

Assembly Bill 1583 Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling: Preliminary Policy Recommendations

The AB 1583 Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling (Commission), was created by the California Recycling Market Development Act, Assembly Bill 1583 (AB 1583, Eggman) and requires the Commission to issue policy recommendations to achieve market development and waste reduction goals, and to provide feedback to CalRecycle on public messaging designed to encourage proper recycling and minimizing contamination in curbside recycling programs. The priorities of the Commission are to develop California markets for processing and re-manufacturing recycled materials, achieve the Senate Bill 1383 targets, achieve the state policy goal of Assembly Bill 341 that not less than 75 percent of solid waste generated be source reduced, recycled or composted, and identify products that are recyclable or compostable as defined by Public Resource Code 42370.2 and regularly collected in curbside recycling programs. The Commission was required to issue preliminary recommendations by January 1, 2021.

The Commission includes members from local government, non-profits, and industry. The Commission submitted a Preliminary Report with nineteen policy recommendations for the Legislature and CalRecycle on December 21, 2020. The preliminary recommendations focus on reducing the risk of fire and other hazards from discarded materials, eliminating some packaging that impedes recycling, reconfiguring recycling market development efforts to improve effectiveness, and a commitment to ensure that materials separated for recovery will be processed in a manner that does not contradict environmental and social intent of recovery efforts. The following is a list of the 19 policy recommendations:

1. [Extending Producer Responsibilities Framework for Household Hazardous Waste \(HHW\)](#)
2. [Transition from Single-Use Propane to Refillable](#)
3. [Precautionary Principle](#)
4. [Problem Products - Incentives and Disincentives](#)
5. [State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign](#)
6. [Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program](#)
7. [Consolidated Permit Process Utilization and Enhancement](#)
8. [Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development \(GO-Biz\) Enhanced Role](#)
9. [CalRecycle Market Development Focus](#)
10. [Controls on Plastic Waste Exports](#)
11. [Carpet Stewardship and Flooring](#)
12. [Food Recovery Policies](#)
13. [Right to Repair Proposal](#)
14. [Beverage Container Recycling, Changes to the Bottle Bill and Support CalRecycle AB 54 Report](#)
15. [What is Recyclable?](#)
16. [Design for Recyclability: Plastic Container Labels and Shrink Sleeves](#)

17. [Design for Recyclability: Beverage Containers](#)
18. [Label Restriction to Stop Plastic Bag/Film Contamination in Curbside Recycling](#)
19. [Compostable Products Certification and Approval for Composting or Anaerobic Digestion](#)

The Commission received numerous comments and recommendations from the public, including the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), which submitted a detailed [letter to the Commission with ten policy recommendations](#). The Commission addressed some of the Task Force's comments in preliminary recommendations 1, 6, and 7. The Preliminary Report and each of the nineteen policy recommendations is available through a Commission Documents link on the Commission's website listed below.

The Commission is required to make additional policy recommendations by July 1, 2021. Thereafter, the Commission will update the recommendations and list of products at least once a year.

For more information, please visit the Commission's webpage at <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/markets/commission>. The full Commission report and the 19 policy recommendations can be viewed at [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/report and policies](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/report_and_policies). To join the Commission's LISTSERV, sign up at <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Listservs/Subscribe/166>, and/or contact the "Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling" staff at AB1583Commission@calrecycle.ca.gov.