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The Honorable Loni Hancock  
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4126  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1090 (Matthews) Solid waste: diversion: conversion – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblywoman Hancock,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is composed of approximately 7000 public and private sector solid waste management professionals throughout North America dedicated to the development and enhancement of environmentally and economically sound practices and policies for the integrated management of municipal solid waste. There are approximately 900 members of SWANA in California, and on their behalf I am writing in support of AB 1090 (Matthews).

AB 1090 would clarify, revise, and repeal specified definitions, including "transformation," "gasification," "conversion technology," "beneficial use," and "recovery". It would also allow the source reduction and recycling element (SRRE) to include, in the 50% of solid waste required to be diverted, solid waste that is subject to recovery through conversion technology, if specified conditions are met with regard to the conversion technology project and the California Integrated Waste Management Board holds a public hearing and makes certain findings.

SWANA has long been an advocate for conversion technology regulations and legislation which would actually promote, rather than hinder, the development of new landfill diversion facilities. SWANA believes that (1) conversion technologies are protective of public health & safety and the environment, subject to standards of performance set and/or to be established by Federal and State regulatory agencies; and (2) the State solid waste management hierarchy established by the Assembly Bill 939 of 1989 should be revised to promote the following waste management practices in order of priority: (A) Source Reduction; (B) Recycling, composting and other beneficial/recovery uses such as conversion technologies; and (C) Disposal by means of incineration/combustion and landfilling.

AB 1090 (Matthews) as introduced on February 22, 2005, provides a beneficial use solution for management of California's 40 million tons of post-recycled solid waste. For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA urge you to support AB 1090 when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

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