

# Mandatory Commercial Recycling Community Workshop Agenda

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# Zero Waste Implementation Plan and Mandatory Commercial Recycling

# Regulatory Overview State

## CALIFORNIA

### Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32)

- AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan Document
  - <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm>

# Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32)

- Establishes Green House Gas (GHG) emissions cap for 2020 at 1990 level
- Provides a combination of regulations, Scoping Plan, to meet GHG reduction targets
- One of the regulatory measures of the Scoping Plan is Mandatory Commercial Recycling

# Regulatory Overview City

## CITY OF ALAMEDA

- Local Action Plan for Climate Protection, 2008
  - <http://www.cityofalamedaca.gov/getdoc.cfm?id=24>
- Zero Waste Implementation Plan, 2010
  - <http://planetamedia.com/images/pdf/Alameda-ZeroWasteImplementationPlan-Final.pdf>

# Local Action Plan for Climate Protection 2008

City Council adopted a Plan and a Resolution to reduce GHG emissions below the 2005 baseline level.

The number one initiative: Adopt “Zero Waste Strategy” Programs and Ordinances.

# Zero Waste Implementation Plan 2010

The Zero Waste Implementation Plan is comprised of waste reduction measures within a specific timeframe to:

- Reduce GHG emissions
- Reduce the amount of materials sent to landfill

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# In Pursuit of More Commercial Recycling



# Statewide Commercial Overall Disposal, 2008

- **Single-family residential** 21.6%
- **Residential self-hauled** 3.3%
- **Multi-family residential** 8.4%
- **Commercial** 49.5%
- **Commercial self-hauled** 17.2%

# How Should the City's Mandatory Program be Shaped?

Implement a program to the Commercial  
sector all at once, or

Implement a program with a phased-in  
approach.

# Mandatory Commercial Recycling

## Mandatory

- Must use all three bins

## Commercial

- Businesses
- Multi-family dwelling units

# Mandatory Commercial Recycling

- FAQ's:
  - Will this cost more?
  - What if I don't want to participate?
  - Will the police be sorting through my garbage?
  - What will the fines be?

# Resources

## Site Visit by City Staff or ACI Staff

- Identify locations inside to place additional containers
- Suggest protocols for staff for sorting discards
- Posters for staff or customers
- Training staff
- Troubleshooting and return visits

# Mandatory Commercial Recycling

Your comments and concerns are important!  
Please feel free to contact:

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