

SWANA LTF AGENDA**Call in number 1-800-867-2581 access code 1006105****THURSDAY, June 5th 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.****I. Business Items**

- Next Meeting Date-
- Approval of Meeting Minutes (attached)
- Approval of Treasurer's Report (will send shortly)
- Selection of Location/Dates for annual workshop
- Newsletter update
- Other

II. Legislative Matters (Bill Matrix attached)**Status update-*****Priority Legislation*****AB 2640 (Huffman)- Oppose**

In Senate Rules for assignment

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2601-2650/ab_2640_bill_20080523_amended_asm_v97.pdf**AB 2866 (DeLeon)- Oppose**

In Senate Rules for assignment

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2851-2900/ab_2866_bill_20080523_amended_asm_v95.pdf**SB 1020 (Padilla)- Oppose**

On Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_1001-1050/sb_1020_bill_20070626_amended_asm_v97.pdf**SB 1016 (Wiggins)- No position selected**

In Assembly Natural Resources

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_1001-1050/sb_1016_bill_20070410_amended_sen_v98.pdf

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The Honorable Joe Simitian
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
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Re: AB 2640 (Huffman) - Solid Waste: Compostable Organics Management - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Simitian:

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) is a Special District of California and is the agency responsible for managing the solid waste stream and recycling. The District currently serves a population of 170,000 people living in an 853-square-mile service area. This area includes the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Seaside, and the unincorporated areas of Big Sur, Carmel Valley, Castroville, Moss Landing and Pebble Beach, and on their behalf I am writing to OPPOSE AB 2640.

The District, in cooperation with its member agencies, achieves a diversion rate for each of its member agencies, in the low 60% range. The District diverts 35% of all incoming wastes at its waste processing facilities located at the Monterey Peninsula Landfill (located within the Environmental Park). Green and wood wastes accounts for approximately 40,000 tons annually; all of it diverted to composting, mulch and biomass outlets. No green or wood waste is used as alternative daily cover (ADC). Local compost supply exceeds demand and local markets need further development.

Our concerns with proposed AB 2640 include the fact that: 1) Organics are defined as anything not "inert"; and 2) The bill would require reducing "organics" to landfills by 50%, thereby, "requiring" over 80% diversion in some communities

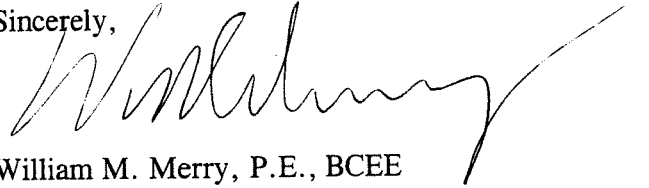
We understand AB 2640 would also impose a \$1.40 per ton quarterly fee on green waste used for beneficial reuse, including use as ADC, at solid waste disposal facilities. This tax on the reuse of one type of waste material would be unprecedented and inappropriate. We would agree that the use of green waste as ADC may be a counterproductive practice and may undermine local compost markets.



Additionally, we are not in agreement with the California Integrated Waste Management Board's strategic directive in setting a goal of 50% reduction in the amount of the "compostable organics" currently being disposed by year 2020. As such, we do not agree with codifying this goal as a mandate on local governments.

For these reasons, we regretfully must OPPOSE AB 2640.

Sincerely,



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