

SB343 and AB881: Potential Changes to CalRecycle RDRS and Economic Impacts

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Senate Bill 343 (2021)

- SB 343 Additional regulations to recyclability claims on products and packaging sold in state
 - RDRS is required to collect new material recyclability information
 - New information to be included on characterization studies, performed every 5 years
 - Additional facility sampling by CalRecycle.
 - Maximum once every 24 months





Assembly Bill 881 (2021)

- AB 881 Exported mixed plastic waste to be classified as disposal.
 - RDRS to collect jurisdiction of origin data for exported mixed plastic materials
 - Jurisdiction and Tonnage information to be made publicly available on RDRS





County Sanitation District Feedback

Puente Hills MRF

- Significant additional cost at facility not anticipated
 - Waste Characterizations currently performed, including jurisdiction of origin
 - Scale house operators can revise reporting system within hours
- Costs would be for additional hours worked

Additional Feedback

 Costs may be significant for facilities that do not regular perform waste characterization or have automated transaction system





RDRS Rulemaking Economic Impacts Survey

- CalRecycle is surveying required RDRS reporters
 - Purpose of survey is to understand economic impacts of SB 343 and AB 881 on reporting entities
 - CSD provided sample surveys they completed for landfills and transfer/processor facilities
 - The survey can be located at the following link:
 - https://forms.office.com/g/74Ha33K8Ae.



RDRS Rulemaking Economic Impacts Survey (Cont.)

- Questions on survey include the following:
 - What is the hourly wage of person at facility entering data to RDRS?
 - What is the facility type? (i.e. Recycler/Composter, Transfer/Processor, Landfill, etc...)
 - Does the facility currently collect jurisdiction of origin information for materials sent to facilities for recycling or further processing?
 - How many additional hours it would take a staff person required to calculate origins for materials and pass information to destination entity?
 - Does the facility export mixed plastic out of the country?
 - If the facility does export mixed plastic, how many hours would it take a staff person to enter origins of mixed plastic in RDRS each quarter?



RDRS Rulemaking Economic Impacts Survey (Cont.)

- Questions on survey include the following (Cont.):
 - Does the facility accept materials for purposes other than disposal or beneficial reuse?
 - If the facility does accept materials for other purposes:
 - What are the collection methods for receiving inflow of these materials? (i.e. contract-hauled residential mixed waste, self-hauled commercial recycling, etc...)
 - How many hours would it take one staff person to gather collection method data for other materials?
 - How many hours would it take to summarize collection information and report in RDRS for each quarter?
 - Does the facility obtain source sector for accepted materials (residential, commercial, vs self-hauler)
 - How many additional hours it would take a staff person to separate data between residential and commercial self-haulers.
 - If the facility sends outflows of mixed materials, other than solid waste, how many extra hours would it take to record and enter the materials contained within a mixed bale of materials into RDRS each quarter?

Thank you

