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# MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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April 12, 2013

Caroll Mortensen, Director  
Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**RE: 75% Initiative – Report to Legislature: Public Comment**

Dear Director Mortensen:

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) is a 62 year old California Special District serving the greater Monterey Peninsula region with a wide range of programs and services to reduce, reuse, recycle and safely dispose of waste. The District Board has not taken a position on CalRecycle's policy goal of 75% recycling, composting and source reduction by 2020 as established in AB 341. However, many of the communities in our region are already close to this goal in large part due to the infrastructure our District provides.

AB 341 requires CalRecycle to submit a report to the legislature by January 1, 2014 with strategies on how to achieve the policy goal. CalRecycle has conducted many stakeholder meetings and published a draft report dated May 9, 2012 that contained a number of proposals that would significantly change how municipalities manage waste and diversion.

Since this draft report, CalRecycle has received comments and questions from a wide range of stakeholders around the State. We sincerely hope that CalRecycle will consider and incorporate these comments into an updated draft report. We respectfully request that CalRecycle then engage in a second public comment period before submitting the final draft report to the legislature by the January 1, 2014 deadline.

Allowing the opportunity for additional input will ultimately create a better process and a final report that is more inclusive of the stakeholders you serve. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at 831-384-5313 or [wmerry@mrwmd.org](mailto:wmerry@mrwmd.org) if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

Sincerely,

William Merry, P.E.  
General Manager