

Sample Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinance

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OVERVIEW OF THE SAMPLE COMMERCIAL RECYCLING ORDINANCE

Sample Ordinance Development Process

- **Review existing ordinances**
- **Advisory Committee**
- **Work with attorney for drafting**
- **CIWMB stakeholder workshops**
- **Solicit broader review and comment**
- **Coordinate with CIWMB staff**

Elements of Sample Ordinance

- **Voluntary adoption by local agencies**
- **Flexibility to fit local conditions**
- **Background discussion of key issues**
- **Options and commentary on key provisions**

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

**The recycling requirements
apply to the local agency
adopting the ordinance.**

Key Decision Points in Sample Ordinance

- **Definition of recyclable materials**
- **Compost and food waste**
- **Include multi-family or not**
- **Threshold for inclusion**
- **Enforcement options**
- **C & D waste**
- **Special events**

What about Mixed Waste MRFs?

WHAT WE LEARNED: KEY FEATURES FOR SUCCESS

- A tiered fee structure is needed to act as an incentive to recycle**
- A robust and comprehensive education program is critical**

WHAT WE LEARNED

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- **Enforcement can be resource intensive**
- **Compliance by businesses not always guaranteed—monitoring is important**
- **Exclusive franchise vs. open competition impacts – work with haulers**

State Regulatory Update

- **CalRecycle develops regulations**
- **Air Resources Board adopts**
- **Includes local flexibility**
- **“Mandate” on business and local agencies**
- **June 16 stakeholder workshop**

Pilot Communities

- **Monitor progress**
- **Learn from experience**
- **Voluntary**
- **Contact CCAN if interested**

**Sample ordinance and
supporting material available
at:**

www.ca-ilg.org/commercialrecycling