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The Honorable Loni Hancock  
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
State Capitol, Room 447  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairwoman Hancock:

**RE: SB 1016 (Wiggins) Diversion: Annual Report- Support and Amend**

On behalf of the Solid Waste Association of North America, we would like to express our Support and Amend position of SB 1016 (Wiggins).

SB 1016 would change the State's diversion rate reporting requirements to a jurisdictional equivalent disposal measurement requirement. It would measure disposal using the California Integrated Waste Management Board's (Waste Board) disposal measurement system. The proposed compliance measurement system would place more emphasis on the implementation of waste reduction, recycling, and other waste diversion programs, and less emphasis on the current mathematical accounting system.

We appreciate the hard work of the author and the sponsors to address the majority of our concerns, especially including economic factors which will assist jurisdictions with high working populations and low residential populations in meeting the required diversion rates; however we do have a few issues that we would still like to address:

1. Page 4, Lines 10 & 11- The terms "amendments", "revisions", and "updates" need to be defined. Without these terms being defined these items will be left for interpretation and could have major economical impact on a city/county.
2. Page 7, Lines 35-40; Page 8, Lines 22-29- As written, the Waste Board has the authority to use "an alternative method of calculating a jurisdiction per capita disposal rate." We believe the jurisdiction should be able to participate in the development of any alternative method.
3. Page 9, Lines 10-12- We ask that jurisdictions that are in the process of or have completed a new generation study after 2006, be allowed to have these studies considered in creating the new proposed base year.
4. Page 13, Lines 11 & 12- Since there is a distinction between a "solid waste facility" and a "regional diversion facility," the term "diversion facility" needs to be defined.

5. Page 16, Lines 23-29- This section gives the Waste Board the authority to review whether or not a jurisdiction is in compliance “anytime the board receives information” that indicates the jurisdiction may not be in compliance. We believe the board should be required to verify the source and the claim prior to subjecting the jurisdiction to unjustifiable related efforts.

Again, SWANA appreciates the work of the author and the sponsors of SB 1016 (Wiggins) to address our concerns and we look forward to working with you to address our additional concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Yoder', written in black ink.

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Cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
The Honorable Patricia Wiggins