Recycling: State of the State

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EXHIBIT D-1 – RECYCLED PRODUCTS Document consists of 20 slides. Entire Exhibit provided.

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Looking back to the past

- 1991: AB320 set a 25% recycling goal; provisions for curbside and drop-off recycling for municipalities; and provided a State tire fee to fund recycling education programs with a 2 year reversion.
- 1993: SB97 removed reversion on tire fee, created solid waste management account to support solid waste regulation and recycling education.
- 1999: AB564 expanded municipal recycling provisions to address recycling in public buildings.
- 2005: SB396 encourages municipalities to provide recycling info to new business license applicants.

Looking back to the past

- 2009: AB426 required NDEP to conduct a study of ewaste recycling and make recommendations.
- 2009: SB137 added apartments and condominiums to municipal recycling provisions.
- 2009: SB186 prohibits landfilling of tires in a County where a tire recycling facility is located.
- 2011: SB417 requires adoption of standards related to recycling at apartments and condominiums.
- 2011: AB427 created this Committee.

Municipal Recycling Statutes

- Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 444A "Programs for Recycling" provides that:
- Counties with a population of 100,000 or more shall:
 - Provide curbside recycling for residential premises and public buildings.
 - Establish recycling centers as needed.
 - Encourage businesses to reduce solid waste and recycle when possible.

- Counties with a population between 45,000 and 100,000 shall:
 - Establish recycling centers as needed.
 - Provide for collection and disposal of household hazardous wastes.
- These counties may:
 - Provide curbside recycling from residential premises and public buildings.

- Counties with populations less than 45,000 may:
 - Provide curbside recycling from residential premises and public buildings.
 - Establish recycling centers as needed.
 - Provide for collection and disposal of household hazardous wastes.
- Population thresholds are determined using the latest national decennial census (2010), per NRS 0.050.

Municipal Recycling Statutes

- Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 444A "Programs for Recycling" provides that:
 - Municipalities "may adopt and carry out" recycling programs "as are deemed necessary and appropriate." This language allows municipalities to opt out of programs for recycling.
 - Municipalities that adopt a program are required to report their recycling tonnage each year.

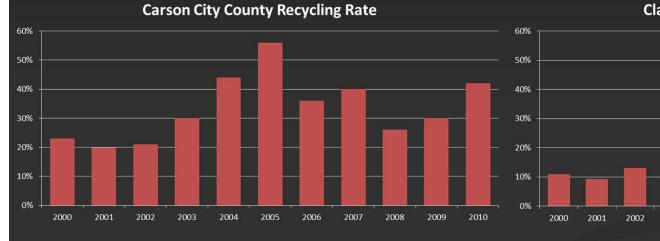
NDEP Statutory Mandates

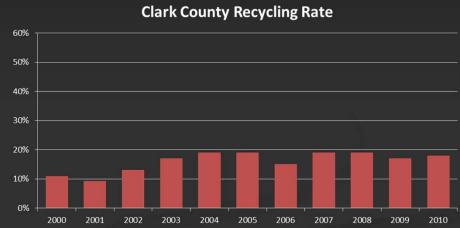
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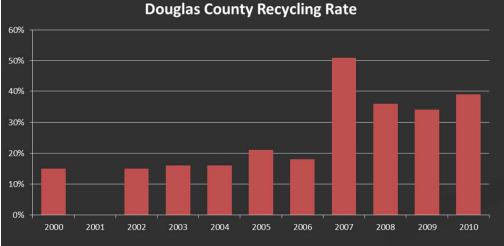
The State Environmental Commission sets minimum standards in regulations and the Division provides :

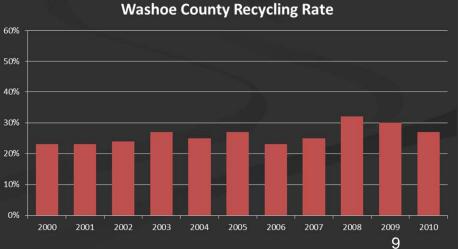
- Public education concerning the disposal of solid waste, recycling, reuse and waste reduction;
- Development of programs of continuing education for educators and administrators;
- Recommended curricula relating to recycling and the reduction of waste.

2000-2010 Recycling Rates

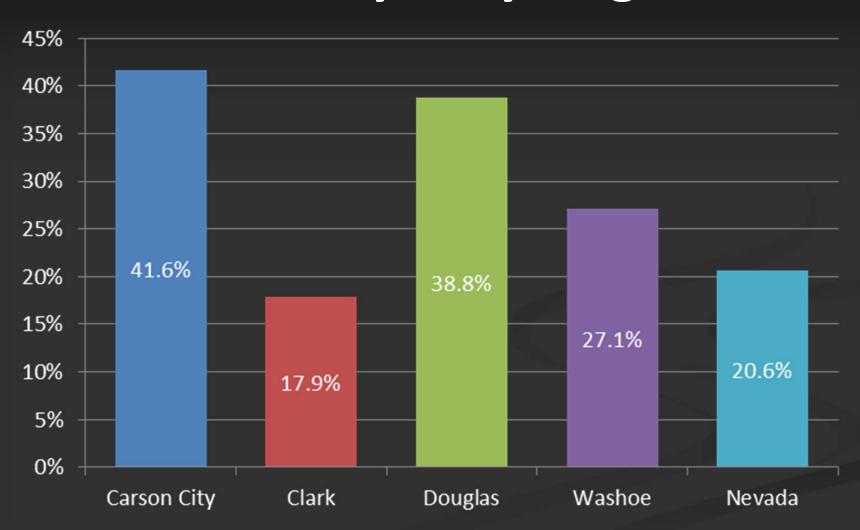




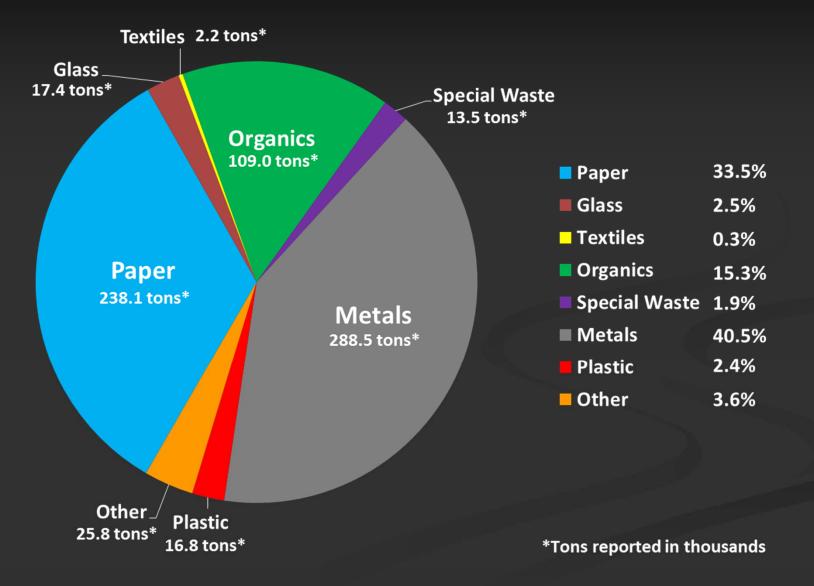




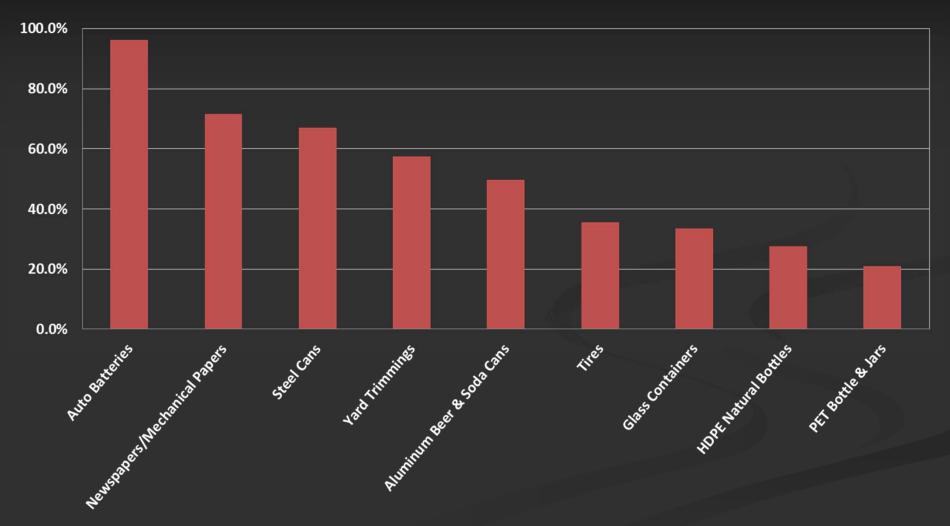
2010 County Recycling Rates



2010 Statewide MSW Commodities



National Recycling Rates, by Product



^{*}Does not include combustion (with energy recovery).

^{**} Mechanical papers include directories, newspaper inserts, and some advertisement and direct mail printing. 12

What is NDEP doing?

- Presenting a statewide recycling curriculum.
- Teaching high school students to present select recycling lessons to elementary school classes through the Recycling Ambassador Program.
- Offering CCSD PDE credit to teachers who attend the Recycling Curriculum Workshop.
- Providing technical assistance to local businesses, schools, non-profits.

What is NDEP doing?

- Participating in Earth Day/America Recycles Day events.
- Conducting education and outreach.
- Coordinating with local organizations involved in recycling and waste reduction.
- Updating NevadaRecycles.gov website.
- Providing a Recycling Hotline.

Other Community Efforts

- Hotels/casinos are recycling food scraps, cardboard, aluminum cans, and paper.
- Tire recycling facilities operating in Clark County.
- Various municipalities are evaluating and considering single stream recycling.
- Scrap recycling occurring in various rural counties.
- Large scale composting operations in Douglas County.





Other Community Efforts

- Police stations and some pharmacies accept unused medication.
- Colleges and universities offer recycling at various levels.
- Christmas tree recycling.
- Phone book recycling.



Other Community Efforts

- Non-profits such as Computer Corps and The Blind Center continually collect computer equipment.
- Private companies have hosted popular oneday electronics drop-off events.
- Non-profit & private industry collaborative e-Waste collection events.





What is Our Vision for the Future?

- A successful recycling curriculum distributed to all school districts in the state.
- Reaching our recycling goal of 25% and surpassing it.
- Becoming an exemplary model of a voluntary recycling program.

