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It is my pleasure to welcome Governor Gavin Newsom, our newly elected statewide officers, and new and returning Members of the Legislature to Sacramento. We wish each of you a successful year as we collaborate on California's environmental leadership, green jobs and making California a better place to live and work.

The California Refuse Recycling Council (CRRC) represents more than 100 private sector refuse, recycling and processing companies, partnering with over 360 local governments. Our members operate 71 material recovery facilities, 64 transfer stations, 23 composting facilities, 3 anaerobic digestion facilities, and 75 construction and demolition (C&D) facilities.

A significant portion of the work we do relies on sustainable market demand for the materials we collect from California residences and businesses, enabling us to "close the loop" on recycling. With the recent import restrictions by China's National Sword Policy, we lost our primary market for recycled paper, cardboard and plastics. As a result, our state is facing a monumental crisis which threatens the significant diversion programs we have built since AB 939 was signed into law in 1989, requiring jurisdictions to divert 50% of their waste from landfills.

This long-term market collapse, combined with a lack of domestic infrastructure and upcoming policy drivers to divert even more waste from landfills, has created a pressure point that has a direct impact on our ability to meet state-mandated recycling goals. ***This crisis affects all Californians.*** We look to our Administration and Legislators to support investments in technology, infrastructure, and permit streamlining to overcome these challenges and make reaching ambitious recycling goals viable in California.

CRRC members have a long history of supporting our communities and the environment as we work to achieve our mutual goal of diverting 75% of the state's waste from landfills by the year 2020, while significantly reducing greenhouse gases. We utilize cutting-edge resource management and environmental protection methods, while providing essential services to guard the health and safety of California. We are confident that the challenges we face this year can be resolved with bright minds, hard work and by partnering with local government and state representatives to find practical solutions for all. Please contact me if you have any ideas, questions or suggestions.

Do you want to know more? Please visit www.crrcstate.org and click on the RECYCLING IN CALIFORNIA box for our 8-page supplement on ***The Crisis No One is Talking About.***

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Trash Bash!

Wednesday,
May 15, 2019

Achieving California's Goals

CRRG is committed to achieving California's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals through improved organics management, greater landfill diversion and the use of advanced transportation and renewable fuels. Nevertheless, legislative support for sustained funding is essential to meet these goals, combat climate change and improve the health and safety of our communities. We need your help to achieve this!

Recycling Markets

California has been a policy leader in recycling for decades. Since 2000, jurisdictions are required to divert 50% of their solid waste or face noncompliance enforcement by CalRecycle. While in 2011, AB 341 set a policy goal that not less than 75% of generated solid waste is source reduced, recycled, or composted by the year 2020.

Unfortunately, California's recycling progress is at risk because of our enduring reliance on foreign markets to procure

most of our recyclable plastic and paper commodities. A recent number of global policy import reforms, particularly China's "National Sword" program, has disrupted the secondary-use market and left California communities with no place to send recyclable material.

As a result, it is imperative that we embrace this challenge and devote significant resources to the development of stable domestic recycling markets. Investments and permit streamlining in necessary infrastructure is critical to maintaining California's current programs and further achieve our ambitious diversion goals.

Ultimately, supporting domestic recycling markets will not only assist in realizing our environmental goals, but will create job opportunities as well. It is estimated that meeting our 2020 diversion targets could generate over 100,000 jobs. Together with our local government partners, CRRG will be advocating for funding resources in the form of low interest loans, grants, and incentives for processing recyclable commodities in the state.

Organics Management

Subsequent to the passage of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), California recognized the significant GHG emission impact of landfilling organic waste. To target this issue, SB 1383 was passed in 2016 and establishes landfill diversion targets of 50% organics by 2020 and 75% by 2025, based on 2014 disposal

levels. Currently, CalRecycle is in the formal regulatory rulemaking process to implement this effort.

CRRG members support improved organics management and are already partnering with local government to achieve these goals, but a lot of work remains. The financial impact to realize CalRecycle's Proposed Organic Waste Reduction Regulations (SB 1383) is estimated at \$20.9 billion over an 11-year period. This includes significant expansion of California's organic waste recycling infrastructure and the establishment of a wide range of programmatic activities.

We estimate that at least 100 new and expanded facilities will be needed for these regulations to succeed. Beyond processing, we also need to secure reliable markets to procure the compost, renewable energy and the vast array of commodities that are produced in managing organic waste.

While cap-and-trade funding has been a positive start in meeting our goals, we require sustained funding to nearly triple our current infrastructure and manage 20 million additional tons of organic material annually through edible food recovery, composting, and anaerobic digestion. This effort will support community needs, improve air quality, encourage renewable energy development, and advance California's healthy soils initiative.

We look forward to working with you this year to meet these challenges and more.



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CRRC 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Education and safety are two areas of particular importance to the CRRC Membership.

THE NEXT GENERATION! The Next Generation Management and Leadership Program is an 8-month series of modules that is available to the next generation of managers and leaders in the refuse and recycling industry. The next class is scheduled to begin in September..

SAFETY IS FIRST! The Louie Pellegrini IV Memorial Safety Road-e-o (established in 1991) is a no cost, family-oriented event that includes competitions for drivers, mechanics and forklift operators; a carnival with community safety representatives teaching safety in our homes, waterways and roads; and prizes and awards for participants.



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