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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO AWARDING BODIES AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
REGARDING THE DIRECTOR'S GENERAL PREVAILING WAGE DETERMINATIONS**

Dear Public Official/Other Interested Parties:

In *Kaanaana v. Barrett Business Services, Inc.*, the California Supreme Court ruled that an employer performing work under contract with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 2 was required to pay prevailing wages to belt sorters at district owned materials recovery and recycling facilities. The Court found this type of work was covered by prevailing wage law when performed for "irrigation, utility, reclamation, and improvement districts, and other districts of this type" pursuant to Labor Code Section 1720(a)(2).

Consistent with the Director of Industrial Relations' responsibility to determine the prevailing wage rates to be paid to workers employed on public works, the Department will be conducting a wage and benefit survey for workers performing recycling work at materials recovery and recycling facilities.

Awarding bodies, employers, workers, their representatives and other interested parties engaged in recycling work at materials recovery facilities are encouraged to contact DIR with any relevant information about private employers performing this type of work at [pwsurvey@dir.ca.gov](mailto:pwsurvey@dir.ca.gov). Please include "Materials Recovery and Recycling Facility Worker Information" in the subject line of your email. Information can include employer information (name, work location, mailing address), contract information, work descriptions and the classifications used to perform the work.

DIR will be collecting preliminary information for this survey during the next four weeks. Please provide information before July 16, 2021, so we can review and consider this information before beginning the survey.

Special districts that require prevailing wage determinations for workers performing recycling work at materials recovery and recycling facilities should contact DIR at [pwsurvey@dir.ca.gov](mailto:pwsurvey@dir.ca.gov) before the start of the survey.