

Text Amendment No. TA-17-002 California Redemption Value (CRV) Recycling Centers



What is a CRV Recycling Station?



A facility available for the general public for the recycling of California Redemption Value (CRV) products such as glass, aluminum cans, and plastic beverage containers as defined by the State's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. Processing and sorting is not conducted on-site.



Typically located in a shipping container in a shopping center

TA-17-002

➤ Text Amendment Application No. TA-17-002 was initiated pursuant to Fresno City Council Resolution No. 2016-263

➤ Initiated due to concerns regarding public nuisance issues associated with CRV Recycling Centers

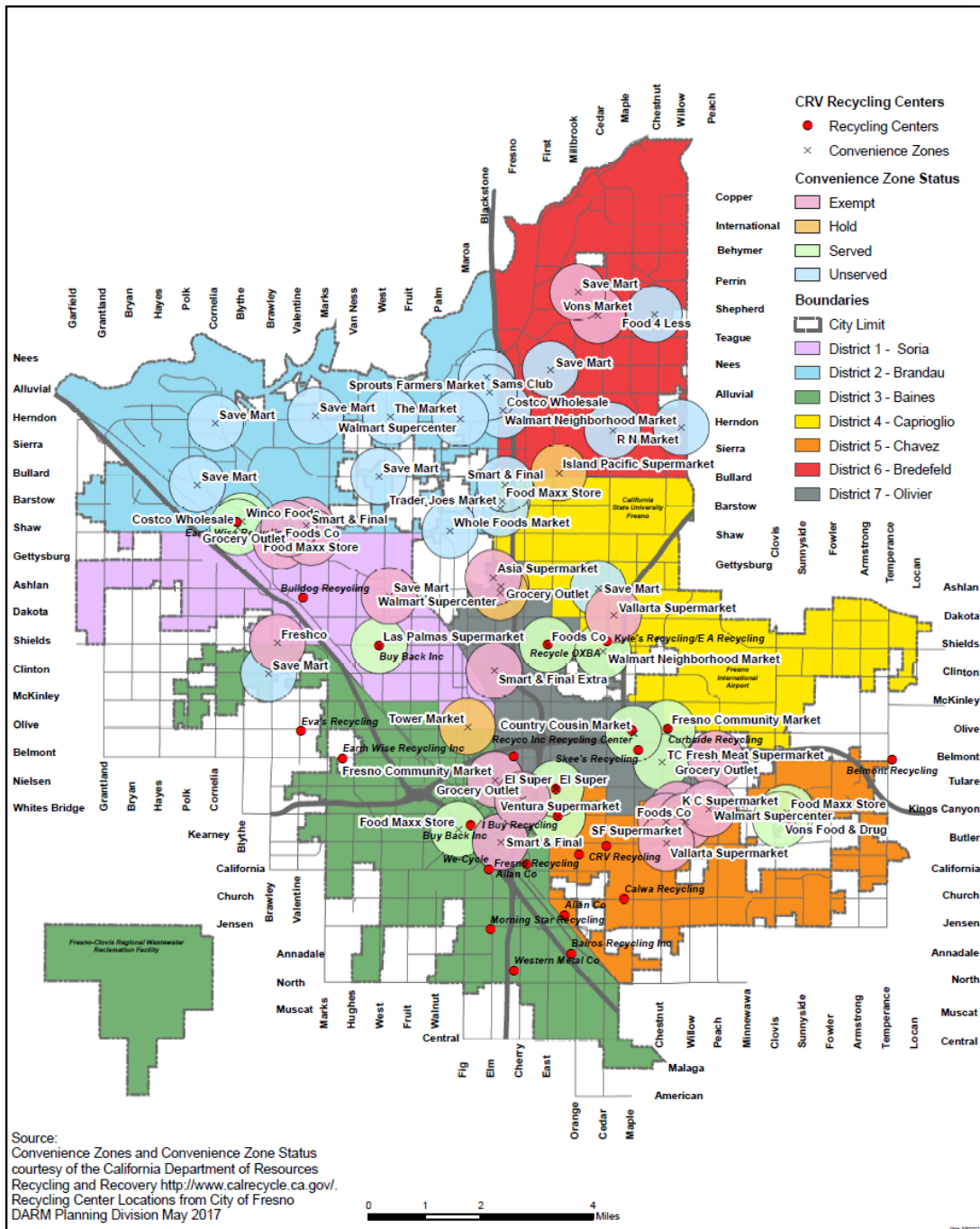


Background

- Problems associated with CRV Recycling Centers have been ongoing for over 10 years. Issues raised include:
 - crime at the CRV recycling stations that often spreads into adjacent neighborhoods;
 - theft of recyclable beverage containers from recycling and trash bins;
 - visual blight; and
 - overconcentration of these facilities.



Location of Convenience Zones and Recycling Facilities



Background

- Section 15-2750-B of the Fresno Development Code was adopted in December of 2015 and provided many restrictions and requirements for CRV Recycling Stations.
- However, it did not address existing facilities which currently do not comply with this code section. This amendment addresses that and a few other items.

Permanent Structures

➤ All associated improvements shall be permanent



➤ An ISO container is not considered a permanent structure



Permitted Locations

- Only permitted in the footprint a business subject to California Public Resources Code section 14571.6

Compliance Required for Existing Facilities

➤ If not located in a permanent structure, the operator shall have a **six month grace period** from the effective date to come into compliance with this Text Amendment

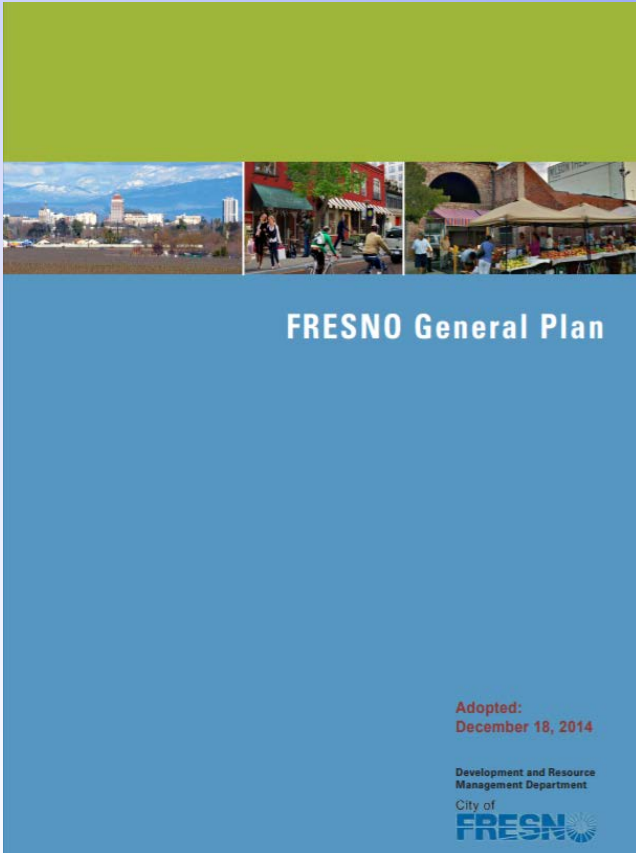
➤ If located in a permanent building, the operator shall have a **one year grace period** from the effective date to come into compliance with this Text Amendment

CEQA

Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines states: “...CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.”

The proposed text amendment will only modify application processing, locational restrictions and operational requirements of existing establishments, and further refine the already limited locations where new CRV Recycling Centers may locate. **The text amendment will not result in a direct change to the physical environment.**

General Plan



The proposed text amendment is consistent with the Fresno General Plan. For example, Policy PU-9-d states that the City should locate private or public waste facilities and recycling facilities.....so that the transportation, processing, and disposal of these materials are not detrimental to the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetic well-being of the surrounding community.

Revision enhances existing code.

Conclusion

1. ADOPT the Finding of No Possibility of Significant Adverse Effect as prepared for Environmental Assessment No. TA-17-002 dated July 26, 2017.
2. APPROVE Text Amendment Application No. TA-17-002, to modify zoning and use regulations for California Redemption Value (CRV) Recycling Centers within the City of Fresno.