

## COVID-19: Friday, 4-24 Update

In an effort to help you stay informed on the federal, state, and local developments regarding COVID-19, CFCA will be sending updates summarizing the highlights of responses from levels of government. **Please feel free to send this update to colleagues, employees, or anyone you wish to keep up to date on these pressing matters.**

### **Governor Newsom Suspends Bottle and Can Redemption for 60 Days**

Several weeks ago, CalRecycle announced they would temporarily halt their bottle and can recycling redemption program in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. This proved especially promising, given the health and staffing risks presented due to continuing to accept recycling given ongoing health concerns. Yet, CalRecycle refused to issue an official declaration of the program suspension.

As a result CFCA has been lobbying the governor for an executive order declaring what CalRecycle would not. Yesterday, our hard work was rewarded by Gov. Newsom's official declaration suspending the program.

You can read the full order in the link below. The tenth section of the order is relevant to the recycling redemption program.

[Read the Order Here](#)

### **Trump Signs \$484 Billion Coronavirus Relief Package**

President Trump on Friday signed legislation providing \$484 billion to replenish a popular small business lending program and support hospitals and COVID-19 testing amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The measure includes an additional \$310 billion in funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), \$60 billion of which is reserved for community banks and small lenders; \$75 billion for hospitals; \$25 billion to support testing efforts; and \$60 billion for emergency disaster loans and grants.

The legislation came out of several days of negotiations between Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and congressional Democrats. The Senate passed the bill in a voice vote on Tuesday, with

the House following suit on Thursday in a 388-5-1 vote that saw lawmakers wearing masks and voting in groups after Republicans demanded a floor vote.

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## **Help Push Congress for COVID-19 Liability Protection**

*From SIGMA*

"Our industry is working during this pandemic to ensure that Americans continue to have access to the fuel and food they need. You are doing just what the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) asked our industry to do as an essential critical infrastructure industry. In guidance issued on March 16th, the Administration said, "If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security... you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule."

I know that despite increasing economic challenges, you are investing heavily in employees and changing the way you do business to ensure the safety and well-being of customers and employees alike. You are acting as good Samaritans. You should not have to worry that you will be sued for simply providing the products and services Americans need right now.

It is critical that you write to your legislators and ask them for liability protection for businesses like yours that have been designated as essential critical infrastructure by the DHS.

Click on the link below to send a message to Congress. And please forward this message to your employees and others and ask them to also send messages. We need Congress to act to give us liability protection so you can continue to operate."

[Click Here to Send a Letter](#)

## **Legislature Sends Letter to CARB Requesting Suspension of All Current and Proposed Rulemakings on Freight Transportation**

A bi-partisan letter by legislative members was submitted to ARB earlier this week. The letter requests ARB suspend all current and proposed rulemakings on freight transportation and harbor craft until January 2021 given the COVID crisis.

The letter is attached in the link below.

[Read the Letter Here](#)

## **CFCA Secures Vendor for Hand Sanitizer - F&L Racing**

## Fuels

CFCA is aware that locating vendors for hand sanitizer has been especially difficult for businesses in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.

This has made it extremely difficult for employers to provide safe hygiene products for employees on the front lines of customer interaction.

Fortunately, CFCA member Amber Resources, under their F&L Racing Fuels Brand, has begun producing sanitizer for bulk purchase.

As an added benefit, they will be donating the proceeds from F&L Sanitizer to local charitable organizations helping homelessness organizations on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis.

[Click Here to Place Your Order](#)



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**10:00am to 11:00am**

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