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Subject: The year of the two-year bill!!!

Folks,

Will provide a more detailed report in due time but – with the Legislature now in recess until January – wanted to provide a quick status report today.

In short:

SB 1020 (Padilla) – Diversion rate increase bill – held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 712 (DeLeon) – Tip fee increase bill – held in the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 826 (Padilla) – Environmental justice bill – gutted and amended for another non-SW purpose and sent to Governor.

AB 1719 (Hancock) – Bottle bill bill – held in the Assembly where it was back for concurrence of Senate amendments after being gutted and amended. AB 1719 was being pushed by CAW and others. AB 1719 would: a) Extend for one year provision in existing law to utilize unredeemed funds to cover processing payments for any container type with a recycling rate 45% or higher, resulting in a savings to beverage producers of \$25 million in processing fees. b) Provide the following funding expenditures for beverage container recycling and litter clean-up: i) Increases ongoing payments to curbside recycling program by \$5 million (from \$15 million to \$20 million). ii) Increases grants for beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs by \$500,000 (from \$1.5 million to \$2 million) and limits those grants to non-profit organization and school grants. iii) Increases Department of Conservation market development grant authority by \$4 million for in 2008 (from \$20 million to \$24 million). Additionally, authorizes payments to recycling center operators in rural regions, for certain purposes. iv) Extends \$5 million in multi-family recycling grants by one year (thru 2008) and authorizes grants to curb-side program operators. v) Establishes a new, one year, \$10 million grant fund for local governments and public agencies to reduce and remove beverage container litter that ends up in storm drains or contributes to marine debris. vi) Authorizes up to \$5 million in grants to public agencies or nonprofit organizations for certain environmental education initiatives in 2008. vii) Clarifies eligibility for handling fees for non-profit recycling center whose existence allows for the exemption of supermarket recycling center mandate.

We now have the opportunity to work with the Administration and other stakeholders on all these fronts to hopefully craft legislation that will have the maximum positive impact for local government.

Several other lower tier bills made it to the Governor. I'll forward the latest CAW newsletter for those that don't already have it.

Continue to enjoy 50% by 2005! Talk to you all soon,

-Paul

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Recycling Victories Highlight Session Wrap Up

The first year of the 2007-08 legislative session wrapped up in the early morning hours of September 12, and we can be very proud of the progress we have made in advancing waste reduction and recycling policy. Several priority bills made it out of both houses of the legislature and are now pending before Governor Schwarzenegger. Over the next 30 days our priority will be organizing support for all of the waste prevention and recycling legislation awaiting a Governor's signature, but we'll need your help.

Priority bills that passed the legislature and pending at the Governor's desk include:

- [AB 48 \(Saldaña\)](#) Toxic Electronics Phase Out
- [AB 548 \(Levine\)](#) Multi-family Recycling
- [AB 1109 \(Huffman\)](#) Lighting Efficiency and Toxics Reduction Act
- [SB 966 \(Simitian\)](#) Pharmaceutical Takeback and Disposal Program
- [SB 1021 \(Padilla\)](#) Multi-family Recycling Funding

Additionally, several key proposals made their way through most of the legislative process only to be held for consideration in January. They include: SB 1020 (Padilla), which would have established a 75% waste reduction and recycling standard for California; AB 1195 (Torrico), which would have increased incentives and requirements for re-refined motor oil; and a joint proposal by Senator Perata and Assembly Member Hancock to increase plastic recycling and recycling funding through the beverage container recycling program.

Other CAW priority legislation that we will continue to pursue next year include AB 904 (Feuer), pending before the Assembly Floor, which will reduce and recycle plastic packaging waste and marine debris by requiring the use of recyclable fastfood takeout packaging. Additionally, AB 1535 (Huffman), also pending on the Assembly floor, would increase E-Waste recycling by expanding California's successful E-Waste Recycling Law.

Thank You For Making CAW's Birthday Celebration A Huge Success!!

Thank you to everyone for supporting CAW's 30th Birthday Event. We received a record amount of contributions and the event itself brought together nearly 200 guests including members of the legislature, state government policy makers, local elected officials, environmental leaders, private recyclers, local recycling coordinators and others. Take a look at the event pictures. You can still support the work of CAW by making a contribution here.

CAW Continues to Support Local Measures to Get Plastics out of our Oceans

CAW is supporting LA County in its effort to restrict the use of plastic bags in unincorporated groceries and pharmacies. That measure will come up for a Board of County Supervisor's vote sometime later this month. Additionally, CAW is supportive of the City of Millbrae's and Long Beach's proposed takeout food packaging ordinances, which would restrict the use of polystyrene food and other hazardous components of marine debris. Visit our issue page for updates on public hearings relating to these and other marine debris ordinances.

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