



## RESOURCE RECOVERY COALITION OF CALIFORNIA

### Membership Information for Industry Members

The Resource Recovery Coalition of California (Resource Coalition) was first organized in 1953 as the California Refuse Recycling Council by several independent refuse associations in Northern and Southern California. These associations banded together for the first time to lead a fight against state legislation that would cost the waste industry several hundreds of thousands of dollars statewide. Upon winning an exemption for our industry against this transportation legislation, these groups continued their association which laid the groundwork for what the Resource Coalition represents today.

As many things have changed over the years, our industry and association have also changed to meet the demands of our time. But throughout these changes, our objectives have remained the same:

### RESOURCE COALITION OBJECTIVES

To promote the general welfare and business interests of our members

To encourage the highest standards of ethical business practices among our members in the public interest

To work for the benefit and the fostering of goodwill for the members of the waste management industry throughout the State of California and the State of Nevada

To afford to all agencies of government on the federal, state, county and city levels a means of cooperation and coordinated effort to the most efficient and economic standard of collection, disposal and recycling of refuse materials

To foster and further the American principle of free enterprise and competition

**Resource Coalition industry members are proud of their industry, proud of their accomplishments, and proud of the services they provide their customers.**

### MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Monthly General Membership meetings and luncheons at locations throughout Northern California (except for December)
- ◆ Annual Convention
- ◆ Annual “Trash Bash” Legislative Reception held in Sacramento
- ◆ Annual Louie Pellegrini IV Memorial Safety Road-e-o
- ◆ Annual Old Timers Tribute

### MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

- ◆ Next Generation Management and Leadership Program, an 8-month series with on-going activities and continuing education for the next generation of industry members
- ◆ President’s Scholarship Program, to assist members’ employee children who plan to continue their education in a college or vocational school program
- ◆ Drug Testing Program, through DISA Global Solutions (Formerly CDTA)
- ◆ Staples Advantage Office Supply Program
- ◆ Service First Processing Credit Card Processing
- ◆ Safety Program, including a DVD Lending Library, Safety Monday®, safety articles and links to related websites
- ◆ Digital Media Library, a sharing web page of photos, videos and documents

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## Legislative Representation

The Resource Coalition contracts with Laura Ferrante of Waste Alternatives to provide legislative representation on waste industry issues, as well as on the Bottle Bill. Laura monitors legislative activities, as well as advocates and represents the positions of the Resource Coalition before the legislature and the governor's office.

## Regulatory Representation

Veronica Pardo serves as our Regulatory Director, providing representation regarding regulatory issues at CalRecycle (formerly the Waste Board). Veronica protects the interests of the Resource Coalition members in relation to collection and hauling issues, and other solid waste policies that affect the industry. In addition, she monitors numerous other California regulatory agencies that affect the industry, including the Air Resources Board (ARB), California Energy Commission (CEC), Water Resources Control Board (WRCB), Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

## Federal Activities

The Resource Coalition is a member of the West Coast Refuse & Recycling Coalition (WCRRC). WCRRC is made up of CRRC, the Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association (ORRA), and the Washington Refuse & Recycling Association (WRRRA). This group of West Coast associations contracts with Eric P. Bock, Attorney at Law, a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C. Eric is the eyes and ears of the West Coast in relation to federal issues that affect the waste industry.

## Publications

The Resource Coalition publishes *The Long Haul*, a monthly newsletter benefiting the membership of the Northern District.

Eric P. Bock, Attorney at Law, PLLC publishes a monthly report on federal legislation.

## Website

Our website, located at [www.resourcecoalition.org](http://www.resourcecoalition.org), is a comprehensive interactive site for our members, offering many services and resources. Included on the site is an Industry Alert section, which includes timely information on legislation and regulation for our members, requests for support and oppose letters on bills and rules, and current event information; Meeting and event calendars with RSVP and information links, Member Services (for members only) including Legislative, Federal and Regulatory reports, up-to-date Membership Rosters, a Safety Resources section, and back issues of *The Long Haul* newsletter; and information on the Northern District PAC.

## Committees

The Executive Committee is made up of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to three Industry Members at Large. This committee meets monthly prior to the Industry Member and General Membership meetings to coordinate the activities of the Resource Coalition.

The Legislative Committee includes members appointed by the Executive Committee to assist in the coordination of legislative and regulatory decisions.

The Louie Pellegrini IV Memorial Safety Road-e-o Planning Committee meets over a period of four months to plan and execute this annual event.

# HOW TO APPLY

The Resource Coalition's by-laws prescribe the membership application process. They require that all members be voted in by a majority vote of our Board of Directors. Your application should include a sponsor from a qualified Industry Member.

Dues for Industry Members are based on either the residential population of your service area, or your gross income. Dues are invoiced annually in December of each year.

The Board of Directors act on all membership applications. The By-laws require that all applications be noticed and read at two consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors. Upon conclusion of the reading at the second meeting, a vote is taken to consider the application. If you have any questions about the nomination and election process, please do not hesitate to contact Trish Roath, Executive Director, or one of the Executive Committee Members listed in this brochure.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to talking more with you about membership, and how you can benefit from the Association.

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