March 19, 2024

The Honorable Jim Wood

California State Assembly

1021 O Street, Suite 4330

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2902 (Wood) – Organic Waste: Reduction Regulations: Exemptions**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing to express support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2902, which seeks to provide additional flexibility to local governments implementing the CalRecycle’s Senate Bill (SB) 1383 organic waste diversion regulations.

CalRecycle’s SB 1383 regulations impose many requirements on local agencies; are generally tailored to work within the solid waste collection system that exists in urban areas; and are often poorly suited to deal with the needs and challenges of lower-population and rural areas. The regulations provide very little flexibility to accommodate differing local needs, meaning the greatest implementation challenges and cost increases will likely occur in rural and sparsely populated areas of the state.

AB 2902 would provide rural jurisdictions with more avenues to reach compliance which could increase the state’s overall success in becoming more sustainable. This bill will also require the development of training and technical assistance materials in addition to providing information to the owners and operators of landfill and composting operations about financing that may fund facility improvements to increase the capture or reduce the escape of methane emissions.

For these reasons, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors supports AB 2902. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Elizabeth Nielsen, Deputy County Administrator at enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us or (530) 842-8012. This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

Board of Supervisors

cc: Assemblywoman Megan Dahle

 Senator Brian Dahle

 Rural County Representative of California (RCRC)

 California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

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