

## **Press Release**

### *Mandatory Commercial Recycling*

Beginning July 1, 2012, a new California state law, AB 341, which was signed into law on October 6, 2011, took effect. The law's objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting waste from landfills and to reach the statewide recycling rate goal of 75% by the year 2020. This law requires all commercial businesses and public entities that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste (i.e. trash) per week and multi-family complexes with 5 units or more to have a recycling program in place by July 1, 2012.

The City of Escalon is required to inform businesses about the recycling requirement and to keep track of the level of recycling within the business community. Finally, the City of Escalon is also required each year to report to the State agency that oversees recycling and solid waste on how successful the business community has been in meeting the law.

How will your business benefit by this law? Your business will likely save money on its disposal cost by increasing recycling. Together with Gilton Solid Waste, the City of Escalon wants to ensure your success in complying with this new state law. For more information about how to be in compliance with the law, please contact the Resource Diversion Coordinator at Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781 or the City of Escalon (209) 691-7423 or for more information about this law, please visit: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/default.htm>.