



Department of
Resources Recycling and Recovery

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The Honorable Rusty Bailey
Mayor
City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Subject: City of Riverside's Notice of 60-Day Conferring Period for Potential
Compliance Enforcement for Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law and
Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law Implementation

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey:

On January 21, 2020, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Department) approved the referral of the City of Riverside (City) by the Local Assistance and Market Development (LAMd) branch to the Jurisdiction Compliance Unit (JCU), Waste Permitting, Compliance & Mitigation Division, for an independent evaluation of the City's implementation of the Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) law (Public Resources Code (PRC) section 42649-42649.7 and Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 18835-18839) and the Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORE) law (PRC section 42649.8-42649.87) (Attachment).

This letter initiates the 60-day conferring period required by PRC section 41825(c). The conferring period may last longer than 60 days; however, the Department must complete it prior to any further actions.

During the conferring period JCU will conduct a complete evaluation to assess whether the City has complied with the requirements of the MCR and MORE laws. Should the Department find that the City's MCR and MORE programs do not comply with the law, the Department will begin the process of considering whether a compliance order should be issued. Jurisdictions that fail to satisfy the conditions of a compliance order could be subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 per day.

To ensure that JCU's evaluation and analysis is complete, we ask that the City keep JCU up to date on any efforts taken to modify and/or change the City's MCR and MORE programs during the evaluation.

Until further notice, JCU will be the City's primary contact for anything related to MCR and MORE. All other program areas and requests for assistance not related to MCR or MORE should continue to be directed to the City's LAMD contact at Jill.Larner@CalRecycle.ca.gov or at (916) 341-6525.

A member of JCU will be contacting Cindie Perry, Public Works Manager, with an initial request for information regarding the City's MCR and MORE programs. If you have any questions regarding JCU's MCR and MORE evaluation, please contact Alan Ilusorio at (916) 322-1896 or by e-mail at Alan.Ilusorio@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

Original signed by Trevor O'Shaughnessy on March 27, 2020

Trevor O'Shaughnessy, Manager
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Attachment: Approved January 21, 2020 Request For Approval

cc: Cindie Perry, Deputy Public Works Director, City
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