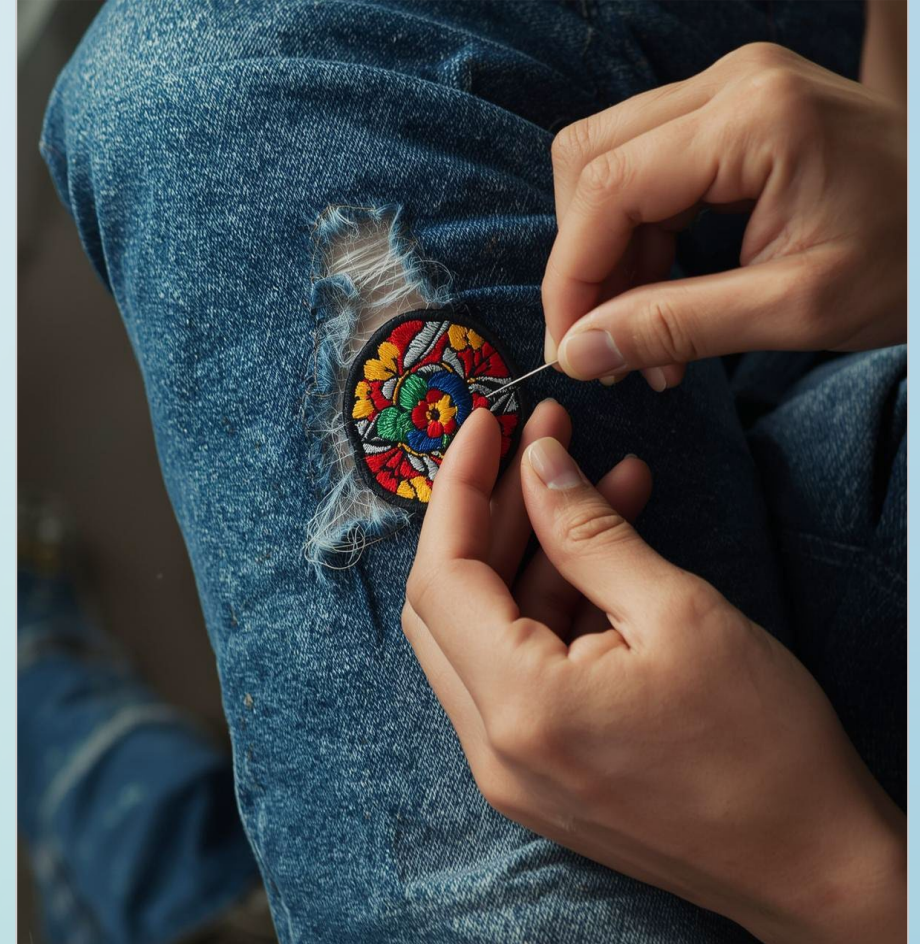


See PRC sections 42984.6(b)(2)(A)

Infrastructure and End Markets

The needs assessment must evaluate:

- Current repair, reuse, recycling, collection, sorting, disassembly, and hauling systems and necessary expansions.
- Current market conditions, availability or lack of availability of responsible end markets, and need to create end markets.
- Actions and investments needed to provide access to collection, recycling, composting, processing, and transportation to end markets.



See PRC sections 42984.6(b)(2)(B), (C), (I), and (J)

Incentives and Investments

The needs assessment must evaluate:

- Existing statutes and funding sources related to market development and financial incentives.
- Necessary funding and incentive mechanisms.
- Need to incentivize reused products or recycled material market development.
- Actions and investments needed to ensure covered products are reused or recycled and have sufficient responsible end markets.



See PRC sections 42984.6(b)(2)(D), (G), and (J)

Eco-modulated Fees



The needs assessment must evaluate:

- Fee reduction or redistribution mechanisms, which may consider existing producer collection, repair, reuse, and recycling programs.
- Important factors to implement the eco-modulated fee structure and associated data collection needs.

See PRC sections 42984.6(b)(2)(H) and (M)

Consumer Education

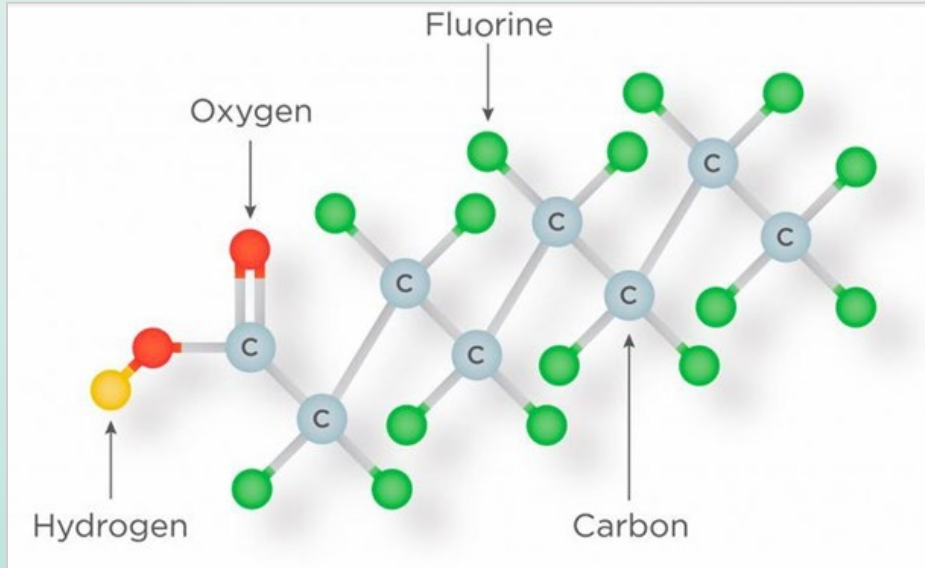


The needs assessment must evaluate:

- Consumer education needs and methods to reach consumers.
- Consumer behaviors to drive repair, reuse, and recycling.

See PRC sections 42984.6(b)(2)(E) and (F)

Chemical Contamination



The needs assessment must evaluate:

- Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other regulated chemicals in covered products.
- Actions and investments needed to avoid contamination related to recycling products containing PFAS.

See PRC section 42984.6(b)(2)(K)

Needs Assessment Timeline

**March 2026 –
March 2027**

- CalRecycle approved Landbell USA
- PRO conducts initial needs assessment



March 2027

PRO submits initial needs assessment to CalRecycle for review



June 2027

CalRecycle approves, conditionally approves, or disapproves the initial needs assessment

Implementation Timeline

2026

January:
Producers form
PRO(s)

March:
CalRecycle
approved Landbell
USA as PRO

July:
Producers join
approved PRO

2027

March:
PRO submits
initial needs
assessment

June:
CalRecycle
approves,
conditionally
approves,
or disapproves
needs assessment

2028

July:
Regulations
effective (no
earlier than)

2030

July:
PRO must
have
approved
plan

2031

PRO fully
implements
plan

Landbell USA Introduction



Patrick Gibbs
Executive Director
Landbell USA

Landbell USA History

- Part of Landbell Group
- Founded in Mainz, Germany in 1995
- Supporting companies and organizations throughout the world with Environmental and Chemical Compliance Solutions
- Involved in policy & advocacy on waste management, circular economy & EPR
- Managing 43 PROs for multiple waste streams including E-Waste, Batteries, Packaging, and Textiles
- Textiles PRO in the Netherlands
- Blue Box Packaging PRO in Ontario for packaging management



Landbell USA Will Outsource the Needs Assessment

- Preliminary discussions are in progress.
- Encourage interested, fit parties to contact Landbell USA.



Needs Assessment Timeline Milestones

- CalRecycle Needs Assessment Meeting April 7 - Understand/Deploy Directives
- RFQ - Expression of Interest Letter - April 8
- RFQ - Finalize & Launch to Interested Contractors - April 15
- RFQ - Review & Scoring of Responses Due - May 13
- RFQ - Approve & Contact Selected Contractor(s) - June 3
- RFQ - Contract signed - June 24
- Launch Needs Assessment - July 1



Needs Assessment Stakeholder Team Engagement

Board and advisory committee engagement

- Consult and align needs assessment plan/progress with our board, advisory team, and various interest groups through contractor selection and deployment process to ensure success.



Landbell USA Encourages Comments and Suggestions

- Incorporating a holistic and efficient needs assessment operation.
- Reflecting operational realities of current available data, textile collection, sortation, hauling, repair, resale, recycling, and processing infrastructure and systems.
- Cataloging downstream local and global flow of textile material markets.
- Understanding current capabilities, capacity, expansion potential, and challenges of current textile systems and stakeholder operations.
- Tracking, validating, and reporting comprehensive textile material system flows.
- Deploying efficient system scaling mechanisms and understanding cost implications.
- Driving successful regulatory compliance.
- General alignment on best practices.



Producer Registration and Contacting Landbell USA

Producer Registration Portal is Live

- Landbell USA has initiated identification of producers

Potential Needs Assessment Contractors and Various Interested Stakeholders May Contact Landbell USA:

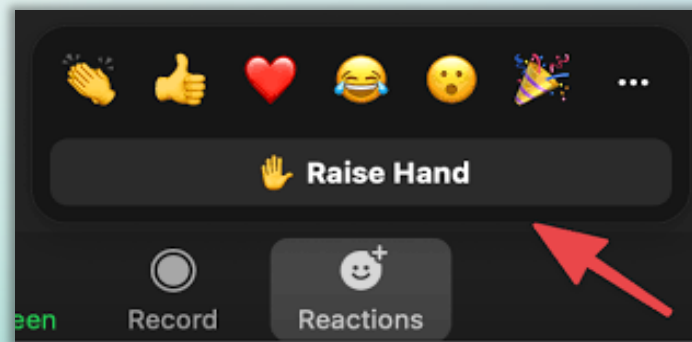
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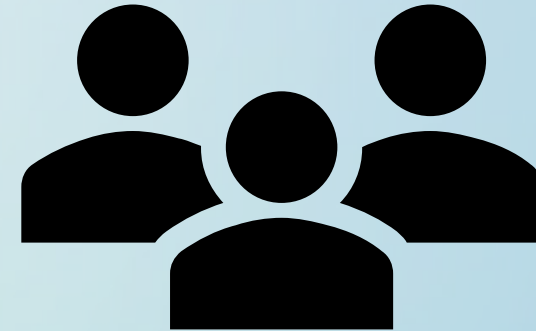


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