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March 25, 2014

The Honorable Das Williams
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0037

FAX: (916)319-2137

Subject: 9-1-1 Wireless Call Routing

Dear Assembly Member Williams:

Santa Barbara County is asking for your assistance to evaluate the current process of routing wireless 9-1-1 emergency calls to Public Safety Answering Centers (PSAP's) outside our local jurisdiction, and your support in identifying ways to optimize wireless 911 call routing.

Our public safety and emergency medical response system is built on the premise that immediate action will save lives and property. For medical emergencies (e.g., strokes, heart attacks, cardiac arrest, drowning, choking, burns, trauma), research has clearly shown that a more rapid response improves outcomes, saves lives and reduces the cost of medical care.

9-1-1 calls are answered by Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), that dispatch law enforcement, fire, and ambulance services. For callers with medical emergencies' PSAPs can also offer telephone first aid and CPR instructions. When a 9-1-1 call is answered by a PSAP that is not responsible for that local area an unnecessary and potentially lethal delay is introduced. Unfortunately, in Santa Barbara County and throughout California, the wireless 9-1-1 system regularly routes calls to PSAPs outside the local area that do not have dispatching responsibility, a process that causes significant delays and other errors.

There are numerous advantages to routing a 9-1-1 call to the local PSAP. 1) The call taker is familiar with the local jurisdiction and can better determine the location of the incident. 2) The Primary PSAP can dispatch law, fire and often ambulance without transfer of the caller. 3) Shorten time to dispatch emergency responders and telephone emergency instructions. 4) Reduces the likelihood that the call will be lost.

A system to analyze the routing of calls and to correct misrouting errors was put in place in 2008. The Routing by Empirical Data (RED) Project started in Santa Barbara and Ventura County. It was highly effective in getting wireless 9-1-1 calls to our local PSAPs, who could quickly and accurately

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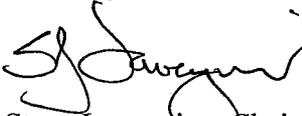
determine the caller's location, dispatch the appropriate emergency responders, and give telephone medical care instructions. Unfortunately this program was terminated in 2011 after a brief but effective time, and the EMS system has no way to evaluate or improve this critical link in the chain of survival.

From 2008-2011, many of the cell tower sectors were identified for routing of wireless 9-1-1 calls to the local law enforcement PSAP's. This project continued statewide, however, it was terminated due to budget challenges. Less than 10 percent of the cell sectors statewide were analyzed during this time for optimization of 9-1-1 call routing. Since 2011 there has been greater than 50% increase in the number of cell towers sectors.

The recent tragic incident in Santa Barbara of a young individual, who died after a 9-1-1 dispatch delay, highlights the importance of rapid response to critical medical emergencies. Santa Barbara County requests that you work with the Select Committee on 911 Service and Public Safety Communication and the State 911 Program Office to evaluate reactivating the RED project with the goal of ensuring wireless 9-1-1 calls are routed in the most efficient manner.

Santa Barbara County appreciates your assistance to address this issue. The EMS Agency is available to answer any questions and provide additional information on this subject.

Sincerely,



Steve Lavagnino, Chair

cc: The Honorable Hanna-Beth Jackson, California State Senate
The Honorable Katcho Achadjian – 35th Assembly District
Monica Miller, Legislative Advocate
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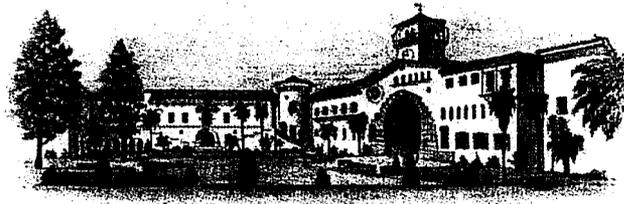
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The Honorable Richard Gordon
California Assembly
State Capitol Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

(916)319-2124

SUBJECT: Support – Assembly Bill 1799 (Gordon) Land Use: Mitigation Lands (I-2/18/14)

Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

On behalf of the County of Santa Barbara we are pleased to support your AB 1799. The County's 2014 Legislative Platform specifically opposes the redirection or the loss of use of existing revenue that threaten our financial stability. AB 1799 provides relief to local government entities, including the County of Santa Barbara, from the requirement to use endowments or other similar funding instruments to fund long-term stewardship of mitigation property.

Existing law provides discretion to a permitting agency to use a wide range of instruments to fund long-term stewardship of mitigation property. An endowment calls for a large sum of money to be set aside upfront and those funds need to be held, managed, invested and disbursed solely for, and permanently restricted to, the long-term stewardship of the mitigation property. This measure will not result in reduced mitigation or reduced stewardship obligations, but will provide greater flexibility in the use of public taxpayer funds.

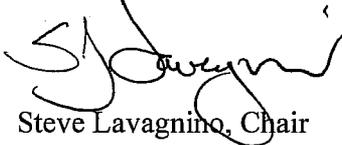
Requiring public agencies to set aside funds in endowments permanently ties up those taxpayer funds which thereafter can't be used to fund other critical public projects. This negatively impacts public agencies' ability to carry out their work. AB 1799 would exempt public agencies from the endowment requirement, and instead permit the use of other specific methods to ensure funding for long-term stewardship of mitigation property. The governmental entity or special district would need to demonstrate financial reliability and provides either a board resolution or contractual agreement for the long-term stewardship of mitigation property.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mark Schleich with our Public Works Department at (805) 882-3603 or Schleich@cosbpw.net

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Lavagnino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Steve Lavagnino, Chair

cc: Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian, 37th Assembly District
Assemblymember Das Williams, 37th Assembly District
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March 18, 2014

The Honorable Katcho Achadjian
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1970 (Gordon) – **SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian,

On behalf of Santa Barbara County, I am writing to express our strong support for AB 1970 (Gordon). This bill proposes to create the Community Investment and Innovation Program which will provide funding to local governments in the form of grants and other financial assistance to develop and implement greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction projects.

Local governments are instrumental to meeting State climate and energy goals. As the closest level of government to Californians, we are able to make a significant impact by taking action in our communities and promoting public awareness. Local leadership enables cities, counties and special districts to work together with a number of partners to initiate projects that target the biggest GHG reductions, promote energy efficiency and water use efficiency, and create jobs, all of which will spur the State and local economies.

Local budgets have numerous pressures and assistance from the State is needed to help meet our mutual objectives. This bill would create a competitive grant program that would allow local governments to access cap and trade auction revenue and would provide the funding necessary for local governments to implement or complete GHG emission reductions projects. The competitive nature of the program will force local governments to identify the most impactful and quantifiable GHG reductions projects in order to be awarded funding.

Here in Santa Barbara County, we have an environmentally conscientious community that supports large-scale GHG reducing projects that this bill encourages. Santa Barbara County is developing a project (currently in environmental review) that will reduce the amount of material landfilled by 50% or more. Additionally, the project would eliminate future GHG emissions (estimated at 122,000 MTCO2 equivalent per year). This project (www.ResourceRecoveryProject.com) is a multi-jurisdictional effort including the Santa Barbara County as well as the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Solvang and

Buellton, and has the potential to be the biggest single GHG reduction project in the region. The passage of AB 1970 would allow communities like ours to do even more GHG reducing projects like this by greatly expanding their financial feasibility. It is for these reasons that we respectfully urge your support of AB 1970.

Sincerely,



Steve Lavagnino, Chair and 5th District Supervisor
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Rich Gordon
The Honorable John A. Perez
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April 2, 2014

Assembly Member Das Williams
State Capitol
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Sacramento, CA 94249-0037

Fax: (916) 319-2137

Re: Assembly Bill 2455 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Williams,

The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors supports passage of Assembly Bill 2455, which will allow the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District Board of Directors to legally function with three members until 2035. The Board voted unanimously on April 1, 2014 to support this legislation to provide the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District's Board of Directors a chance to regularly conduct the business required to fulfill their role of providing infrastructure to support property development. On April 1st, the Board also voted to reconsider its support if changes are made to AB 2455.

The Board, in deciding to support AB 2455, is aware of the struggle the District Board has in filling the five Board positions and its difficulty in achieving a quorum with consistent board member vacancies. The Board also acknowledges that there is both precedent and challenge in having a three-member Board of Directors. We appreciate your support and responsiveness to your constituents in sponsoring this legislation.

If you have any questions about our position, please contact Dennis Bozanich with our County Executive Office at (805) 568-3107 or dbozanich@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Sincerely,


Steve Lavagnino
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian, 35th Assembly District and Chair, Committee on Local Government
Assembly Member Marc Levine, 10th Assembly District and Vice Chair, Committee on Local Government
Monica Miller, Legislative Advocate
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March 18, 2014

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sent by Fax: (916) 651-4919

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 1014 (JACKSON) – SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson,

The County of Santa Barbara strongly supports Senate Bill (SB) 1014 (Jackson), which will require producers of pharmaceuticals, as defined, to create, finance, and manage an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system for California consumers to safely and conveniently dispose of expired and unwanted pharmaceuticals. The County supported last year's pharmaceuticals EPR bill, SB 727, which was held in Committee, and believes that this is an issue that must be addressed at the statewide level.

Prescription drug abuse in California has skyrocketed in recent years, as have hospitalizations for overdoses. These abused pharmaceuticals are most often stolen from the medicine cabinets of friends and relatives, and this epidemic has led to an increase in crime in many communities in California and across the nation.

For too long, local government, by default, has carried the burden of financing and managing pharmaceutical take-back programs, broadly financed by taxpayers or utility ratepayers. Despite these efforts, pharmaceuticals are either being stockpiled in medicine cabinets, a prime target for drug abusers; or flushed down the toilet, threatening our water quality, as even the most advanced wastewater treatment processes cannot remove these pharmaceutical compounds from the water. It is time for the producers that make and profit from pharmaceuticals to share in the responsibility of properly managing this dangerous and problematic waste.

Santa Barbara County developed its own household pharmaceutical collection program, Operation Medicine Cabinet, in January 2010. Jointly managed by the Public Works Department and Sheriff's Office, the program collects literally tons of medications each year. Last year, approximately 5,200 pounds were collected from the public. Due to overwhelming use, the Sheriff's Office has had to increase the frequency of servicing the collection boxes, in some locations up to once daily. In Sheriff's staff time alone, the program costs the County nearly \$154,000 annually.

SB 1014 is the right solution because it creates a privately managed and financed system to allow consumers to properly and conveniently dispose of their unwanted pharmaceuticals. It uses a free-market approach that allows manufacturers to design the program in whichever way is most cost effective for them, with minimal oversight from state regulators.

SB 1014 will ultimately lead to less illegal diversion, reduce the ongoing pharmaceutical drug abuse epidemic in California, and reduce the environmental impacts of pharmaceuticals in waterways, by simply making it easier and more convenient for consumers to empty their medicine cabinets of unwanted and unused pharmaceuticals. For these reasons, the County of Santa Barbara strongly supports SB 1014.

If you have any questions about our position, please contact Leslie Robinson with our Public Works Department at (805) 882-3615 or lrobins@cosbpw.net.

Sincerely,



Steve Lavagnino,
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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Assemblymember Das Williams, fax: (805) 564-1651
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Heidi Sanborn, California Product Stewardship Council, email: heidi@calpsc.org
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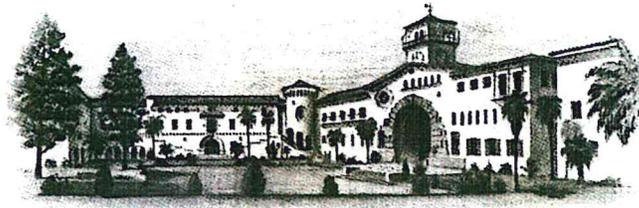
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March 18, 2014

State Senator Ricardo Lara, Senate District 33
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: *SB 270 (Padilla, De León, Lara) – Solid Waste: Single-Use Carryout Bags
As Introduced to the Assembly on February 14th, 2014 – SUPPORT***

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of the County of Santa Barbara, I write to express our support for SB 270, by Senators Padilla, De León, and Lara. This bill would significantly reduce single-use plastic bag consumption in the State of California and allow for convenient access for California residents to recycle any plastic bags still distributed. In addition, SB 270 promotes the use of recyclable and reusable bags in an attempt to increase conservation of resources.

As of March 4th 2014, 99 jurisdictions have a single-use plastic bag ban in place. Included in this statistic are the local Cities of Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, and Ojai. In 2013, the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors directed staff to initiate an EIR for a single-use plastic bag ban in the unincorporated area.

With many other communities across the State considering similar single-use plastic bag bans, it is clear that this is a policy with a broad base of support. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors believes that SB 270 would give clarity and consistency to jurisdictions across the state and could also result in a reduction of both costs and administration related to education and enforcement of this policy.

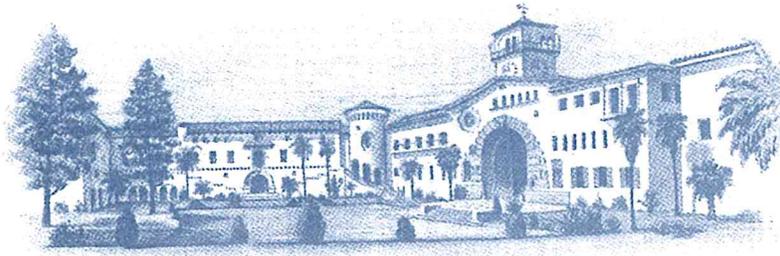
It is for these reasons that we support SB 270 and respectfully request your "AYE" vote. Should you have any questions related to this issue, please contact my Deputy Director of Public Works, Mark Schleich at (805) 882-3603.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Steve Lavagnino
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Kevin De León, Senate District 22
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March 12, 2014

Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Regarding: Lake Cachuma Emergency Pumping

Dear Senator Jackson:

I am writing to you today with a request for your continuing assistance in seeking State funding for a critical infrastructure project at Lake Cachuma in this time of drought emergency.

As you know, I represent the Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County, in which Lake Cachuma is located. The current drought situation has made it necessary to develop an emergency pumping facility at the lake to maintain the conveyance of water to over 200,000 residents of the South Coast, as well as to all of the agricultural, commercial and educational entities, including UCSB, in the area. UCSB happens to be in my Supervisorial District, as well.

The County has been working very closely with the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB), which represents the South Coast water districts and the City of Santa Barbara, on the planning effort for this critically important project.

Based on our review, it does not seem likely that existing funding sources, including Proposition 84, have a mechanism for considering this project. That is why your work on the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee is so very important. I appreciate your comments from the dais, making it clear to your colleagues that we have real and significant needs. The Cachuma emergency pumping system is chief among them.

While our county may not have the economic significance to California that the Central Valley has, the peril our residents face is just as real. Lake Cachuma is the primary source of water for the entire South Coast. Any interruption in delivery from that single source conveyance system would be devastating.

If there are further ways to make your colleagues in Sacramento aware of the desperate situation we face, please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you. It is my understanding there will be trailer bills drafted to address specific circumstances not envisioned in the previously adopted emergency drought funding legislative package and I hope that will be the way funds can become available for the emergency pumping system.

Thank you again for continuing to fight for us on this hugely important matter. I am, of course, available to discuss this further if you would like to give me a call.

Best regards,

Doreen Farr
Supervisor, 3rd District
Santa Barbara, CA.

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