

# California's Electronic Waste Recycling Program

**SB 20/50: Implementing the CEW  
Collection & Recycling Payment  
System**

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[www.eRecycle.org](http://www.eRecycle.org)

# Purpose of this Update

- Status of revenue/fee collection
- Status of collector and recycler approvals
- Status of recycler payment claims
- Describe challenges facing system
- Encourage local participation
- Looking ahead toward the coming months

# Intent of the Act

- Provide financial relief to Local Jurisdictions
- Provide cost-free recycling opportunities for consumers throughout the state
- Reduce and eventually eliminate the stockpile of waste computers/TVs
- Reduce/Prevent illegal dumping
- Decrease amount of hazardous materials in covered products

# Revenue/Fee Collection

- Began January 1, 2005 - BOE
- Currently 3,300 registered retailers – representing over 11,000 locations
- Big players/majority of market share participating
- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter returns expected to be lower than other quarters
- Will receive funds early-May

# Collectors and Recyclers

- 212 approved collectors
- 33 approved recyclers/dual entities
- Approval good for two years
- CIWMB pays recyclers; recyclers pay collectors

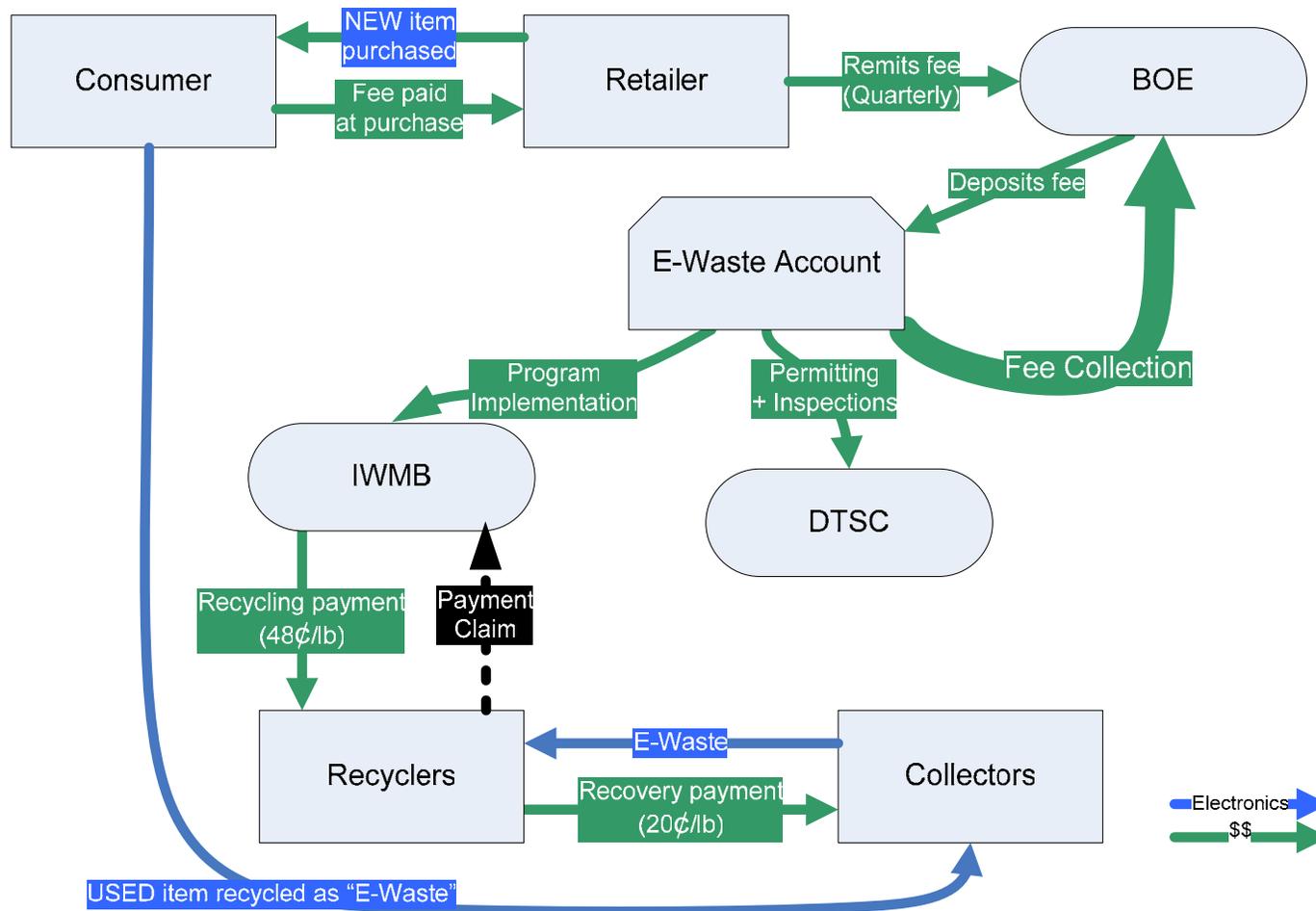
# Status of Payment Claims

- 26+ claims received from 14 recyclers
- For \$2.3M and 4.6M pounds
- Four claims approved
- Have thoroughly reviewed and given formal feedback most
- Are awaiting additional documentation from claimants to approve, adjust or deny

# Assistance to Stakeholders

- Applications, forms and instructions available online
- Calls with participants/all claimants
- Workshop April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Individual meetings with recyclers
- Guidance material and sample completed forms distributed and available on line
- Formal letter explaining insufficiencies in the claim

# E-Waste Recycling Program Material & Cash Flow



# Payments

- Eligible activities began January 1, 2005.
- Only properly documented covered electronic wastes (CEW's) collected from CA sources after start date are eligible for payment.
- Payments are limited to recycling (cancellation) activities that occur in-state.

# Payments

- Collectors and recyclers must offer a “cost-free and convenient” collection opportunity as a condition of payment.
- Collectors and recyclers prohibited from charging for service if State payments cover costs.
- Initial combined recycling payment rate is \$.48 per pound of material cancelled (includes \$.20 per pound recovery payment which must be passed on to Approved Collector).
- CIWMB may revise the payment amount every two years as necessary.

# Responsibilities Under The Act

An Approved Collector is entitled to receive \$.20 per pound for CEWs transferred to an Approved Recycler if the Collector:

- Tracks sources of CEWs and only transfers CEWs generated from CA sources for payment.
- Submits required collection documentation to approved Recycler(s)

An Approved Recycler may claim \$.48 per pound of CEWs cancelled in a manner approved by the State if the Recycler:

- Is inspected by DTSC and be found to be in conformance with all applicable laws.
- Submits claims for eligible CEWs, including supporting documentation, to CIVMB as specified in regulation.

# California Source

**“California Sources”** of CEWs are consumers, as defined in Section 42463 (d) of the Public Resources Code, located in California who generate CEWs after their own use of the CEW. California sources may include, but are not limited to the business sector, residential sector, local government, state government, schools and other institutions within the borders of California. Entities who take, further handle, consolidate, store, or otherwise deal with discarded, donated or collected CEWs are not California consumers, or California sources.

(14 CCR 18660.5(a)(11))

# Source Documentation: Collection Logs

## **14 CCR 18660.20 Requirements for an Approved Collector**

- (j) In addition to the general record keeping requirements in Section 18660.8 of this Chapter, an approved collector shall maintain the following records:
  - (1) A collection log containing:
    - (A) A brief written description of collection activities or events, including the type of consumers targeted for collection, the dates and locations the activities occurred, and an estimate of the weight of CEWs collected.
    - (B) Approved collectors that are not California local governments, nor entities acting as an agent for a California local government, shall maintain a list of all consumers who transfer CEWs to the approved collector, including the name and address of the consumer and the number of CEWs transferred.
    - (C) A list of collectors who transferred CEWs to the approved collector in any month, including the name and address of the collector and the number of CEWs transferred and the sources of those CEWs.

# Claim Review and Approval

- Timely processing: Build confidence in system
- Fulfill regulatory obligations: Ensure compliance by all
- Protect integrity of public funds
- First-time errors expected
  - Close collaboration with claimants
  - Fix problems now
  - More efficient reviews in future

# Common Claim Challenges

- Ineligible Material Claimed
- Source Documentation
- Transfer Documentation
- Processing Documentation
- Disposition Documentation

# Why Should Locals Participate?

- Act intended to benefit local gov't
- Regulations favor local gov't (agents)
- Participation = flexibility
- Conversation begins with recovery payments
- Payments should reflect system costs

# Looking Ahead

- Continue Assistance
  - Clarify misunderstandings
  - Resolve complications
- Expand Recovery & Recycling System
  - Objective: convenience and awareness
  - Promote [www.eRecycle.org](http://www.eRecycle.org)
- Develop and Deploy Audit Functions
  - Assistance with net cost reports
  - Enforce compliance / Minimize fraud

# Questions?

## *A small price to pay to protect our environment*

### *California's eRecycle Fee*



When you purchase a new TV or computer monitor, you will be charged a recycling fee of \$6-10, depending on screen size. This new state law is designed to help create the nation's first eRecycling program. We'll keep harmful materials from millions of discarded electronic devices from ending up in landfills and in our water supplies. So for a few dollars, we can help protect California's environment, and help keep us all a little healthier. For more information, visit [eRecycle.org](http://eRecycle.org).

