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AMBASSADOR

Sunset Waste Systems

Assemblymember Marc Levine
Sent by Fax: 916-319-2110

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

City of San José

SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY BILL 2355 (LEVINE) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Levine:

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Burrtec Waste
Industries

California Product
Stewardship Council

Mojave Desert &
Mountain Recycling
Authority

StopWaste

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CRRA supports AB 2355 which will encourage the use of recycled materials in road maintenance and construction by enforcing existing Caltrans requirements. Municipalities or counties who do not wish to comply would have a public discussion on the decision.

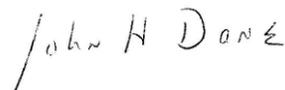
Increasing the use of recycled materials in road construction and maintenance makes environmental and economic sense. The raw material needed for future road construction will require energy intensive mining, manufacturing and refinement, with associated greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, California has only one-third of aggregates needed to meet future demand. Importing raw materials when in-state recyclable materials are available is an avoidable burden on taxpayer dollars and on the environment. Moreover, many recyclable materials perform better compared to their virgin material counterparts. This bill would ensure that the 3 million tons of asphalt, concrete, and related materials that currently go to landfills be recycled locally for road maintenance and construction.

CRRA enthusiastically supports AB 2355.

Sincerely,



Tracie Onstad Bills, President



John H. Dane, CAE, Executive Director

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