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Ms. Rosario Marin, Chair
California Integrated Waste Management Board

Ms. Cheryl Peace, Chair
Special Waste Committee

Re: RAC Grant Program Expansion

Honorable Members of the Board:

The Rubber Pavements Association strongly supports and encourages the continuation and expansion of the Kuehl SB 1346 RAC Grant Program. This program has been successful in removing thousands of waste tires from the waste stream while providing local agencies the opportunity to benefit from increased pavement durability and life.

It is recommended that the program be expanded to increase the per ton funding available to local agencies from \$2.50 per ton to \$5.00 per ton. The greater incentive would encourage more participation and value to first time users. The program funding should be increased to \$5,000,000 per year. This increase would ensure at the minimum, 1,000,000 tons of RAC and the beneficial use of over 2,000,000 tires with the utilization of the majority of California specifications. The benefits would be greater than that as most projects used in the grant program have additional tonnage beyond the funding limit of the existing program.

The RAC Grant program should also serve as a valuable project data-gathering tool. Each jurisdiction applying for a grant could be required to list their RAC projects for the last five (5) years. The additional funding available to the RAC grant program would offset any clerical cost of assembling historical project information, including the source of crumb rubber used.

The RAC grant program could also be expanded to include Caltrans projects to foster greater use by the Caltrans Districts and assemble more project data.

The existing RAC Grant program has demonstrated success with 70 cities and counties participating in the first year. Through expansion of the program, along with reporting requirements, even more tires can be used to benefit the citizens of California through a cleaner environment and longer lasting, quieter pavements.

For the Rubber Pavements Association,

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PAST PARTNERING EFFORTS BETWEEN RPA & CIWMB

Workshops for Cities and Counties organized by RPA and funded through RAC Tech Centers

Redding 2	1998 and 2004
Monterey 1	June 2000
Carlsbad 2	1999/2003
So. Lake Tahoe 1	1999
Oakland 1	2000
San Jose 1	2002
Sonoma 1	1999
Fresno 2	1999/2003
Redlands 1	2004
San Diego 1	2003

Workshops for Caltrans since 1998 funded by RPA

San Diego
Los Angeles
Fresno
Sacramento
Oakland
Eureka

Strategic Partnering Session with CIWMB/CALTRANS/RPA

February 3, 1998

October, 1999

June 4-5, 2000

Two were paid in full by RPA, One paid by Caltrans

California Bus Tours Caltrans/RPA/CIWMB 1999

Two day tours of Asphalt-Rubber projects were held back to back. One in Northern California, One in the South.

Funded by RPA

Arizona Tour for Caltrans/CIWMB 1999

Two day tour of Northern and Southern Arizona in cooperation with ADOT

Funded by RPA

Caltrans AR Project Review 1998 or 1999

Funded jointly by RPA/CIWMB

