



June 20, 2017

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1572 (Aguiar-Curry) Integrated waste management plans: source reduction and recycling element: review schedule. – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wieckowski,

On behalf of the California Chapters of the Solid Waste Association of North America's (SWANA) Legislative Task Force (LTF), I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT** of **AB 1572 (Aguiar-Curry)**, which would help make the compliance review schedule for state solid waste requirements more efficient.

SWANA is the world's largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members). SWANA's California chapters represent more than 900 members. SWANA represents much of the publicly-owned and –operated solid waste management infrastructure in the state and the local governments responsible for implementing waste diversion and recycling programs. The LTF is responsible for representing the California Chapters on legislative and regulatory issues. SWANA is committed to advancing the practice of environmentally- and economically-sound management of municipal solid waste.

Current law requires CalRecycle, until January 1, 2018, to review local jurisdictions' compliance with state solid waste requirements every two to four years. Existing law provides CalRecycle the flexibility to increase or decrease the frequency of review depending on whether a jurisdiction is determined to be in compliance with diversion and recycling requirements. Should this conditional review schedule be repealed on January 1, 2018, CalRecycle would be required to review each jurisdiction for compliance every two years.

According to CalRecycle, some jurisdictions far exceed solid waste diversion requirements. Often, frequent compliance review is unnecessary and wasteful, burdening local jurisdictions that consistently go beyond state requirements, and restricting CalRecycle from focusing resources on jurisdictions that require greater oversight and support.

The state has continued to impose additional diversion requirements on local jurisdictions, including SB 1383 (Lara) [Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016], which sets forth ambitious statewide organic waste disposal targets and establishes significant fines for noncompliance. **AB 1572 (Aguiar-Curry)** will postpone the repeal of the conditional review schedule to January 1, 2020, allowing compliant jurisdictions to avoid unnecessary review and preserving CalRecycle's flexibility to focus resources where they are most effective. Additionally, this bill will allow the legislature to reevaluate solid waste diversion and program compliance procedures in light of new recycling mandates, including SB 1383.

For these reasons and more, SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 1572 (Aguiar-Curry)**. Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Schmelzer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, 4th Assembly District

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