



Promoting waste reduction and values-added recycling in  
Humboldt County

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## **Humboldt County's Regional Recycling Processor – Our Expectations**

We expect that the outcome of the upcoming Regional Recycling RFP Process will be the award of a contract to a company that will:

- a) Minimize contamination levels of recyclables (especially paper/fiber) resulting in higher-valued recyclables.
- b) Minimize residuals post-sorting (resulting in less waste to landfill).
- c) Maximize categories of items separated or processed as recyclables.
- d) Maximize values of recyclables processed.
- e) Use best practices to increase percentage and tonnage of recyclables in waste stream.
- f) Minimize its carbon footprint through transportation and operational efficiencies.
- g) Set a minimum fixed level for payment/ton to HWMA and maximize revenue sharing as a percentage of recyclable sales.
- h) Emphasize local/regional/in-state marketing where cost-effective and markets available (supports local/US businesses/decreases natural resource depletion).
- i) Agree to modify the contract to respond to changes in laws and regulations, improve technology and operational efficiencies, and reduce waste on a cost-only basis.
- j) Agree to allow diversion of recyclables deposited at facility to local/regional remanufacturing/reuse businesses at cost or at reasonable/preferred rates (e.g., minus processing/export costs).
- k) Conform operations to be consistent with HWMA strategic plan goals and strategies, and work with HWMA/member agencies to plan how to reach those goals/implement those strategies.
- l) Agree to work in public/private partnership with local non-profits and governments to promote the 3 R's and improve efficiencies through public and commercial education .
- m) Operate efficiently to control costs while providing living wages and safe working conditions to employees/contractors.
- n) Maximize use of local employees/contractors by processing materials at a local facility.
- o) Provide operational and sales data as specified in HWMA contract and as needed to permit transparency for contract oversight and monitoring purposes.