



China's Green Sword and California

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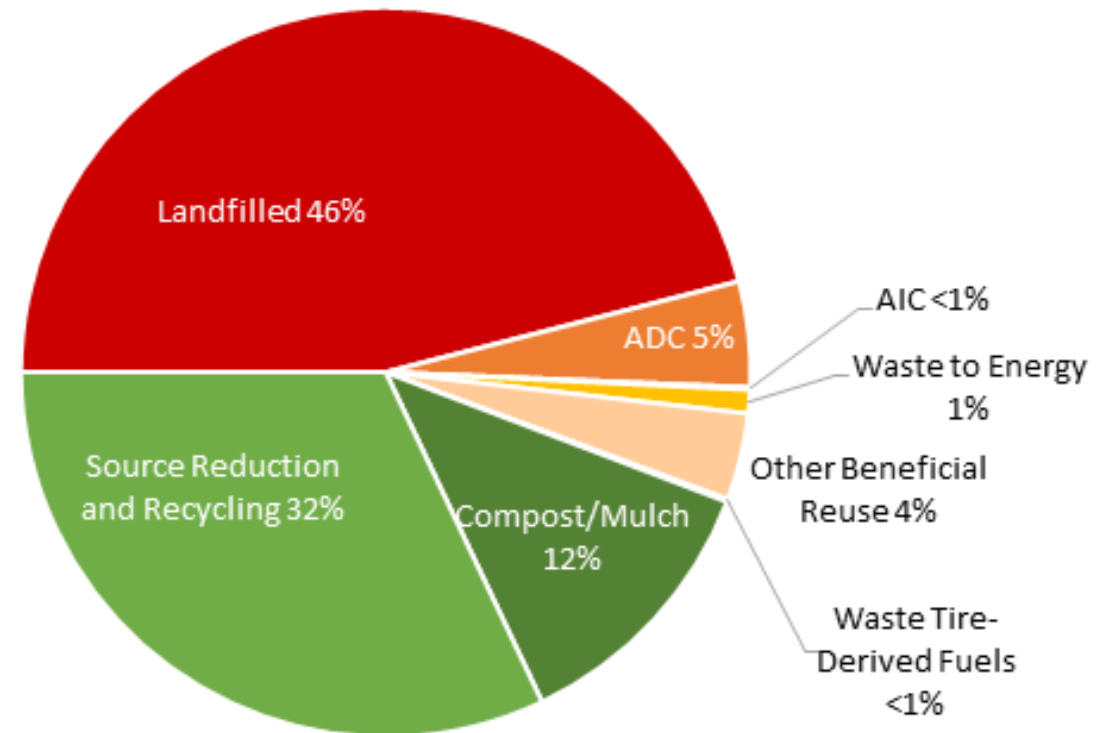
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2016 State of Disposal and Recycling

Californians generated 76 million tons of waste materials

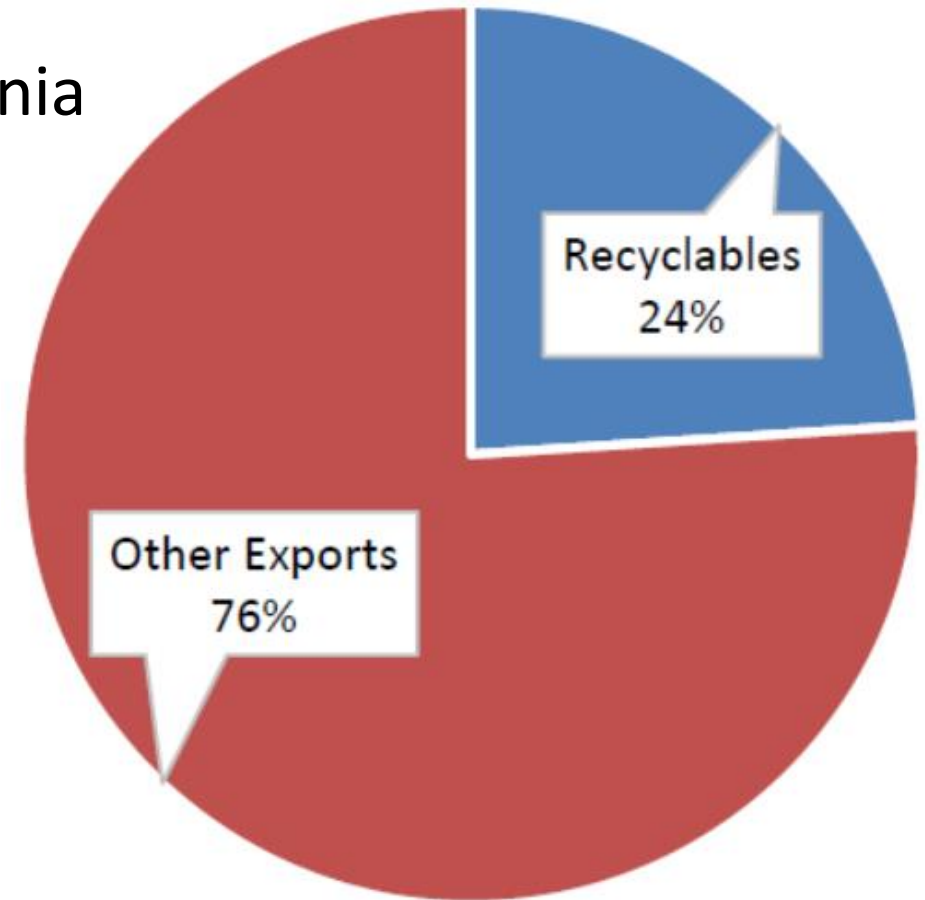
- 43 million tons were disposed
- 34 million tons were source reduced, recycled, or composted
- Approximately 1/3 recycled materials exported



Exports

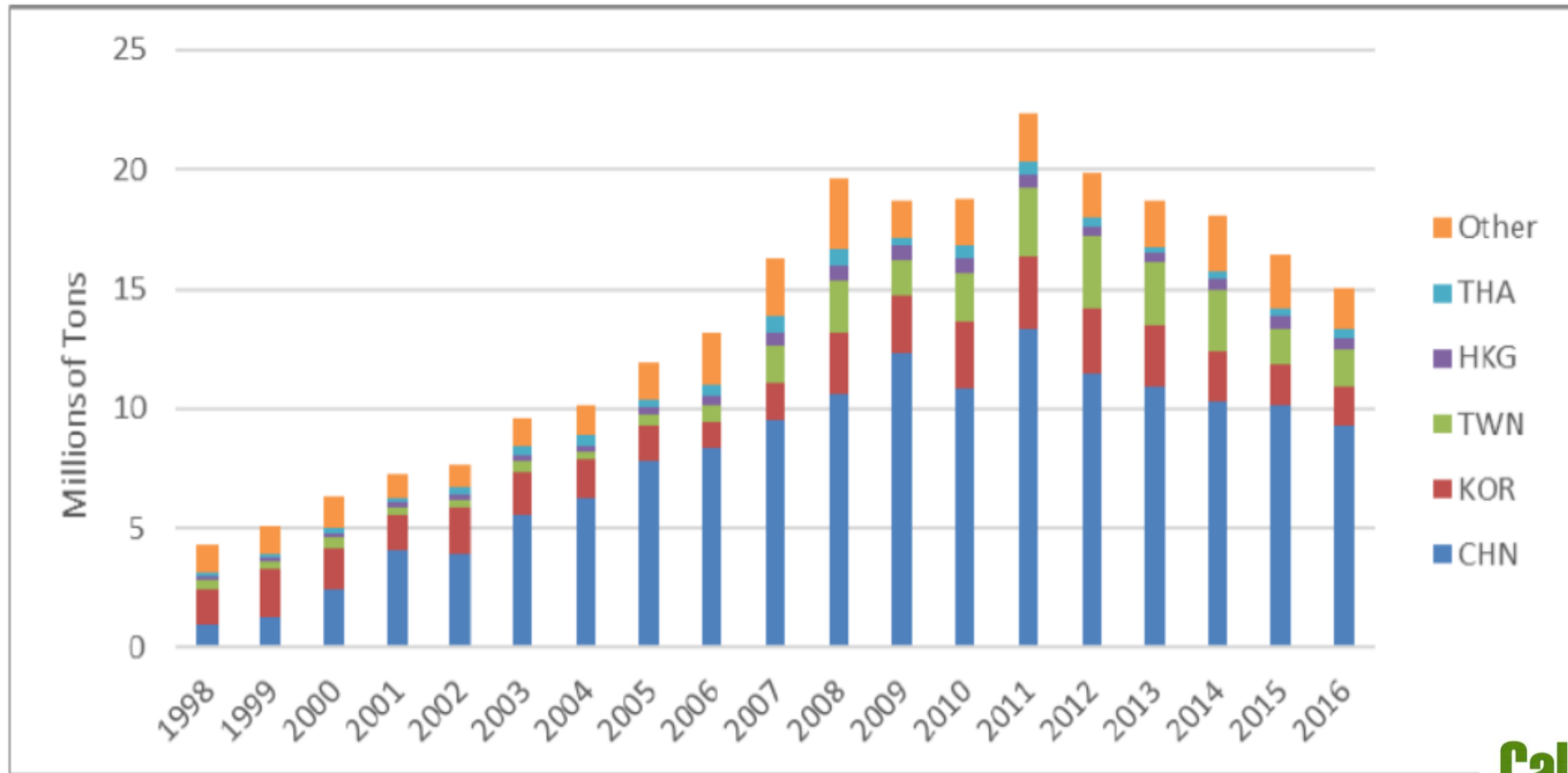
One quarter of all exports from California seaports are recyclable commodities

- In 2016:
 - 15 million tons
 - Vessel value 4.6 billion

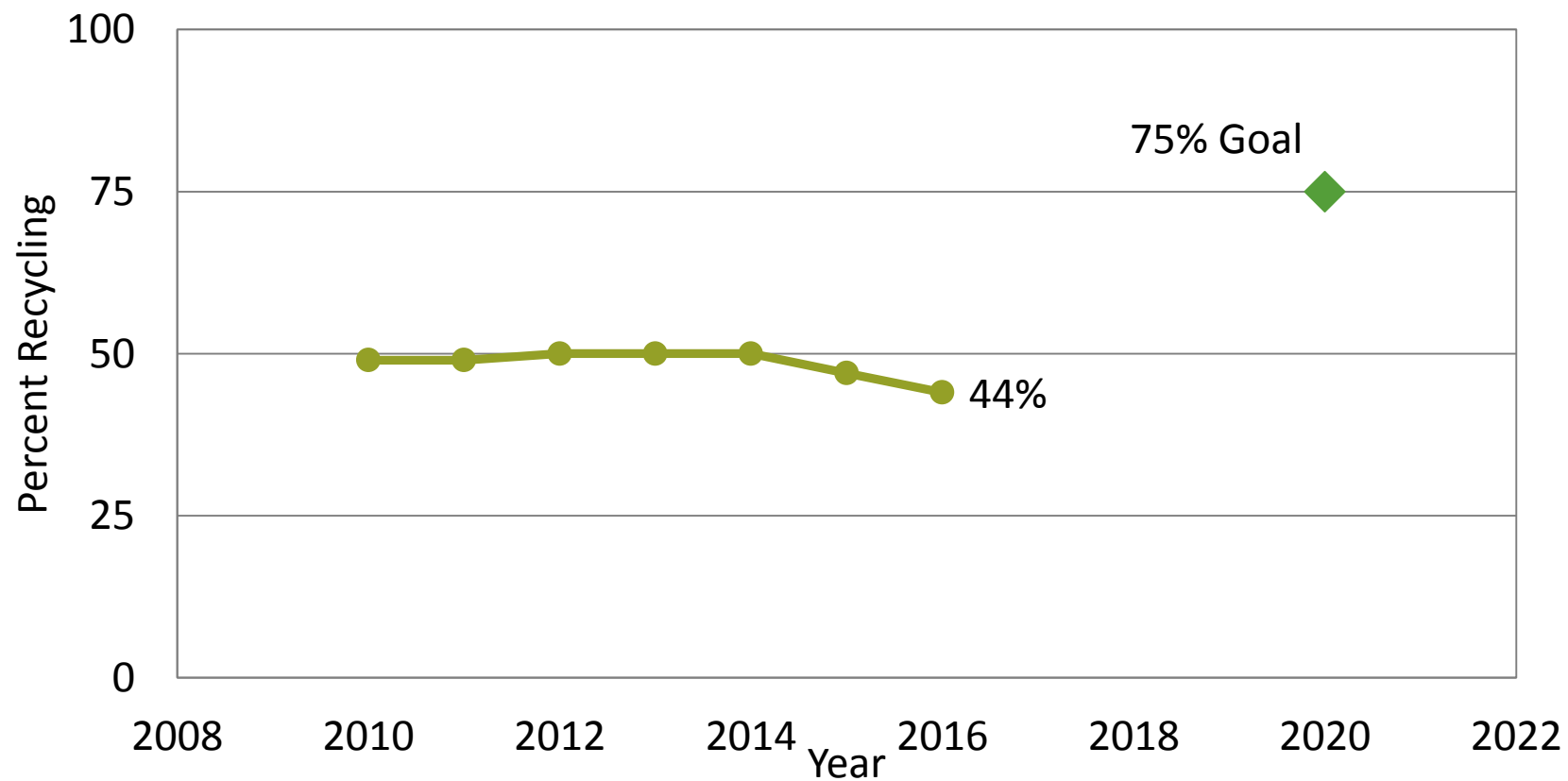


Exports to China

2016 CA Seaborne Recyclable Exports by Destination in Tons



California State Goal: 75% by 2020



California Assembly Bill 901

- New reporting requirements for recyclers, composters, and exporters
- Information on tonnage, material type, and receiving entity
- Formal regulatory process started last month – first reporters in early '19

Stakeholder Recommendations

- State Investment
- Economic Development Assistance
- Education and Outreach
- Procurement

CalRecycle's Initiatives

- Packaging Materials Management
 - Comprises $\frac{1}{4}$ of California's waste stream
 - CalRecycle is developing a mandatory packaging policy model
- Organics Recycling Regulations
 - 75% recycling of organic waste by 2025 (Senate Bill 1383)

Looking Ahead

- Work together to:
 - Build and support domestic markets
 - Reduce contamination
 - Keep the dialogue going

Thank You

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