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June 14, 2007

Ms. Annette D'Adamo
Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Legislative Committee
168 West Alisal, 2nd Floor, Monterey Room
Salinas, CA 93912

RE: Recycling and Waste Management Legislation

Dear Ms. D'Adamo:

The District is pleased to provide the following comments to the Legislative Committee, as requested. Assistant General Manager, Tim Flanagan, will appear in person at the Committee meeting of June 19th, to provide additional information and to answer questions the Committee may have. While there is a long list of proposed bills on matters related to recycling and waste management, the District Board has taken positions on the following bills.

SB 1020 (Padilla): This central provision of this bill is to increase diversion (recycling) levels from 50% to 75% by the year 2015. The District has sent a letter of "concern" (attached), outlining highlights of the bill. Recent developments are that diversion efforts resulting from Conversion Technologies may be included and counted in the bill, which we would support. Concern about being able to get to 75%;

SB 1016 (Wiggins): This bill would promote "programs" versus "numbers, i.e. 75%", to achieve further diversion. This bill did not make it out of Committee last week, and is under significant rewriting. The District Board has not taken a position on the bill. This bill will need to be reconciled with SB 1020 in the end.

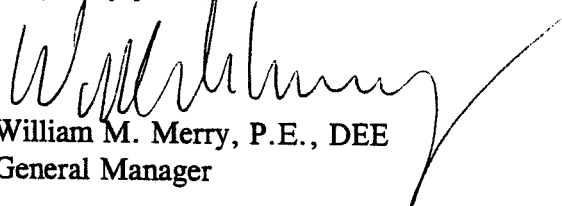
AB 1610 (Nunez): increase tip fee from \$1.40 to \$2.00, was gutted in Committee. Before it was, the District sent a letter (attached) opposing the bill.

AB 712 (De Leon): This bill proposes a \$0.50 increase in landfill tipping fees, and came out of Committee intact. The District and our trade organization, SWANA, have not taken a position. Generally the District would be opposed to legislation that raises landfill tipping fees and sends the money to Sacramento.

AB 904 (Feuer): This bill addresses litter and plastic marine debris. I have recommended that the District Board send a letter of support (attached). Also attached is a two page summary on this bill.

Additional information is provided in the attached June 1, 2007 minutes of the SWANA California Legislative Task Force. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Very truly yours,



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