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## **Workshops regarding mandatory commercial recycling**

**MERCED, Calif., Mon. Sept. 13, 2011** – Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) on behalf of the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority will hold public recycling information workshops on the mandatory commercial recycling measure that will go in effect statewide next year.

In 2012, commercial businesses, multi-family complexes and public entities that generate four or more cubic yards of trash per week will be required to implement recycling programs. According to the California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle), the commercial sector is responsible for at least 68% of all trash disposed of within California, with much of it being potentially recyclable material.

The countywide workshops will include a presentation outlining the proposed regulation and how those affected can implement a recycling program. Questions from the public will be addressed throughout the workshop.

9/19/2011, 5 PM: Winton Community Hall, 7091 W. Walnut Ave, Winton

9/22/2011, 9 AM: Merced Senior Center, 755 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St, Merced

9/22/2011, 6 PM: Sam Pipes Room, 678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St, Merced

9/29/2011, 6 PM: Miller & Lux Building, 830 Sixth St, Los Banos

10/6/2011, 6 PM: Atwater Community Center, 760 E. Bellevue Rd, Atwater

10/13/2011, 7 PM: Sarah Jane Clegg Conference Room, 16114 Schendel Ave, Delhi

Workshops in Dos Palos, Gustine and Livingston are to be announced.

For more information or updated workshop locations, please visit [www.MercedRecycles.com/comrecy.html](http://www.MercedRecycles.com/comrecy.html) or call 209-723-3153 ext. 315.

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**About the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board**

The Authority Board is comprised of city and county governments, with members who meet to discuss and solve regional issues concerning solid waste. Members include one elected representative from each of the six cities and one supervisor from each of the county's five districts. More information can be found at [www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org) or by calling (209) 723-3153, ext. 315.