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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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TO
Lari Sheehan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT
Attached correspondence from the Local Government Commission

ACTION

- [ ] FOR YOUR INFORMATION
- [ ] INVESTIGATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
- [ ] INVESTIGATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION WITH REPORT TO SUPERVISOR
- [ ] YOUR COMMENTS
- [XX] OTHER

COMMENTS:

Please provide a draft response for Chairman Williams.

Thank You,

Benelia Santos-Hunter
Chairman's Assistant, Chairman Williams Office

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RETURN THIS ROUTE SLIP WITH YOUR REPLY

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July 18, 1990

Supervisor Leon Williams
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear ~~Supervisor Williams~~ Leon:

An average of 65% of the municipal solid waste stream consists of commercial wastes. Because commercial recycling programs will be a significant help in meeting the waste diversion goals posed by AB 939, I have enclosed some ideas for initiating commercial recycling in your community.

You may wish to see if an AB 939 task force or committee has been formed in your city or county. They may have done some groundwork already.

The enclosed ideas should help you coordinate with any existing effort. Some of the suggestions require some research. The Local Government Commission has recycling consultants to provide technical assistance. Please call us for help at (916) 448-1198. Ask for David Sparrow.

Good luck!

Warm Regards,

Judy

Judy Corbett
Executive Director

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To: Local Government Commission Members
From: Judy Corbett
Re: Things You Can Do to Promote Commercial Recycling

Commercial recycling involves recovering materials that are normally thrown away in the everyday operations of a commercial business. The materials recovered can then be delivered to a recyclable materials processor who takes recovered material and re-uses it in another product or sells it to someone who will. Paper, aluminum, cardboard, wood, metal and plastics are all generated by commercial sources and all are recyclable. Unfortunately these materials are often not collected for recycling and are instead sent to the landfill, wasting valuable resources including landfill space.

Commercial recycling creates a three way win situation: The city has less waste to dispose of, the businesses save money, and private recycling companies gain additional volumes of material.

The following are some first steps you can take to initiate commercial recycling in your community:

Examine Garbage Definitions And Rewrite Them, If Necessary

The city attorney should examine the definitions of waste that are included in garbage contracts and ordinances to assure that the language will allow cities to solicit private recycling companies to collect both sorted and mixed recyclables. An adequate definition will differentiate between recyclable materials and worthless garbage. Otherwise your waste hauler may legally be able to lay claim to materials which should be collected by a commercial recycler.

Meet With The Commercial Recyclers Serving Your Geographic Area

One way to identify the businesses which pick up commercial recyclables in your area is to look in the Yellow Pages under "recycling centers", "scrap metals" and "waste paper." Meet with these businesses to let them know of your interest in increasing commercial recycling in your city and ascertain their interest in providing that service.

Survey The Major Commercial Waste Producers In Your City

Community Development staff can identify the city's major businesses. The president and facilities managers of these businesses should be informed of the recycling requirements of AB 939 and surveyed for their interest in participating in a community recycling program. Names of those who respond should be forwarded to commercial recyclers.

City recycling coordinators should also provide presentations at meetings of the local chamber of commerce.

Restructure Existing Rates and Fees

The best incentive for encouraging commercial recycling is an economic one. A change in the fee structure can work to reward those businesses who recycle and penalize those who do not. A rate and fee restructure can also offset municipal revenue losses created by the collection of less garbage.

Contact the Local Government Commission for further information and technical assistance.