



June 8, 2010

The Honorable Christine Kehoe
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 737 (Chesbro) Solid waste: diversion (as amended June 2nd) - OPPOSE

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Dear Chair Kehoe,


The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members), is committed to advancing the practices of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste. On behalf of their California Chapters, I am writing to **oppose** AB 737 (Chesbro) as amended on June 2nd regarding the diversion of solid waste.

AB 737, if enacted, would require the California Integrated Waste Board to "ensure" that 75 percent of generated solid waste is diverted through source reduction, recycling, or composting by January 1, 2020. The bill also requires local governments to implement commercial recycling programs. If the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery determines that the implementation of these programs is not meeting the required greenhouse gas emissions reductions, required by the scoping plan of AB 32, the Department can then require jurisdictions to implement a mandatory commercial recycling ordinance, thus creating another unfunded mandate.

This bill fails to provide the tools needed by local governments to achieve the increased diversion rates and adds another unfunded mandate to cities and counties that are struggling financially to provide for the current needs of their communities. The tools needed by local government to increase diversion include: conversion technology and the need for development of markets (other than those in China, Pacific Rim Countries & India) for recycled & composted materials. Please see the attached "white paper" developed by the SWANA LTF for additional resources needed for local governments to increase the solid waste diversion rate.

For these reasons, SWANA regrettably must **oppose** AB 737 (Chesbro) and request your "no" vote when it is heard in Senate Appropriations.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Wesley Chesbro