

**Board of Directors  
Monterey Regional Waste Management District**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY  
AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010**

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**WHEREAS**, California voters have repeatedly and overwhelmingly passed separate ballot measures to stop State raids of local government funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature has seized and borrowed billions of dollars in local government and transportation funds in the past few years; and

**WHEREAS**, the current and previous year's borrowing and raids of local government, redevelopment, transportation and transit funds, have severe consequences, including layoffs, stalled economic development, and delays in road safety improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, a broad coalition of local government associations and advocates recently filed a constitutional amendment with the California Attorney General, called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, for potential placement on California's November 2010 statewide ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of this ballot initiative would close loopholes and change the constitution to further prevent State politicians in Sacramento from seizing, diverting, shifting, borrowing, transferring, suspending or otherwise taking or interfering with tax revenues dedicated to funding local government services, including redevelopment, or dedicated to transportation improvement projects and mass transit.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Monterey Regional Waste Management District formally endorses the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, a proposed constitutional amendment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we hereby authorize the listing of Monterey Regional Waste Management District in support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District this 19th day of February 2010, at a regular meeting, by the following votes:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ATTEST:**

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Leo Laska  
Chair of the Board

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William M. Merry  
General Manager/Secretary of the Board



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date: February 12, 2010

To: Board of Directors

From: General Manager

Subject: Resolution in Support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board adopt Resolution 2010-01 in support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.

### **BACKGROUND**

The California state government continues to regard local tax dollars as revenue to fix state budget shortfalls, despite strong voter support of keeping those funds local. The most recent state budget transferred to state coffers \$2 billion in local property tax and \$2 billion in local redevelopment funds (despite a Superior Court ruling that this type of transfer is unconstitutional). The League of California Cities, working together with the California Transit Association, has crafted a constitutional amendment, the "Local Taxpayers, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010" to correct this situation. The amendment has been filed with the Secretary of State and the "Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Vital Services" coalition, formed of local governments, transportation advocates, business, labor, public safety and others, are working to place the amendment on the November 2010 ballot. Additional information is available on the coalition website: [www.savelocalservices.com](http://www.savelocalservices.com).

The California Special District's Association (CSDA), along with the Special Districts Association of Monterey County, are supporting the coalition. The following statement appears on the CSDA website:

*"CSDA Joins Coalition to Protect Local Government Revenues to support a new coalition that would provide iron-clad protections for local government revenues from the state's taking, including property tax revenues.*

*While Proposition 1A was passed by a vast majority of California voters to provide some protections to local governments' property tax revenues, legislators still borrowed approximately \$2 billion to bridge a massive budget deficit, without a clear path of repayment. In addition, they took over \$2 billion from redevelopment agencies despite a court decision that doing so is unconstitutional, and acted to take more than \$1 billion of the local government share of the Highway User Tax Account in order to repay state bond debt.*

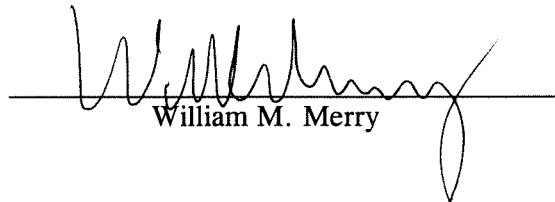
*This new initiative—slated to be on the November 2010 ballot—would close loopholes to prevent the taking of local taxpayer funds, including parcel taxes, sales taxes, and other locally imposed taxes that are currently dedicated to special districts, cities, and counties.*

*Additionally, it would revoke the state's authority to borrow local government property tax funds (as currently allowed under Proposition 1A) and to divert or borrow local redevelopment funds. It would also add strong protections on transit and transportation funding.*

*CSDA is joining the coalition with our local government partners—the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties—as well as the California Alliance for Jobs and the California Transit Association. CSDA will update members with more information once it becomes available."*

**CONCLUSION**

It is anticipated that there will be support for this measure from other local agencies affected by the state takeaways, including school districts, counties, redevelopment agencies, transit, and other special districts. District staff supports efforts that will protect local government revenues and therefore recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 2010-01 in Support of the Local Taxpayers, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.



William M. Merry