

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

San Mateo City Hall
330 W. 20th Ave, Conf. Rm. C
(North end of the building)

Light snacks and beverages provided

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Wednesday, January 20, 2010

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

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Light lunch and beverages provided

Please RSVP to Tracie Bills (tobills@rethinkwaste.org or (650) 802-3503) two days prior to the event to ensure plenty of seats and food are available. Please attend, even if you don't RSVP.

Public Meetings on Proposed Recycling Requirements for the Commercial Sector

The City of San Mateo, with assistance from the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA), is preparing draft language for a potential mandatory commercial recycling ordinance. At this meeting, you will have a chance to review and comment on the proposed ordinance.

Who could be affected?

A mandatory commercial recycling ordinance could affect businesses, commercial and multifamily property owners/managers, non-profit organizations, public agencies, and other entities with commercial garbage accounts.

Why a mandatory recycling ordinance?

As a large generator of solid waste, the commercial sector has been identified as a key greenhouse gas contributor. The State of California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB32) will require cities to adopt mandatory commercial recycling ordinances. By enacting an ordinance now, the City of San Mateo can ensure mandatory recycling provisions are tailored to San Mateo businesses, organizations, and property owners/managers.

Why take the time to attend?

The City and the SBWMA will present the key draft definitions and proposed measures that may be brought to the City Council for consideration. Your engagement as a local business, organization, or property manager is needed to develop a workable, collaborative solution.

What's in it for you?

Be part of the planning process and have your voice heard: Tell the City what is important to you about this topic and what is realistic for your business or property to achieve.

Learn how many businesses save money on their garbage disposal bill by recycling and contribute to reducing their carbon footprint.

Get involved early and be prepared for a potential mandatory recycling ordinance by learning about the draft options and how these policy considerations may impact your business and the community.