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Via Facsimile (916-319-2108) and Regular Mail

The Honorable Lois Wolk
State Capitol Building, Room 3120
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Notice of Support for AB 642 (Wolk) - Design-Build Counties, Cities, and Special Districts

Dear Assembly Member Wolk:

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) supports AB 642, which would allow cities to use design-build contracting for building construction projects as well as wastewater facilities, solid waste management facilities, or water recycling facilities.

The District is a Special District of California and 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. The District is the agency responsible for managing the solid waste stream and recycling.

The District is planning to make a multi-million dollar improvement to the infrastructure for processing recyclable materials and waste and would realize a significant benefit by utilizing a design-build approach to the project.

The District believes in giving entities the option to use design-build contracting to make public contracting more efficient. Design-build contracting has shown it is successful in reducing project costs and expediting project completion, both of which are important to cities and thier residents.

For these reasons, the District supports AB 642 and thanks you for your guidance on this issue.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

cc: The Honorable Abel Maldonado, State Senate
The Honorable John Laird, State Assembly
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