



# DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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### NOTICE

**TO: Curbside, Dropoff or Collection and Community Service Programs**

**SUBJECT: Performing an Individual Commingled Rate Survey**

Existing law<sup>1</sup> and regulations<sup>2</sup> provide curbside, dropoff or collection, and community service programs with the option of conducting an individual commingled rate survey (ICRS) to determine a rate solely applicable to their program(s).

This notice is to inform program operators of the opportunity to conduct an ICRS for rates which will become effective January 1, 2010, hereafter referred to as the 2010 ICRS. The 2010 ICRS study period will be October 1, 2008 through September 12, 2009. Those interested in conducting an ICRS should obtain an application package as outlined on page two of this Notice. Once you have obtained and reviewed the application package and decided to participate, you must complete and submit the 2010 ICRS application **postmarked no later than September 1, 2008.**

The survey may be performed for any material type that currently has a commingled refund value (aluminum, glass, PET plastic, and HDPE plastic) and may be performed for one or more of these material types.

Program operators who perform an ICRS will receive the individual commingled refund value calculated based upon the survey data collected and submitted to the Department or will receive the statewide average commingled refund value, whichever is higher. Upon approval, the resulting refund value(s) will remain in effect for one year. Curbside, dropoff or collection, and community service programs that do not elect to perform an ICRS will receive the statewide average commingled refund value.

Program operators have the option of using the ICRS methodology developed by the Department of Conservation (Department) or may submit, in writing, a fully detailed description of their proposed alternative methodology. All alternative methodology proposals **must be submitted along with the application and must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2008.**

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<sup>1</sup> California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, Public Resources Code, Division 12.1, Chapter 6, Section 14573.51(b)

<sup>2</sup> California Code of Regulations, Title 14. Sections 2620 - 2745

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Upon approval of your application, a survey consistent with the agreed upon methodology must be conducted for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2008 and continuing through September 12, 2009. In addition to submitting Data Collection and Summary Sheets for each bi-monthly sampling period, an affidavit verifying that all data is complete and accurate must be submitted to the Department and postmarked no later than October 17, 2009.

An ICRS application package can be downloaded from the Department's website at [www.conservation.ca.gov/DOR/Notices/index.htm](http://www.conservation.ca.gov/DOR/Notices/index.htm). To obtain a paper copy of the ICRS application package or for further information regarding the annual individual commingled rate survey; please contact Paul Turner at (916) 324-5026 or [L.Paul.Turner@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:L.Paul.Turner@conservation.ca.gov).

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