

June 9, 2010

Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Board JPA  
c/o Marin County Department of Public Works  
P.O. Box #4186  
San Rafael, Calif. 94913

Re: Marin County Zero Waste Program: Proposed Work Plan and Budget, 2010-2011

Dear Members of the Board,

The Marin Conservation League has been attending the meetings of the AB 939 Local Task Force and fully supports the establishment of an effective Zero Waste Program in Marin County. We believe that Marin's Zero Waste Program has been severely hampered in the past by a lack of adequate funding and staff support to implement its goals. Consequently, we are pleased to see that the proposed work plan and budget for 2010-2011 includes \$768,401 of budgetary support for Zero Waste Program development and implementation by local agencies, establishment of a Zero Waste Program Coordinator position, and provision of funds for public education and outreach. In this connection, we note that funding for the Zero Waste Program will come in part from \$300,000 of existing JPA budgetary funds, and in part from the long overdue increase in tipping fee at local landfills. While details of the work plan are still to be worked out, we applaud the intent and direction of the May 28th letter to you from your Chairperson, Debra Stutzman.

MCL urges you to take action and approve the proposed budget, work program and tipping fee increase, so that a meaningful Zero Waste Program can be launched for Marin.

If you have questions or comments concerning MCL's support of this action, please contact Vice President Roger Roberts at MCL.

Sincerely yours,



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President

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