

## National Policy Town Hall:

Recycling Market Development and Infrastructure





Recycling market development largely overlooked in recent decades.

Strategic planning, innovation, education and outreach and developing local & regional markets for recyclables not central.

The U.S. became too reliant on China and other countries for end markets for material.



Chinese markets created a disadvantage to U.S. processors & manufacturers (end markets).

Single-Stream recycling

Low petroleum/natural gas prices & declining manufacturing contributed to lower demand by domestic markets.











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**NEW REPORT** 

Meghan, 15, tries on a diamond ring. Another exclusive picture of a princess in the making

Daily Mail

TIDE ON PLASTIC

As a report reveals beaches are getting worse and two



**News Review** 



A solution to plastic pollution?



The Guardian

By 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish California state legislators want to phase out non-recyclable plastic products by 2030

California proposes phaseout of single-use plastics by 2030

California Could Be First State To Phase Out Single-Use

**PLASTIC & CLIMATE** 

Plastic proliferation threatens the climate on a global scale.



### Today's panel:



- Bret Bigger Economist, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
- Ruth Abbe Principal, Abbe & Associates, Co-Chair, CRRA Global Recycling Council
- Lisa Skumatz, Ph.D. Principal, Skumatz Economic Research Associates
- Susan Kinsella Executive Director, Conservatree
- Neil Seldman, Ph.D. Institute for Local Self-Reliance
- Elisa Seltzer Senior Consultant, Resource Recycling Systems

#### Moderator:

• Manuel Medrano – Environmental Services Manager – City of Chula Vista, California Association of Recycling Market Development Administrators

### Topics:



- What's Contamination and How to Recycle Right
- Latest Processing Improvements (e.g. more labor, slower belts, more equipment, robotics)
- Using Materials Domestically & Bringing Recycling Jobs Home
- Container deposit systems to provide cleaner materials
- Dual vs. Single Stream Collection and Processing
- Recycling Incentives (e.g. Save as you Throw)







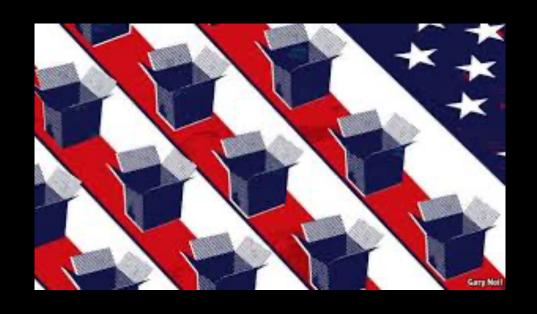
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