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DATE: October 26, 2009

TO: Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission

FROM: Elizabeth Constantino, Manager, Integrated Waste Management Division

SUBJECT: 2010 Legislative Priorities

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept the 2010 Legislative Priorities developed by the Legislative Subcommittee to the Technical Advisory Committee, which is advisory to the Recycling and Waste Commission and forward to the Legislative Director of the County of Santa Clara with a favorable recommendation. Direct staff to forward the 2010 Legislative Priorities to the City Managers and Mayors of jurisdictions within Santa Clara County for their information.

HISTORY

Each year the Legislative Subcommittee of the Technical Advisory Committee reviews and edits the Integrated Waste Management list of recommended legislative priorities. Consideration is given to current and emerging environmental issues. The list then goes to the full Technical Advisory Committee for review and a vote. The attached document has the recommended changes in italics in items 1, 3 and 6.

The individual priorities are purposely very broad and non-specific. Keeping the priorities broad, allows each item to serve as an umbrella under which many related issues fall. This facilitates drafting and sending letters of support when proposed state legislation is supported by the priorities or a letter of opposition when legislation is proposed that is contrary to the priorities.