

NCRA Recycling Update 2008

Summary / Round-up *Trends and Issues*

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SURVEY OF STATES & COMMUNITIES – ASSISTANCE NEEDED

STATES WANT

- Funding
- Markets
- BMP
- Enforcement
- Measurement

COMMUNITIES WANT

- Money
- Promotion / educ
- Training / tech assist.
- State laws
 - Bans / mandates / enforcement
 - PAYT
 - EPR
 - Bottle bills
 - Benefits to recy bus

SURVEY OF COMMUNITIES – BARRIERS AND CHANGES

BARRIERS

- Money
- Costs / cost-effectiveness / cheap LF
- Education / Public apathy / language
- Statewide policies
- Facilities / organics siting
- Markets / distance
- Politics

CHANGES

- Food Waste
- Multi-Family (MF)
- Business and MF outreach
- Expand comm'l / make mandatory / audits
- Single Stream
- Public events

SURVEY OF COMMUNITIES – MOST EFFECTIVE OPTIONS TO INCREASE DIVERSION

EFFECTIVE

- State legislation, bans, bottle bills
- Mandatory recycling
- Single stream
- Wheelies / containers
- Education
- Schools programs
- C&D / mandates
- E-waste
- Overseas markets
- Comm'l recycling
- YW

NCRA - CALIFORNIA LEADING EDGE

Heard about

- Big picture / stretch
 - Embodied energy/resource mgmt
 - Toxics / chemicals (SFO)
 - Carbon footprint (Boone)
 - Legislation
- EPR / design* (Joseph, Take back) – energizing /optimistic
- Zero waste (Alameda fair, Abbe/ Christopher, Oakland)
 - Broad and specific / practical
- Buildings* (EPA challenge) – new model
- Ecoparks (SFO)

Didn't hear about

- Funding problems
- Politics
- "Barriers"

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Heard about

- Compost (Hollis, Presidio, SD, Caltrans*)
- E-waste (
- New materials – carpet (SFcarpet..)
- Single Stream (Wang)
- Glass (Napa*) data / results
- Schools (SFO*) – measurement, LT
- Plastic bags, styrofoam (SF, Oakland, Joseph, Ewing)
- Commercial (Saic*)
- Deconstruction (Reiff)

Didn't hear about

- MF??
- Markets??
- Outreach??

SUMMARY

- Not satisfied with “tweaks”
- Innovators / pushing envelope
 - Big picture – demo – legislation at the national scale
 - Forcing redesign with larger gains
- Solving practical problems
 - Compost use in transportation applications; glass, single stream
- Entrepreneurial approach / sustainable models
- Consider articles in journals (US) &
- ... coming back next year...!

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