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## **Revolution Plastics awarded \$3 million grant for new recycling and manufacturing facility in California**

Little Rock, Ark. – Revolution Plastics LLC has been awarded a \$3 million grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) through [CalRecycle's Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program](#).

The \$3 million grant, using proceeds from California's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for fiscal year 2016-17, was one of three awarded in November from among 13 eligible applications. The awards are based on contributions to the state's greenhouse gas reduction targets and are a part of California's effort to reach its statewide goal of 75 percent recycling, composting, and source reduction by 2020 with help from its [Waste Diversion and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Financial Assistance Programs](#).

"The Revolution Plastics team focused on California because of the state's alignment with our core values and mission statement regarding closed-loop operations, landfill diversion and preserving our environment for future generations," said Sean Whiteley, CEO of Delta Plastics. "Applying for and being awarded this grant is a testament to this alignment, and we are grateful to CalRecycle for the faith they have demonstrated in us."

Revolution Plastics provides free pickup of agricultural plastics – most low-density polyethylene (LDPE) film or irrigation tubing – to more than 400 dairies, growers, almond hullers and other agriculture-related processors in California and is the largest agricultural plastic collection operation in the state.

Currently, Revolution Plastics' collected plastic is shipped from its consolidation yards in Central California to Delta Plastics' facility in Arkansas, where it is washed and converted to resin and used in manufacturing processes to produce can liners, irrigation tubing, agricultural cover films, plastic lumber

and other construction and agricultural films. Since its inception 18 months ago, Revolution Plastics is responsible for the collection of over 30 million pounds of used plastic in California.

The grant will help Revolution Plastics establish a recycling and manufacturing plant in Central California. The plant is expected to begin production in 2018 and to employ more than 100 California workers in disadvantaged communities within the next three years. This is in addition to the recycling benefits, which include an annual reduction of 39,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents and an annual 20,000 net tons of newly diverted material from landfills.

“Revolution Plastics has quickly become the preferred ag plastic pickup option in California. The team looks forward to using the proceeds from the grant to utilize these collected plastics in the sustainable production of finished goods to support California growers, construction operations and other end markets,” said Louis Vasquez, Director of Corporate Development for Revolution Plastics.

The purpose of the Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing capacity or establishing new facilities in California that use California-generated postconsumer recycled content. The projects must be located in California and result in permanent, annual and measurable reductions in GHG emissions and increase the tons of California-generated fiber, plastic or glass newly diverted from landfill disposal and used to manufacture finished products.

### **About Revolution Plastics**

Revolution Plastics LLC was founded in 2016 by Delta Plastics, a company located in the Mississippi River Delta with a 20+ year track record of collecting, recycling and internally reusing postconsumer resin from used agricultural plastics. Revolution Plastics provides a free on-farm pickup service to dairies, growers, almond hullers and other ag-related processors and is the largest agricultural plastic collection operation in California. The plastic collected is recycled and used in manufacturing processes to produce can liners, irrigation tubing, agricultural cover films, plastic lumber and other construction and agricultural films. For more information, go to [revolutionplastics.com](http://revolutionplastics.com)



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*Collecting agricultural plastics from farms*

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*Resin made from the recycled plastics*

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*Trash liners made from the recycled resin*

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