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AMBASSADOR

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Assembly Member Skinner, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
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City of San José

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Industries

Senator Jim Beall, Chair
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California Product
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Mojave Desert &
Mountain Recycling
Authority

**Re: Governor's Budget Proposal to Cut City and County Payments -
Beverage Container Recycling – Oppose**

StopWaste

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Dear Senator/Assembly Member

*The views expressed in this
letter do not necessarily
represent those of the
Sponsors listed above.*

The Beverage Container Recycling Program includes \$10 million annually for City and County payments. The payment program was added by the legislature in 1999. This program supports local beverage container recycling and litter reduction activities such as containers for apartment dwellers and businesses, public information and outreach, and recycling in public spaces and visitor areas. Unfortunately CalRecycle and the Governor are proposing to shift funding from the City and County payments to other CalRecycle programs. The CalRecycle staff analysis does not support this shift. The Beverage Container Recycling Program currently expends over \$100 million more annually than it receives in revenue, and is using accumulated reserves when container recycling rates were lower. Legislative action is needed to fix some of the Programs structural issues, but eliminating a successful program based on spurious information is not good policy.





Shifting City and County payments to new and ongoing CalRecycle programs does nothing to address the annual shortfall.

Please help to preserve the City and County payments now.

Sincerely,

Tracie Onstad Bills, President

John H. Dane, CAE, Executive Director

Cc: Carol Mortensen, Director, CalRecycle
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CRRA is California's state-wide recycling association. It is the oldest and one of the largest non-profit recycling organizations in the United States. A 501(c)(3) organization, CRRA is dedicated to achieving environmental sustainability in and beyond California through Zero Waste strategies including product stewardship, waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting. CRRA advances local, regional and state-wide waste reduction efforts which result in critical environmental and climate protection outcomes. Our members represent all aspects of California's reduce-reuse-recycle-compost economy. They work for cities and counties, as well as hauling companies, material processors, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and in allied professions.