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NOTICE

Subject: Beverage Container Recycling Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop Schedule

Beginning in September 2012 and continuing through November 2012, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), Division of Recycling will host a series of focus group workshops. CalRecycle staff will facilitate the workshops, which are intended to identify and educate participants about the potential impacts/issues/aspects associated with Beverage Container Recycling & Litter Reduction Program (Program) reform ideas.

All focus group workshops are scheduled for the CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, in the designated second-floor meetings rooms. CalRecycle also is attempting to add a focus group workshop in Southern California in late September or in October. For those unable to attend a workshop in person, each session will be broadcast using GoToMeeting, which provides the same opportunities for input and feedback. GoToMeeting registration for each workshop will be available via the CalRecycle website Events Calendar, which can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Calendar/Default.aspx>

Here are the general topic(s) and the dates/times/location for each focus group workshop:

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #1 | |
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| Date: Thur., Sept. 13 (Two 3-Hour Sessions) | Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. |
| Location: Coastal Hearing Room | |
| Ensure Integrity of Program Payments Paid In/Out Topic: Strengthening requirements for becoming a certified entity in the program Topic: Strengthening program enforcement and compliance efforts | |
| <u>GoToMeeting registration link:</u> | |

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #2 | |
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| Dates: Tue. & Wed., Sept. 18-19 (Two 3-Hour Sessions) | Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (9/18) 9:00 a.m. – Noon (9/19) |
| Location: Byron Sher Auditorium (9/18) Sierra Hearing Room (9/19) | |
| Modernize Program Operations Topic: Convenience Zone & Handling Fee Structure | |
| <u>GoToMeeting registration links:</u> 9/18 Session: 9/19 Session: | |



| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #3 | |
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| Date: Mon. & Tue., Sept. 24-25 (Three 3-Hour Sessions) | Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (9/24) 9:00 a.m. – Noon (9/25) 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (9/25) (if needed) |
| Location: Coastal Hearing Room | |
| Improve Cash Flow/Reduce Payables Topic: Establish criteria for distribution of unspent Fund balance/Reduce 14581 payments | |
| <u>GoToMeeting Registration links:</u> 10/24 Session: 10/25 Session: | |

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #4 | |
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| Date: Wed. & Thur., Oct. 3-4 (Three 3-Hour Sessions) | Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon (10/3) 9:00 a.m. – Noon (10/4) 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (10/4) (if needed) |
| Location: Sierra Hearing Room (10/3) Coastal Hearing Room (10/4) | |
| Modernize Program Operations Topic: Processing Fee & Processing Payment Structure Topic: Redemption Fee Payment Structure Topic: Administrative Fee Payment Structure | |
| <u>GoToMeeting registration links:</u> 10/3 Session: 10/4 Session: | |

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #5 | |
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| Date: Tue. & Wed., Oct. 16-17 (Three 3-Hour Sessions) | Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (10/16) 9:00 a.m. – Noon (10/17) 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (10/17) (if needed) |
| Location: Byron Sher Auditorium (10/16) Sierra Hearing Room (10/17) | |
| Modernize Program Operations Topic: Calculation & Application of Commingled Rates Topic: Refund Value Payment Structure | |
| <u>GoToMeeting registration links:</u> 10/16 Session: 10/17 Session: | |

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #6 | |
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| Date: Thur., Oct. 25 (Two 3-Hour Sessions) | Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. |
| Location: Sierra Hearing Room | |
| Improve Cash Flow/Reduce Payables Topic: Reduce costs associated with CalRecycle administration of the program | |
| <u>GoToMeeting registration link:</u> | |

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #7 | |
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| Date: Wed., Oct. 31 (Two 3-Hour Sessions) | Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon 1:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m. |
| Location: Sierra Hearing Room | |
| Improve Cash Flow/Increase Revenue Topic: Add new beverages types Topic: Add new material types | |
| <u>GoToMeeting registration link:</u> | |

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #8 (if needed) | |
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| Date: Tue., Nov. 6 (One 3-Hour Session) | Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. |
| Location: Byron Sher Auditorium | |
| Topic: To Be Determined – This is a placeholder in case additional focus group meetings are needed | |

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #9 (if needed) | |
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| Date: Thur., Nov. 15 (One 3-Hour Session) | Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon |
| Location: Sierra Hearing Room | |
| Topic: To Be Determined – This is a placeholder in case additional focus group meetings are needed | |

| Program Reform - Focus Group Workshop #10 (if needed) | |
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| Date: Mon., Nov. 19 (One 3-Hour Session) | Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. |
| Location: Sierra Hearing Room | |
| Topic: To Be Determined – This is a placeholder in case additional focus group meetings are needed | |

If you have any questions or comments regarding this workshop schedule, please send an email to BeverageContainerReform@calrecycle.ca.gov or call (916) 445-8292.