



ASSEMBLY FLOOR ALERT AB 997 (Chesbro): Vote “Yes”

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To: The Honorable Members of the California State Assembly

From: The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) – California Chapter

Re: AB 997 (Chesbro) – Composting: Anaerobic Digestion
SUPPORT

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is the world’s largest association of solid waste professionals (7700 members). SWANA’s California chapters represent more than 900 members. SWANA is committed to advancing the practice of environmentally- and economically-sound management of municipal solid waste. SWANA’s California Legislative Task Force (LTF) is responsible for representing the California Chapters on legislative and regulatory issues.

SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 997** and respectfully requests that you **VOTE “AYE”** when it is heard on the Assembly Floor. AB 997 would define the term “Anaerobic Digestion” and expand the definition of composting as currently stipulated by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Act), to include anaerobic digestion. The Act requires jurisdictions to divert 50% of their solid waste from solid waste disposal and transformation facilities. Further, state law has also established a 75% diversion goal policy for state by 2020.

AB 997 would promote development of solid waste infrastructures that are desperately needed. This would enhance the State and local government efforts to comply and achieve the state mandated 75% diversion goal by 2020.

For these reasons, SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 997** and respectfully requests that you **VOTE “AYE”** when it is heard on the Assembly Floor.

Sincerely,

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SWANA Legislative Advocate