China’s Green Sword and California

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CalRecycle
Californians generated 76 million tons of waste materials

- 43 million tons were disposed
- 34 million tons were source reduced, recycled, or composted
- Approximately 1/3 recycled materials exported
Exports

One quarter of all exports from California seaports are recyclable commodities

• In 2016:
  • 15 million tons
  • Vessel value 4.6 billion
Exports to China

2016 CA Seaborne Recyclable Exports by Destination in Tons
California State Goal: 75% by 2020

percent recycling

Year

California Assembly Bill 901

- New reporting requirements for recyclers, composters, and exporters
- Information on tonnage, material type, and receiving entity
- Formal regulatory process started last month – first reporters in early ‘19
Stakeholder Recommendations

• State Investment
• Economic Development Assistance
• Education and Outreach
• Procurement
CalRecycle’s Initiatives

• Packaging Materials Management
  • Comprises ¼ of California’s waste stream
  • CalRecycle is developing a mandatory packaging policy model

• Organics Recycling Regulations
  • 75% recycling of organic waste by 2025 (Senate Bill 1383)
Looking Ahead

• Work together to:
  • Build and support domestic markets
  • Reduce contamination
  • Keep the dialogue going
Thank You

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