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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

**Subject: Changes to Redemption Values for Beverage Containers**

The California Division of Recycling recently notified us of changes in the rates for California redemption values and the changeover process. Attached is information from the Division of Recycling that will be useful to weights and measures officials when responding to complaints and conducting undercover sales.

If you need assistance, please contact Ken Lake, Program Supervisor of Measurement Compliance at (916) 229-3047.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: George Donkor, Division of Recycling

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



January 7, 2004

**TO: ALL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUBJECT: INCREASE IN CRV AND OTHER AB 28 CHANGES**

**DIVISION OF  
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This memorandum is to inform you of recent changes to the California Beverage Container Recycling Program administered by the Department of Conservation (Department), Division of Recycling (Division). The changes, effective January 1, 2004, may have an impact on your program and activities. This memorandum provides information to assist you in your review of retail dealer beverage prices and charges.

In December 2003, the Department notified program participants, including all beverage retailers (dealers) in the State, of new program requirements due to the passage of Assembly Bill 28 (AB 28). Information on program changes is available at the Department's website [www.conservation.ca.gov](http://www.conservation.ca.gov).

Beginning January 1, 2004, AB 28 increases the California redemption value (CRV) of beverage containers as follows:

- 4¢ for each beverage container less than 24 ounces
- 8¢ for each container 24 ounces or more

AB 28 permits beverages labeled with the message CA 2.5¢ and CA 5¢ to be sold until July 1, 2004. The law states that CRV must be charged at the new rate on January 1, 2004, as recycling centers will be required to redeem all empty beverage containers at the new rates.

In the coming months the Department will be educating and assisting dealers to understand and comply with program requirements. You may receive complaints from consumers regarding CRV charges by dealers. An example of such a complaint would be a dealer charging the allowed 8¢ CRV even though the container is labeled CA 5¢. We would like to know about any complaints you may receive so we may assist the consumers and retail dealers involved. You may refer such complaints to us by email to [tboyd@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:tboyd@conservation.ca.gov) or by calling 1-800 RECYCLE.

If you have questions regarding this memorandum or specific questions regarding dealer requirements under the beverage container recycling program, you may contact the Division's Dealer Services Section at (916) 323-3263.